



**PUENTE BASIN WATER AGENCY
DEVELOPMENT OF PUENTE BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN – PHASE 1
STAKEHOLDER MEETING
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 2:00 p.m.**

Held virtually via WebEx at: <https://walnutvalley.webex.com/meet/bmeeting>

MINUTES

1. Stakeholder Introductions

The purpose of the meeting was to convene the Puente Basin Water Agency (PBWA) and a stakeholder group, and inform all interested stakeholders of the PBWA’s intent to develop a Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) for the Puente Basin, and of the opportunity to participate in its development. An initial list of potential stakeholders who can provide input and support the PBWA in their development of a GMP was developed and a meeting invite was sent out to all contacts on the stakeholder list. Meeting attendees listed below.

Erik Hitchman – Walnut Valley Water District , PBWA
Sherry Shaw – Walnut Valley Water District, PBWA
Jared Macias – Walnut Valley Water District, PBWA
Tony Lima – Rowland Water District, PBWA, Puente Basin Watermaster
George Lwin – California State Polytechnic University of Pomona, Spadra Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)
Allen Wu - City of Walnut, PBWA, Puente Basin Watermaster
Robert Lewis – Rowland Water District, PBWA
James Ciampa – Lagerlof, LLP, Legal Counsel
Theresa Lee - Walnut Valley Water District, PBWA
Lauren Augino – Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
Dusty Moisio – Rowland Water District, PBWA
Tom Coleman – Rowland Water District, PBWA
Rita Chang – Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Joshua Nelson – City of Industry and Successor Agency to Industry Urban Development Agency
Carlos Goytia – Three Valleys Municipal Water District, City of Pomona, Spadra GSA
Jerry Tang - Walnut Valley Water District, PBWA, Spadra GSA
Roy Frausto – Puente Basin Watermaster, La Puente Valley County Water District
Mathew Hudson - City of Industry

Sylvie Lee - Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Carmen Fleming - Walnut Valley Water District, PBWA
Veva Weamer – West Yost Associates
Andy Malone – West Yost Associates, Six Basins Watermaster

2. Website

Veva Weamer from West Yost Associates gave an update on the creation of a webpage dedicated to the development of the GMP for the Puente Basin to provide resources for the public and stakeholders during this process, and for review of work products. A new webpage will be added to the existing PBWA website and will be available by the end of January 2023.

3. Development of Groundwater Management Plan – Phase 1

Ms. Weamer provided an overview of the proposed process for Phase 1 to develop a Groundwater Management Plan for the Puente Basin. The objectives of Phase 1 are to establish the stakeholder group and process, prepare a detailed description of the physical state of the basin and water-management setting of the Puente Basin for both historical and current conditions, and prepare a description of the goals for improved management of the Puente Basin. Two technical memorandums (TMs) will be prepared for Phase 1: i) *TM 1 Conceptual Understanding of the Puente Basin* that describes the GMP Area and Basin Setting; and ii) *TM 2 Goals and Concepts for Improved Basin Management* which will describe the objective statement of the GMP, various concepts for improving basin management, and the scope for the next Phase 2 where various basin management alternatives will be evaluated.

4. Stakeholder Issues, Needs and Wants

Ms. Weamer described an assignment for the PBWA and interested stakeholders to provide input on the issues, needs, and wants as they relate to the Puente Basin and groundwater management and water supply. The input from the PBWA and stakeholders will be used help articulate the concepts for improving basin management and prepare an objective statement for the GMP. Following the meeting, an email will be sent out to the stakeholder group to describe assignment for input on issues, needs, and want. The PBWA and stakeholders have until February 14, 2023 to provide input on the issues, needs, and wants.

5. Next Steps

Ms. Weamer summarized the next steps for the development of the GMP. Through the end of January 2023, the data collection for Puente Basin will continue, and the GMP webpage will be set up. A follow-up email will be sent to the stakeholder group to document the assignment to receive input on each agency’s issues, needs, and wants for the Puente Basin and groundwater management and water supply. After input is received on the issues, needs, and wants in mid-February, all the input will be compiled and documented and identified for any commonalities between stakeholders. The issues, needs, and wants documentation will be posted on the GMP webpage and discussed at the next meeting.

From February through June 2023, West Yost will be preparing a description of the GMP Area and Basin Setting and prepare a draft of the first TM, *TM 1 Conceptual Understanding of the Puente Basin*. The next stakeholder meeting will be in July or August 2023.