

INITIAL LIST OF BENEFICIAL USES AND USERS OF GROUNDWATER
For the
SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY EAST SUBBASIN

In accordance with California Water Code sections 10723.4, the groundwater sustainability agency shall establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding plan preparation, meeting announcements, and availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents. The Santa Clarita Valley GSA has developed a list of interested persons and will maintain the list. As required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code section 10720, et seq.) the GSA will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans. These interests include, but are not limited to, all the following:

- a. Holders of Overlying Groundwater Rights: agricultural and domestic well owners, municipal well operators and public water systems
 - 1. Agricultural users:
 - i. Five Point Holdings, LLC
 - ii. Golden Oaks Ranch (Walt Disney Corporation)
 - 2. Domestic well owners
 - i. Bouquet Canyon Well Operators
 - ii. San Francisquito Pumpers Association
 - iii. Sand Canyon Pumpers Association
 - iv. There may be other domestic well owners, but the majority are connected to the above geographic areas
 - v. Mutual Water Companies
 - 1. Sand Canyon Oaks
 - 2. Oak Spring Canyon Mutual Water
 - 3. Property Owners Water Systems, Inc.
- b. Municipal Well Operators
 - 1. Valencia Water Company
- c. Public Water Systems
 - 1. Castaic Lake Water Agency
 - 2. Newhall County Water District
 - 3. Santa Clarita Water Division
 - 4. Los Angeles County Waterworks District Number 36
- d. Local Land Use Planning Agencies:
 - 1. City of Santa Clarita
 - 2. County of Los Angeles
 - 3. County of Ventura
- e. Environmental Users of groundwater:
 - 1. The Nature Conservancy
 - 2. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
 - 3. Santa Clarita Sierra Club
 - 4. Contact information for additional environmental users of groundwater will be updated as new information becomes available.

- f. Surface Water Users, if there is a hydrological connection between surface and groundwater bodies:

State Water Resources Control Board records identify that there are some current registered users of surface water in the SCRVES. We will include these users as interested persons in GSA related communication.

- g. Federal Government:
 - 1. United States Army Corps of Engineers
 - 2. United States Forest Service

- h. California Native American Tribes:

There are no known lands owned or operated by California Native American Tribes within the GSA. If the GSA is a lead agency for the purpose of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, it will follow AB 52 procedures to notify California Native American Tribes of projects.

- i. Disadvantaged Communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems.

The Santa Clarita Valley GSA has reviewed the State of California's Disadvantaged Community Mapping tool located at: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>. This mapping tool shows that Disadvantaged Community Block Groups and Disadvantaged Community Tracts are present with the SCRVES, such as in parts of the neighborhood areas of Castaic, Newhall, Valencia, and Canyon Country. These mapped disadvantaged communities are within the service areas of one or more GSA members and the GSA will communicate with these areas in GSA related communication. Furthermore, the Upper Santa Clara River Regional Water Management Group (four members of this group are part of the GSA) is partnering with the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County IRWM and the Greater Los Angeles County IRWM in the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program. The Santa Clarita Valley GSA intends to leverage this effort to identify and communicate with Disadvantaged Communities.

- j. Entities listed in California Water Code Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or part of the subbasin to be managed by the District as the designated GSA:

- 1. Santa Clarita Valley Cooperative Groundwater Monitoring Association

- k. Other Entities:

- 1. Robinson Ranch Golf Course
 - 2. Eternal Valley
 - 3. Vulcan Materials
 - 4. Building Industry Association

5. Los Angeles County Sanitation District
6. California Department of Fish and Wildlife
7. Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment (SCOPE)
8. Citizen's Climate Lobby, Santa Clarita Chapter

To consider the interests of beneficial users and uses in the development of the GSA, the Santa Clara River East Subbasin Formation Work Group:

- Held interviews to assess the interests of a cross section of Stakeholders including:
 - o Small and large private pumpers
 - o Conservation and environmental organizations
 - o Water Systems
 - Public and Private
 - o Municipal Water System
 - o Planning and Land Use agencies
- Conducted outreach for Stakeholder engagement
 - o Built a website focused on GSA formation efforts
<https://clwa.org/groundwater-sustainability-agency>
 - Address location tool created and embedded in website to enable stakeholders to determine if they are within basin boundaries
 - List serv created to assist in outreach efforts and link embedded on website to enable stakeholders to join list serv
 - Meeting announcements sent to list serv
 - All public meeting materials posted on website
 - o Used press releases and news coverage of public meetings to inform interested parties of Stakeholder Forums and public meetings
 - o Sent approximately 500 direct mailings to 9 separate geographic areas where private well ownership is known or anticipated alerting them to GSA formation efforts, website, and Stakeholder Forum
 - o Contacted multiple non-profits in DAC areas to pass on outreach materials regarding Stakeholder Forum and public meetings
- Held two Stakeholder Forums informing participants of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and identifying and recording their interest
 - o The identified interests were tracked, discussed, and incorporated when feasible into GSA planning efforts
- Held two public Formation Work Group Meetings

The above interested parties will be considered in the operation of the GSA and the development of the GSP.

Through the public meetings, Stakeholder Forums, interviews, and other contacts with interested parties the Formation Work Group has developed a robust contact list of individuals and organizations and will continue to grow this list. Many organizations including the Bouquet

Canyon Well Operators, San Francisquito Pumpers Association, Sand Canyon Pumpers Association, and the Valley Industry Association have agreed to forward outreach materials to their members and constituencies during outreach efforts for GSA operation and Groundwater Sustainability Planning.