

# SGMA Stakeholders Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2017 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Richmond City Hall



## Stakeholders Group Attendees

Eileen Chen, Alameda County Water District  
Tom Francis, BAWSCA  
Liz Varnhagen, Berkeley CEAC  
John Hitchen, Berkeley PW Commission  
Margo Schueler, Berkeley PW Commission  
Ray Yep, Berkeley PW Commission  
Brad Arnold, CA DWR  
Mitch Buttress, City of Berkeley  
Jan Lee, City of Hayward  
Eduardo Martinez, City of Richmond

Ryan Smith, City of Richmond  
Jamar Stamps, Contra Costa County  
Richard Harris, EBMUD  
Ken Minn, EBMUD  
Grace Su, EBMUD  
Mike Tognolini, EBMUD  
Alice Towey, EBMUD  
Amy Underwood, EBMUD  
Preston Jordan, Lawrence Berkeley Lab  
Christy Chung, UC Berkeley

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## PURPOSE OF MEETING

EBMUD held a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) stakeholders meeting at the City of Richmond offices to:

- Provide a SGMA compliance update;
- Share EBMUD's planned SGMA compliance activities; and
- Gather input from the stakeholders.

## RESOURCES/DOCUMENTS

A presentation of SGMA compliance activities in the East Bay Plain Subbasin (Subbasin).

## MEETING SUMMARY

1. **Welcome and Introduction:** Ryan Smith of the City of Richmond opened the meeting with welcome remarks and participants made self-introductions.
2. **Overview:** Mike Tognolini of EBMUD provided an overview of EBMUD's local groundwater resources management activities.
3. **SGMA Compliance Activities:** Ken Minn of EBMUD presented a SGMA compliance activities update to the stakeholders group. All GSA formation for the Subbasin were completed by the June 30, 2017 deadline.

Pursuant to SGMA, EBMUD became an exclusive GSA on November 29, 2016, for the portion of the East Bay Plain Subbasin which underlies the EBMUD service area. The City of Hayward is the other exclusive GSA for the remaining portion of the Subbasin that is under the City's corporate boundary.

Ken discussed that a key responsibility of GSAs is to develop and implement a GSP for their Subbasins by January 31, 2022. As a GSA, EBMUD is required to develop a GSP for the portion of the East Bay Plain Subbasin that underlies the EBMUD's service area. Likewise, the City of Hayward is responsible to develop a GSP for the remaining portion of the Subbasin. However, a single GSP covering the entire Subbasin area is recommended. The GSP will be prepared to develop sustainable management criteria which will define sustainable goals, measurable objectives, minimum thresholds, and undesirable results appropriate for the

Subbasin and users.

The EBMUD's Board of Directors adopted a resolution authorizing the staff to enter into an MOU with the City of Hayward. The MOU was executed on July 31, 2017. The GSP development will be jointly funded and cost-sharing will be formulated in a future cooperating agreement. For grant funding, EBMUD will lead the application process and administer the grant as a lead agency, if a grant is awarded.

A dedicated Sustainable Groundwater Management webpage was launched and demonstrated during the meeting. The webpage will feature SGMA related information, useful links, EBMUD's SGMA compliance activities status and updates, stakeholder outreach documents and a link to subscribe to the EBMUD's SGMA mailing list. The link to the webpage is [www.ebmud.com/sgma](http://www.ebmud.com/sgma). Ken Minn also requested stakeholders' support for EBMUD's Prop 1 grant application to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the East Bay Plain Subbasin.

4. **SGMA Updates:** Brad Arnold of DWR affirmed Ken Minn's discussion that local GSAs are to develop GSPs with sustainable management criteria appropriate for specific subbasins. He informed the group of DWR's current Sustainable Groundwater Management Program activities and gave an update on the Prop 1 Groundwater Sustainability Planning Grant. The grant filing period will run from September-October for the first filing period and December-January for the second filing period. \$83 million dollars in grant money is available with \$10 million dedicated for disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities. Applications will be assessed competitively at the end of each filing period.
5. **Public Comments:** Attendees participated in open discussion.

## MEETING NOTES

Ray Yep from the City of Berkeley is interested in the GSP Development for the purposes of updating the City's Watershed Management Plan and Storm water permitting process. They are working on Best Management Practices to increase storm water recharge.

Preston Jordan of Lawrence Berkeley Lab inquired about reviewing and contributing to EBMUD's grant funding application and GSP development.

Eduardo Martinez, a member of the Richmond City Council, said that the City would like to map groundwater along the Richmond shoreline and study sea water intrusion and sea level rise and how they interact. He added that City of Richmond staff will be engaging in the GSP development process.

Tom Francis of BAWSCA commented that groundwater studies are being conducted in San Mateo County and BAWSCA will support interests of its member agencies. He also encouraged EBMUD to engage in participating in groundwater studies in neighboring subbasins. BAWSCA will support a Prop 1 grant application for East Bay Plain Subbasin by a support letter.

Jan Lee of the City of Hayward commented that the City of Hayward is collaborating with EBMUD to develop a single GSP for the East Bay Plain Subbasin and undertaking its own stakeholders outreach activities in the Hayward area.

The meeting was adjourned around 10:30 am.

## NEXT MEETING

To be scheduled.