

SGMA Stakeholders Meeting Minutes

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



Stakeholders Group Attendees

Tom Francis, BAWSCA
Margo Schueler, Berkeley PW Comm.
Brad Arnold, CA DWR
John Hitchen, City of Berkeley
Liz Varnhagen, City of Berkeley
Ray Yep, City of Berkeley
Jan Lee, City of Hayward
Eduardo Martinez, City of Richmond
Ryan Smith, City of Richmond
Jamar Stamps, Contra Costa County

Eileen Chen, County of Alameda
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

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

- To provide SGMA compliance update;
- To share EBMUD's planned SGMA compliance activities; and
- To gather input from the stakeholders.

RESOURCES/DOCUMENTS

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

MEETING SUMMARY

1. **Welcome and Introduction:** Ryan Smith of 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. 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, stakeholders outreach documents and a link to subscribe to the EBMUD's SGMA mailing list. The link to the webpage is www.ebmud.com/sgma. Ken also requested stakeholders' support for EBMUD's Prop 1 grant application to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the East Bay Plain basin.
4. **SGMA Updates:** Brad Arnold of DWR 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 council member, for the City of Richmond, 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 the 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 basins. BAWSCA will support a Prop 1 grant application for East Bay Plain basin 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 basin and undertaking its own stakeholders outreach activities in the Hayward area.

The meeting was adjourned around 10:30 am.

NEXT MEETING

To be scheduled.