

**San Pasqual Valley (SPV) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)**  
**Stakeholder Workshop**  
**Meeting Summary**

*The following is a summary of the Stakeholder Workshop, comments, and questions. This summary reflects the general content and spirit of each discussion point, but is not a verbatim recording.*

**Date:** Thursday November 9, 2021 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm

**Location:** GoToMeeting

**Purpose:** Stakeholder Workshop

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>City of San Diego (City)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frank Konyn, Konyn Dairy</li> <li>Trish Boaz, San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy</li> <li>Matt Witman</li> <li>Rikki Schroeder (RS), Ranch Guejito</li> <li>Anita Regmi, Dept of Water Resources</li> <li>Lani Lutar (LL), Responsible Solutions, on behalf of Ranch Guejito</li> <li>Andre Monette, Best Best &amp; Krieger, on behalf of Ranch Guejito</li> <li>Carole Burkhard</li> <li>Robyn Badger, San Diego Zoo Global</li> <li>Steve Slack, California Department of Fish and Wildlife</li> <li>Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League</li> <li>Eric Larson, San Diego Farm Bureau</li> <li>Alicia Appel, City of Escondido</li> <li>Cara Lacy (CL), The Nature Conservancy</li> <li>Will Halligan, Luhdorff &amp; Scalmanini</li> <li>Peter Quinlan, Dudek</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandra Carlson</li> <li>Karina Danek (KD)</li> <li>Keli Balo</li> <li>Mike Bolouri</li> <li>Surraya Rashid</li> <li>Quinton Grounds (Mayors Office)</li> <li>Jensen Lee</li> </ul>
		<b>County of San Diego (County)</b>
		<b>Consultant Team</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosalyn Prickett (RP), Woodard &amp; Curran</li> <li>Rich Sturn, Woodard &amp; Curran</li> <li>Micah Eggleton, Woodard &amp; Curran</li> <li>Nate Brown, Jacobs Engineering</li> </ul>

**Roll Call and Introductions**

Rosalyn Prickett, Consultant Team, greeted participants as they signed onto GoToMeeting and reviewed basic instructions for GoToMeeting user tools. Rosalyn reviewed when and how members of the public can provide input.

Karina Danek, City of San Diego, welcomed stakeholders to the meeting. She explained that the County and City are responsible for developing and implementing the GSP for the San Pasqual Valley Basin in compliance with SGMA. Today’s meeting is to review stakeholder input and provide information about the Initial Surface Water Recharge Evaluation draft scope. Changes to the GSP will be provided today based on the feedback received during public review. Both the City and County have staff present today, as well as the lead consultant, Woodard & Curran (Rosalyn Prickett).

Rosalyn explained that everyone is welcome to ask questions and provide comments. The Chat function should be used to ask a question or make a comment, and then she will open up the floor to provide input verbally. Any additional questions thought of later can be sent to Karina Danek at [kdanek@sandiego.gov](mailto:kdanek@sandiego.gov).

## Initial Surface Water Recharge Evaluation Scope

Based on feedback during public review of the Draft GSP, Management Action #7 – Initial Surface Water Recharge Evaluation is a high priority for stakeholders. Rosalyn described how the GSP includes this management action, and provided the summary description from the GSP.

Rosalyn described the proposed scope of the Initial Surface Water Recharge Evaluation, including six proposed tasks:

1. Task 1 – Development of Evaluation Criteria
2. Task 2 – Water Sources for Potential Recharge Projects
3. Task 3 – Potential Recharge Strategies
4. Task 4 – Groundwater and Surface Water Model Simulations
5. Task 5 – Benefits to Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems
6. Task 6 – Preliminary Feasibility Study Report

Rosalyn then provided the key features of the study:

- Alternatives will include all surface water and Sutherland Dam releases
- Multiple project benefits will be considered (replenishment, water quality, benefits to GDEs).
- Draft sections will be prepared for Tasks 1 through 5, and then integrated into the overall Feasibility Study Report, and stakeholders will be able to engage as each section is developed
- Stakeholder input will occur via stakeholder workshops and reviews of task deliverables, as the GSA wants this to be a collaborate and two-way conversation during development.

Rosalyn then described the water sources that will be reviewed such as Sutherland Reservoir, stormwater runoff, precipitation, and natural surface flows. The Study will consider strategies for recharge such as detention basins, check dams, channel modification, etc. Model simulations will require doing daily timesteps (as opposed to monthly that were used during GSP development) and data from newly installed stream gages will be used. Rosalyn then described the GDE assessment, which was requested by multiple commentors. The GSA will use updated data from the commentors, including a new tool (GDE Pulse Tool) that was recommended. These tools will help evaluate baseline conditions, flow conditions, baseline ecological value of GDEs, and different scenarios.

Rosalyn then described the Preliminary Feasibility Study Report, which will include a ranking of the different recharge alternatives using criteria such as amount of replenishment, degree of mitigation, efficiency, impacts and benefits to GDEs, etc.

The stakeholder engagement process for the Study includes today's presentation about the scope of work, along with public workshops that will occur during task milestones (seven meetings planned). Each chapter/deliverable will have public review periods where comments can be provided.

The Study is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2023.

Public Comments on the Initial Surface Water Recharge Evaluation included:

- (RS) Any future studies need to respect the needs for transparency, including respecting the environment and respecting the law, including the Trussell Case.
- (RS) Is there an RFP that will be put out for this Study?

- (KD) No, there will be no RFP because W&C was selected as the SGMA consultant through an RFP process previously, and the City is amending the current contract to include both this Study and the Annual Report due next March.
- (CL) How will this Study align with the other studies that are needed?
  - (RP) This is a high priority management action, and something the GSA wants to do first at the same general time as the Annual Report. Based on comments received, this was identified as the most important study by stakeholders.
  - (KD) Agreed, and Task 5 (GDEs) portion of this study can help inform the other studies, including a Tier 1 Study which is the GDE Study. So, this evaluation will help provide information for future studies.

## GSP Public Comments and Responses

Rosalyn then described the process of responding to comments for the public draft of the San Pasqual Valley GSP. The summary provided today is a very high-level review of general comments that were received. Rosalyn provided a brief explanation of these general comment categories and the GSA responses, including sections or figures of the GSP that were updated in response to comments:

1. Bedrock and residuum discussion and identification
2. Future potential pumping reductions
3. DACs and domestic users
4. GDEs assessment
5. Public engagement and access
6. Model construction and calibration
7. Water quality monitoring and thresholds
8. Sutherland Dam releases
9. General comments on text and figures

A summary of significant changes made to the GSP are provided in Handout #1.

Public comments on the GSP Public Draft comments and responses included:

- (LL) Wished to acknowledge staff for having this workshop opportunity, because this is exactly what we were looking for. We still have concerns, but this is tremendous progress. Our concerns will be shared moving forward. Thanks to all for helping and contributing to the GSP development process, including public representatives and environmental groups. This is the kind of transparency we have been wanting and we look forward to in the future.
- (FK) Are you accepting comments after this meeting today?
  - (RP) Yes, please send all comments to Karina.
  - (KD) I would like to put a deadline on receiving comments. Please have them sent by end of next week (Friday, November 19, 2021).

## Next Steps

Rosalyn reminded everyone that the GSP Final Draft is available online. Adoption of the GSA (City and County) are expected soon, and then the Final Draft GSP will be Submitted to DWR by January 31, 2022.

Also, please do not forget to sign up for GSP updates by visiting the County website and getting on the stakeholder email list.

Karina mentioned that the exact dates for the City and County to consider GSP adoption by their respective governing bodies are not known yet. Those dates will be sent out via the stakeholder email list as soon as they are confirmed.

Comments should be sent directly to Karina Danek at [kdanek@sandiego.gov](mailto:kdanek@sandiego.gov). She can also be reached at (619) 533-7402.

**Stakeholder workshop ended at 4:23pm.**

## GoToMeeting Chat Log from TPR Meeting

[Rikki](#) to Everyone

May I ask question

3:58 PM

[Cara Lacey](#) to Everyone

I have a quick question

4:14 PM

[Lani Lutar](#) to Everyone

I have a comment.

4:22 PM

[AC - Trish Boaz-SDRVC](#) to Everyone

Great working with all of you... I am retiring as of 12/31/2021! Trish

4:22 PM

[Steven Slack \(CDFW\)](#) to Everyone

Thank you for a great workshop

4:22 PM

[AC - Trish Boaz-SDRVC](#) to Everyone

Thank you!

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