

# BORREGO SPRINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

## COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA

**MARCH 16, 2018, 5:30-7:30 P.M.**

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### **Introductions and Purpose**

**20 min.**

- Introductions: BWD Board, GSP AC Members, County, Others – Hart
- Background and Need: Borrego’s Critically Overdrafted Basin and the Need to Regulate Groundwater – Brecht
- Overview: Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development (GSP) and Implementation – County
- Proposition One Grant Opportunity, Components of the Application/Project Overview – Ralston

### **Listening Session**

**45 min.**

- Attendees
  - Present Day: Issues and Concerns Related to Water Quality, Availability, and Usage
  - GSP Implementation Concerns: Impacts on Rate Payers
  - GSP Implementation Concerns: Economic Impacts

### **Identifying Solutions that Work**

**45 min.**

- Attendees
  - Brainstorm Potential Strategies to Mitigate Impacts

### **Wrap-up and Next Steps**

**10 min.**

- Report Back
- Opportunities for Ongoing Feedback

### **Contact Information for Additional Feedback**

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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIOECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

## Background and Context

Borrego Springs is located within an area that has both severely limited groundwater and a very low area median income. It is designated by the state as a Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC). Groundwater is the sole source of water for the community. California has mandated a sustainability goal that requires an approximately 70% groundwater-use reduction by 2040. As part of the area’s Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) creation and implementation, the Borrego Water District (BWD) and the County of San Diego must understand potential impacts of this reduction on Borrego’s rate payers, and must ensure that they are educated about and able to provide feedback regarding GSP implementation projects and management actions. BWD has engaged LeSar Development Consultants and Environmental Navigation Services to assist them with identifying the needs of Borrego’s community throughout the 18-month draft plan development process.

1. To identify and engage disadvantaged community members whose participation in the outreach process has thus far been limited, e.g., due to cultural, economic, digital, or literacy/linguistic barriers;
2. To assess vulnerabilities and impacts (cost, environmental, economic) related to SDAC water supply, quality, and use in relation to drinking water, wastewater, storm water, the regulatory environment, and climate; and
3. To provide the County of San Diego with reference materials that will aid outreach and decision-making efforts. The County is concurrently conducting environmental planning that is intended to streamline implementation.

Borrego Springs directly benefits from this project in multiple ways. First, outreach and GSP education activities will focus on traditionally underrepresented populations within the area, providing both BWD and the County with the opportunity to establish strong communication channels with these community members that will facilitate education and dialogue throughout GSP implementation. Second, impact and decision management analyses will identify how the complex interrelations among economic, environmental, governance, and infrastructure concerns may affect members of the SDAC, including rate-payers who might be adversely impacted by various management decisions. Third, water meter installations and well location vulnerability assessments will provide BWD the tools and decision-making information it needs to implement effective water use reduction strategies that maximize availability of potable drinking water for Borrego’s nearly 2,200 rate payers.

## Borrego Springs Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Timeline

Dates	Activity
March-June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Baseline Socioeconomic/Demographic Analysis</li><li>• Socioeconomic and Environmental Baseline Impacts Modeling</li><li>• Community Input Sessions to Inform Plan Development</li></ul>
June-August 2018*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Input Sessions – Feedback on GSP Components</li></ul>
December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft GSP Issued for Public Review , Community Input Sessions</li></ul>
Summer 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BWD and County Adopt GSP, Begin Environmental Impacts Review</li></ul>
January 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Department of Water Resources Deadline for Final Plan</li></ul>

\*The August 2018 date denotes the deadline for SDAC information to be included in the GSP that will be adopted by the County and BWD, and submitted to the State.