

AGENDA
SPADRA BASIN GSA



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL**

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022, AT 3:30 P.M.

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e), as amended by AB 361, any Executive Committee member and any member of the public who desires to participate in the open session items of this meeting may do so by accessing the Webex link below without otherwise complying with the Brown Act's teleconference requirements.

<https://www.webex.com/meet/spadra2>
(Computer and Telephone Audio Accessible)

Any member of the public wishing to make any comments to the Committee may do so by accessing the above-referenced link where they may select the option to join via webcam or teleconference. The meeting Chair will acknowledge such individual(s) at the appropriate time in the meeting prior to making his or her comment.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

Party	Representatives	Alternates
City of Pomona	___ John Nolte	___ Victor Preciado
Walnut Valley Water District	___ Jerry Tang	___ Theresa Lee

3. Public Comment – The presiding officer of the Executive Committee may impose reasonable limitations on public comments to assure an orderly and timely meeting.
4. Consider Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held November 16, 2021
 - A. Discussion
 - B. Action Taken
5. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2022-01-06 Authorizing Executive Committee and Advisory Committee Meetings to Continue to be Conducted by Teleconference and Making Related Findings
6. Consider Approval of Award of Contract for Monitoring Well
 - A. Discussion
 - B. Action Taken
7. Update on Public Hearing for Approval of Groundwater Sustainability Plan
8. Future Discussion Items
9. Adjournment to Next Meeting – Advisory Committee Meeting on February 7, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
(Next Executive Committee Meeting: Monday, March 7, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.)

**SPADRA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 – 3:30 P.M.**

CONFERENCE CALL

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Jerry Tang, President
John Nolte, Vice President
Theresa Lee, Alternate

STAFF PRESENT:

Sherry Shaw, Administrative Officer
Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

Victor Preciado, Alternate

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lauren Augino
Josh Byerrum
Alfredo Camacho
Donna DiLaura
Carlos Goytia
Erik Hitchman
Damian Martinez
Dusty Moisio
Jody Roberto
Kevin Sage
Dave Warren

President Tang called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered. (Item 3)

ITEM 4: CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – SHERRY SHAW

- ♦ The Executive Committee was asked to consider the appointment of Sherry Shaw as Administrative Officer, replacing Brian Teuber.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Mr. Nolte, seconded by Mr. Tang and unanimously carried (2-0), by the roll call vote noted below to appoint Sherry Shaw as Administrative Officer effective immediately. (Item 4)

Ayes: Nolte and Tang

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ITEM 5: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

- ♦ The Executive Committee was asked to approve the minutes for the Executive Committee meeting held on September 7, 2021.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Mr. Nolte, seconded by Mr. Tang and unanimously carried (2-0), by the roll call vote noted below to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. (Item 5)

Ayes: Nolte and Tang

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ITEM 6: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11-04 AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO BE CONDUCTED BY TELECONFERENCE AND MAKING RELATED FINDINGS DISCUSSION

- ♦ The Executive Committee was asked to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2021-11-04 authorizing Executive and Advisory Committee meetings to be conducted by teleconference and making related findings discussion.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Mr. Nolte, seconded by Mr. Tang and unanimously carried (2-0), by the roll call vote noted below to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2021-11-04 authorizing Executive and Advisory Committee meetings to be conducted by teleconference and making related findings discussion. (Item 6)

Ayes: Nolte and Tang
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SPADRA BASIN GSA BYLAWS AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11-05

- ♦ The Executive Committee was asked to approve the proposed revisions to Section 2 of the Spadra Basin GSA Bylaws, and adoption of Resolution No. 2021-11-05.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Mr. Tang, seconded by Mr. Nolte and unanimously carried (2-0), by the roll call vote noted below to approve the proposed revisions to Section 2 of the Spadra Basin GSA Bylaws and adoption of Resolution No. 2021-11-05. (Item 7)

Ayes: Tang and Nolte
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

ITEM 8: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINAL TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 5: SUSTAINABILITY OF BASIN OPTIMIZATION SCENARIOS, PART 2

- ♦ The Executive Committee was asked to approve final Technical Memorandum 5: Sustainability of Basin Optimization Scenarios, Part 1.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Mr. Nolte, seconded by Mr. Tang and unanimously carried (2-0), by the roll call vote noted below to approve final Technical Memorandum 5: Sustainability of Basin Optimization Scenarios, Part 2. (Item 8)

Ayes: Nolte and Tang
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

ITEM 9: DRAFT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

- ♦ Ms. Shaw provided a brief update on the preparation of the Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). She noted that the public comment period ends on December 9, 2021. A draft of the GSP is available for review on the Spadra Basin website at www.spadrabasin.com. Public comments should be sent to Veva Weamer at vweamer@westyost.com. Ms. Shaw stated that a final draft of the GSP will be reviewed at the January 3, 2022 Executive Committee. (Item 9)

ITEM 10: UPDATE ON MONITORING WELL

- ♦ Ms. Shaw reported that staff from the City of Pomona and Walnut Valley Water District attended a pre-bid site visit on November 10, 2021. Bids are due on November 23, 2021. (Item 10)

ITEM 11: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- ♦ The Executive Committee was asked to approve the proposed 2022 Meeting Schedule:

Monday, January 3, 2022
Monday, March 7, 2022
Monday, May 2, 2022
Tuesday, July 5, 2022 (Independence Day observed on July 4)
Tuesday, September 6, 2022 (Labor Day is observed on September 5)
Monday, November 7, 2022

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Mr. Nolte, seconded by Mr. Tang and unanimously carried (2-0), by the roll call vote noted below to approve the proposed 2022 Meeting Schedule as presented. Subject to change as needed. (Item 11)

Ayes: Nolte and Tang
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

ITEM 12: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES

- ♦ The Executive Committee was asked to approve the appointments of the new Advisory Committee members listed below:
 - Rowland Water District – Dusty Moisio (Representative) and Tom Coleman (Alternate)

- Three Valleys Municipal Water District – Carlos Goytia (Representative) and Silvie Lee (Alternate)

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Mr. Nolte, seconded by Mr. Tang and unanimously carried (2-0), by the roll call vote noted below to approve the appointments of the new Advisory Committee members as presented. (Item 12)

Ayes: Nolte and Tang

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ITEM 13: REVIEW OF FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ◆ None to report. (Item 13)

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT – 3:47 P.M.

Upon consideration thereof, by consensus, it was moved by Mr. Tang, seconded by Mr. Nolte and unanimously carried (2-0), to adjourn to the next meeting on January 3, 2022. (Item 14)

DRAFT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01-06 (SUBSEQUENT)

A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SPADRA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY PROCLAIMING A STATE OF EMERGENCY PERSISTS, RE-RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM, AND RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 3, 2022 TO MARCH 7, 2022 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the Spadra Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (the “GSA”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of its Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the GSA’s Executive Committee and its standing committees are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Sections 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch those bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, in Government Code Section 54953(e), makes provision for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code Section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition for application of Section 54953(e) is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code Section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District’s boundaries, caused by natural, technological or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the GSA, specifically, COVID-19, and its Delta variant, remain highly contagious and, therefore, a threat to the health, safety and well-being of the GSA’s employees, directors, vendors, contractors, customers and residents; and

WHEREAS, orders from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and regulations from the State of California impose limitations on gatherings and provide guidance on best practices with respect to actions to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the GSA’s Executive Committee does hereby find that a state of emergency exists within the GSA’s service area as a result of the continuing presence of COVID-19 and resulting local, state and federal orders and guidance, which has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the GSA that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the GSA, and the Executive Committee desires to affirm a local emergency exists and ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Executive Committee does hereby find that the GSA’s Executive Committee and all standing committees shall conduct their meetings without

compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of Section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall continue to comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 54953; and

WHEREAS, the GSA will continue to provide proper notice to the public regarding all GSA Executive Committee and standing committee meetings, in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(2)(A) and shall provide notice to the public of how they may access any such meeting via call-in number and/or internet link.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SPADRA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Proclamation Regarding Local Emergency. The Executive Committee hereby considers the conditions of the state of emergency in the GSA and proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the GSA, and that conducting GSA Executive Committee and standing committee meetings virtually will minimize the possible spread COVID-19 and any variant thereof.

Section 3. Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Executive Committee hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency regarding COVID-19, dated March 4, 2020.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The GSA's Administrative Officer, or his or her delegee, and the Executive Committee and standing committees of the GSA are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, continuing to conduct open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) the expiration of thirty (30) days from the date this Resolution was adopted, as set forth below, or (ii) such time as the Executive Committee adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Executive Committee and standing committees of the GSA may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Executive Committee of the Spadra Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency this 3rd day of January, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Spadra Basin GSA – Staff Report



TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Administrative Officer
DATE: January 3, 2022
SUBJECT: Award of Contract for the Spadra Monitoring Well – Drilling & Development

☒ Action/Discussion ☒ Fiscal Impact ☐ Resolution ☐ Information Only

Recommendation

Request that the Executive Committee concur with Walnut Valley Water District (WVWD) to award a contract for the Drilling & Development of the Spadra Monitoring Well per the following bid result:

<u>Bid</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Price</u>
Spadra Monitoring Well	Yellow Jacket Drilling Services, LLC	\$397,150.00

Background

The Spadra Basin GSA retained West Yost to provide professional engineering services for the preparation of plans, specifications and a cost estimate for the proposed Spadra Monitoring Well. Per the GSP, a fully functional single completion monitoring well was required to better understand the deep aquifer-system near the eastern boundary of the Spadra Basin, by collecting the following data during the well construction activities:

1. Borehole lithology
2. Borehole geophysics
3. Depth to the bottom of the aquifer
4. Groundwater level data
5. Groundwater quality data

The consultant-designed drilling and development consists of drilling approximately 600 feet of bore-hole, furnishing and installing 20 feet of 16-inch steel conductor casing, approximately 600 feet of 4-inch PVC casing, gravel pack and cement annular seal, conducting various pump tests and development.

Bids were solicited and received by WVWD to provide construction for the subject project. Attached for your information is the bid recap. The apparent low bidder's (Yellow Jacket) bid package was reviewed and is recommended for award.

In addition, WVWD staff has determined, based on the CEQA Environmental Review Guidelines, that the project is exempt pursuant to Categorical Exemption Section 15306, as the well is being used for Information Collection.

The cost for this project was originally estimated by the consultant to be approximately \$370,000; however, the actual bid (\$397,150) exceeds the Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant budget by \$257,150. Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) has offered to allocate funds for a "future project in the Spadra Basin" that would cover approximately \$232,000 of this difference. The remainder would be borne by the Spadra Basin GSA.

Attachment

Proposal Results

Notice of Exemption

Proposed Project Location

CEQA Guidelines

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
c/o Walnut Valley Water District
271 South Brea Canyon Road, Walnut, CA 91789

Bid Recap

Spadra Monitoring Well (PN 21-3714)

November 23, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

CONTRACTORS	TOTAL
Yellow Jacket Drilling	\$ 397,150.00
Cascade	NO BID
Best Drilling and Pump	NO BID
South West Pump & Drilling, Inc.	NO BID
Layne Christensen Company	NO BID

SPADRA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY **ORIGINAL FILED**

271 S. Brea Canyon Road, Walnut, CA 91789

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Notice of Exemption

LOS ANGELES, COUNTY CLERK

To: ☒ County Clerk
County of Los Angeles
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency)
Spadra Basin Groundwater
Sustainability Agency
271 S. Brea Canyon Road
Walnut, CA 91789

Project Title:

Spadra Basin Monitoring Well

Project Location - Specific:

822 W. Commercial Street, Pomona
(See attached vicinity map)

Project Location – City:

Pomona

Project Location – County:

Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project involves the drilling of a monitoring well for testing, data collection and monitoring of the groundwater within the Spadra Basin (Basin). This would allow the Spadra Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) to effectively manage and ensure the long-term sustainability of the Basin. As the sole members of the Agency, both the City of Pomona and Walnut Valley Water District will benefit from this project since each produce water from the Basin.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Spadra Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Spadra Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section Number:
CEQA Guidelines Section 15306
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project involves the drilling of a monitoring well for the purpose of testing, data collection and monitoring of the groundwater within the Spadra Basin. Therefore, the project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15306: Information Collection.

Lead Agency Contact Person:
Sheryl L. Shaw

Area Code/Telephone/Extension:
(909) 595-1268, Ext. 234

Signature: _____


Sheryl L. Shaw

Date: 11/29/2021

Administrative Officer

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing with County Clerk: _____

SPADRA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
271 S. Brea Canyon Road, Walnut, CA 91789



VICINITY MAP
Not to Scale

15304. MINOR ALTERATIONS TO LAND

Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent, except that grading shall not be exempt in a waterway, in any wetland, in an officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area, or in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard such as an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone or within an official Seismic Hazard Zone, as delineated by the State Geologist.
- (b) New gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping.
- (c) Filling of earth into previously excavated land with material compatible with the natural features of the site;
- (d) Minor alterations in land, water, and vegetation on existing officially designated wildlife management areas or fish production facilities which result in improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources or greater fish production;
- (e) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment, including carnivals, sales of Christmas trees, etc;
- (f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored;
- (g) Maintenance dredging where the spoil is deposited in a spoil area authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies;
- (h) The creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way.
- (i) Fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility for the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions.

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code; Reference: Section 21084, Public Resources Code.

15305. MINOR ALTERATIONS IN LAND USE LIMITATIONS

Class 5 consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density, including but not limited to:

- (a) Minor lot line adjustments, side yard, and set back variances not resulting in the creation of any new parcel;
- (b) Issuance of minor encroachment permits;
- (c) Reversion to acreage in accordance with the Subdivision Map Act.

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code; Reference: Section 21084, Public Resources Code.

15306. INFORMATION COLLECTION

Class 6 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code; Reference: Section 21084, Public Resources Code.

15307. ACTIONS BY REGULATORY AGENCIES FOR PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Class 7 consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Examples include but are not limited to wildlife preservation activities of the State Department of Fish and Game. Construction activities are not included in this exemption.

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code; Reference: Section 21084, Public Resources Code.

15308. ACTIONS BY REGULATORY AGENCIES FOR PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Class 8 consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Construction activities and relaxation of standards allowing environmental degradation are not included in this exemption.

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code; Reference: Section 21084, Public Resources Code; *International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union v. Board of Supervisors*, (1981) 116 Cal. App. 3d 265.

15309. INSPECTIONS

Class 9 consists of activities limited entirely to inspections, to check for performance of an operation, or quality, health, or safety of a project, including related activities such as inspection for possible mislabeling, misrepresentation, or adulteration of products.

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code; Reference: Section 21084, Public Resources Code.

15310. LOANS

Class 10 consists of loans made by the Department of Veterans Affairs under the Veterans Farm and Home Purchase Act of 1943, mortgages for the purchase of existing structures where the loan will not be used for new construction and the purchase of such mortgages by financial institutions. Class 10 includes but is not limited to the following examples:

- (a) Loans made by the Department of Veterans Affairs under the Veterans Farm and Home Purchase Act of 1943.
- (b) Purchases of mortgages from banks and mortgage companies by the Public Employees Retirement System and by the State Teachers Retirement System.

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code; Reference: Section 21084, Public Resources Code.

15311. ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

Class 11 consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including but not limited to:

- (a) On-premise signs;
- (b) Small parking lots;