

Summary of Beneficial Uses and Users

Beneficial uses of groundwater from the basin include agricultural, M&I, urban, and environmental uses. Historical, Current, and Projected Land Use, land use in the LPV is primarily agriculture and the area includes all of the City of Moorpark and the northwestern edge of the City of Camarillo.

Beneficial users in the LPV have an active stakeholder group called the Las Posas Users Group (LPUG) that was formed before SGMA and continues to meet regularly to discuss and provide feedback to FCGMA regarding localized management. In April 2016, the role of LPUG as an advisory group toward the development of a new extraction allocation system for the LPVB was formalized through an FCGMA Charter. LPUG has participated in public meetings and provided occasional presentations to the FCGMA Board. LPUG developed a proposed extraction allocation system that was presented to the FCGMA Board, but LPUG subsequently withdrew its support for the proposed system it had developed.

The beneficial users of groundwater and property interests potentially affected by the use of groundwater in LPVB are described in this section.

Municipal Well Operators, Public and Private Water Purveyors. There are over 20 public and private water purveyors in the LPV, as shown on Figure 1-8. A detailed description of each purveyor is included in the VCWPD Inventory of Public and Private Water Purveyors (VCWPD 2006). All of the purveyors in the LPV, including all municipal well operators, are in whole or part supplied water by CMWD, except for one that is supplied by UWCD. CMWD is one of seven water districts that together appoint a member to the FCGMA Board. Staff from both UWCD and CMWD have provided groundwater monitoring data, have participated in public meetings, and regularly collaborate with FCGMA staff. The city of Moorpark also has direct representation on the FCGMA Board by the representative appointed to serve on behalf of the five incorporated cities within FCGMA jurisdiction. Several of the smaller water districts and mutuals have also participated in FCGMA public meetings and provided comments throughout the development of the GSP.

Agricultural Users. Agricultural users have been identified as key stakeholders since the creation of FCGMA in 1982 and have direct representation through one of five members on the FCGMA Board. Agricultural users are represented within the LPV by the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner, the Ventura County Farm Bureau, individual pumpers, and groups of pumpers that have organized to advocate for their interests during the GSP development process. FCGMA maintains a database of well owners, including agricultural well owners. All email addresses within the database have been added to the list of interested parties that receive electronic newsletters regarding the status and development of the LPVB GSP.

Domestic Users. The majority of domestic groundwater users in the LPV are supplied water from a city, special district, or mutual water company. FCGMA maintains a database of well owners, including domestic well owners. All email addresses within the database have been added to the list of interested parties that receive electronic newsletters regarding the status and development of the LPVB GSP. In addition, well operators are mailed hardcopy newsletters with their semi-annual groundwater extraction statements.

Local Land Use Planning Agencies. FCGMA staff has reached out to all local land use planning agencies with jurisdiction over the LPVB, including the County of Ventura, the City of Moorpark, and the City of Camarillo. The County of Ventura holds one of five seats on the FCGMA Board. The FCGMA Board also has a member appointed to represent the five incorporated cities, including the Cities of Moorpark and Camarillo. FCGMA has established working relationships with the land use planning agencies. FCGMA staff has participated on the Ventura County General Plan Update Water Element Focus Group and continues to work with Ventura County planning staff to ensure that the GSP and the General Plan Update are consistent.

Environmental Users. Environmental uses of groundwater are not well characterized in LPVB. Arroyo Simi–Las Posas was identified as a potential Groundwater-Dependent Ecosystem in the LPVB, but in general Arroyo Simi–Las Posas is a losing stream. Therefore, it is likely that the primary environmental users of water in the LPVB are using percolating surface water rather than groundwater. FCGMA has taken steps to incorporate the interests of environmental users in the development of the GSP through appointing an environmental representative on the TAG. The TAG held a special meeting focusing on potential groundwater-dependent ecosystems and accepted comments from the public on the potential impacts to surface water bodies. There are several non-governmental organizations with missions associated with environmental water uses on the list of interested parties who receive electronic newsletters regarding the status and development of the LPVB GSP.

California Native American Tribes. According to the California Indian Tribal Homelands and Trust Land Map (DWR 2011), available from the DWR website, the entire LPVB is within the Chumash Tribal/Cultural area. There are not currently any federally recognized Indian Tribes, Indian land currently or historically held in trust by the U.S. government, or smaller Reservation or Rancheria areas in the LPVB. FCGMA recognizes that the Chumash culture and associated cultural resources are important in Ventura County. Several active local groups and individuals representing the interests of tribal communities in Ventura County have been added to the list of interested parties, including representatives from the Barbareno/Ventureno Band of Mission Indians (Chumash) and the Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation. FCGMA has reached out to the DWR Southern Region Office Tribal Liaison, Jennifer Wong, and added her to the list of interested parties. The San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians has also shown an interest in the groundwater sustainability planning process and has been added to the list of interested parties.

Disadvantaged Communities. The only Disadvantaged Community shown on the DWR mapping tool (DWR 2017) within the LPVB is within the City of Moorpark and is represented by the City, as discussed earlier in this section.

Public Meetings Summary

FCGMA has been discussing the development of a GSP since March 2015. LPUG has also been meeting regularly and discussing GSP development. FCGMA staff regularly participate in LPUG meetings; however, the LPUG meetings are not considered FCGMA meetings and are therefore not included in below, which provides a list of FCGMA public meetings in which the participants discussed or took action on the LPVB GSP. Note that the list will be updated as additional meetings occur.

FCGMA Public Meetings on Las Posas Valley Basin GSP

Meeting	Date
TAG Meeting	May 5, 2019
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	April 24, 2019
FCGMA GSP Public Workshop No. 4	March 15, 2019
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	March 15, 2019
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	February 27, 2019
Special TAG Meeting	February 19, 2019
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	February 8, 2019
Special TAG Meeting	February 6, 2019
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	January 23, 2019
Special TAG Meeting	January 17, 2019
TAG Meeting	December 6, 2018
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	December 5, 2018
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	November 20, 2018
TAG Meeting	November 1, 2018
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	October 24, 2018
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	October 12, 2018
TAG Meeting	October 4, 2018
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	September 26, 2018
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	September 14, 2018
TAG Meeting	September 6, 2018
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	August 29, 2018
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	July 25, 2018
TAG Meeting	July 5, 2018
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	June 20, 2018
Special TAG Meeting	June 19, 2018
TAG Meeting	June 14, 2018
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	May 23, 2018
TAG Meeting	May 3, 2018

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Meeting	Date
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	April 25, 2018
TAG Meeting	April 5, 2018
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	March 28, 2018
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	March 9, 2018
TAG Meeting	March 1, 2018
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	February 28, 2018
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	February 26, 2018
FCGMA GSP Public Workshop No. 3	February 1, 2018
TAG Meeting	February 1, 2018
Special TAG Meeting	January 30, 2018
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	January 24, 2018
TAG Meeting	January 4, 2018
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	January 3, 2018
Special TAG Meeting	December 14, 2018
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	November 13, 2017
TAG Meeting	November 2, 2017
TAG Meeting	October 6, 2017
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	October 13, 2017
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	October 25, 2017
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	September 27, 2017
FCGMA GSP Public Stakeholder Workshop No. 2	September 20, 2017
FCGMA Operations Committee Meeting	September 14, 2017
TAG Meeting	September 7, 2017
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	August 11, 2017
FCGMA Operations Committee Meeting	August 10, 2017
TAG Meeting	August 3, 2017
Special TAG Meeting – Sustainability Objective Concepts	July 27, 2017
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	July 26, 2017
FCGMA Fiscal Committee Budget Workshop	July 25, 2017
Water Market Pilot Program Ad Hoc Committee Meeting	July 24, 2017
FCGMA Board Executive Committee Meeting	July 12, 2017
TAG Meeting	July 6, 2017
Special TAG Meeting – Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems	June 29, 2017
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	June 28, 2017
FCGMA Special Board Meeting LPVB	June 23, 2017
FCGMA Board Executive Committee Meeting	June 15, 2017
TAG Meeting	June 1, 2017
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	May 24, 2017
TAG Meeting	May 4, 2017
Special TAG Meeting – Groundwater Models	April 27, 2017
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	April 26, 2017
Las Posas Valley Town Hall Meeting	April 11, 2017

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Meeting	Date
Special TAG Meeting	March 24, 2017
Special TAG Meeting – Groundwater Models	March 24, 2017
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	March 22, 2017
TAG Meeting	March 3, 2017
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	February 22, 2017
TAG Meeting	February 2, 2017
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	January 25, 2017
TAG Meeting	December 16, 2016
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	December 9, 2016
TAG Meeting	November 18, 2016
FCGMA GSP Public Stakeholder Workshop No. 1	November 15, 2016
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	October 26, 2016
TAG Meeting	October 7, 2016
FCGMA Executive Committee	October 3, 2016
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	September 28, 2016
TAG Meeting	August 26, 2016
TAG Meeting	July 29, 2016
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	July 20, 2016
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	June 22, 2016
TAG Meeting	May 27, 2016
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	May 25, 2016
TAG Meeting	April 29, 2016
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	April 27, 2017
TAG Meeting	March 25, 2016
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	March 23, 2016
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	March 11, 2016
TAG Meeting	February 26, 2016
TAG Meeting	January 29, 2016
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	January 27, 2016
TAG Meeting	December 18, 2015
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	December 11, 2015
TAG Meeting	November 20, 2015
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	November 13, 2015
TAG Meeting	October 30, 2015
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	October 28, 2015
TAG Meeting	September 25, 2015
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	September 23, 2015
TAG Meeting	August 28, 2015
FCGMA Special Board Meeting	August 13, 2015
TAG Meeting	July 30, 2015
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	July 22, 2015
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	June 24, 2015

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Meeting	Date
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	May 27, 2015
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	April 22, 2015
FCGMA Regular Board Meeting	March 25, 2015

FCGMA = Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency; GSP = Groundwater Sustainability Plan; LPVB = Las Posas Valley Basin; TAG = Technical Advisory Group.

GSP Comments and Responses

The FCGMA Board approved release of a Preliminary Draft GSP in January 2018, with a 90-day comment period. An evening public workshop was held on February 1, 2018, to present the Preliminary Draft GSP, answer questions, and solicit comments. Formal comments were accepted in writing only. The comments were submitted in person at the public workshop and electronically via email to fcgma-gsp@ventura.org. A total of 32 comment letters were received by FCGMA on all three GSPs. A summary of the comments was presented to the FCGMA Board at the May 23, 2018, meeting. In consideration of these comments, FCGMA completed an independent peer review of the numerical groundwater models, completed additional analysis for the water quality approach, and extended the timeline for completion of the GSP. Comments on the Preliminary Draft GSP and direction from the FCGMA Board after consideration of public comments have been incorporated into the Draft GSP.

Before completing the Draft GSP, additional information was made available to the public to enhance understanding of the technical information and processes used for the development of the Draft GSP. The following documents were posted on the FCGMA website, discussed in public FCGMA meetings, and sent to the list of interested parties in electronic newsletters:

- Minimum Thresholds and Measurable Objectives Data, March 2019
- Peer Review of the United Water Conservation District and Calleguas Municipal Water District Models for the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin, and Las Posas Valley Basin, March 2019
- Approach for GSP Modeling of Future Conditions in the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin and Las Posas Valley Basin, January 2019
- Minimum Thresholds and Measurable Objectives in the Las Posas Valley Basin, Oxnard Subbasin, and Pleasant Valley Basin, January 2019
- Assessing the Sustainable Yield of the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin, and Las Posas Valley Basin, January 2019

A public workshop was held on March 15, 2019, to discuss the estimated sustainable yield, minimum thresholds, and measurable objectives proposed for the Draft GSP. Comments received at the public workshop have been incorporated into this Draft GSP. After the Draft GSP is approved by the FCGMA Board, a public comment period will be opened, during which time FCGMA will solicit formal comments on the Draft GSP.

Relationships between State and Federal Regulatory Agencies

FCGMA has not entered into any formal agreements with the federal government regarding preparation or administration of this GSP or groundwater management pursuant to SGMA, Section 10720.3(c). There are no federally recognized Indian Tribes within the LPVB boundaries.

FCGMA recognizes the need for both formal and informal consultation with state and federal regulatory agencies throughout the implementation of the GSP. FCGMA received a formal request from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on October 11, 2016, to be added to the list of interested parties for the development of the GSP. FCGMA has added NMFS to the list of interested parties, as well as the following state and federal regulatory agencies:

- Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California Department of Water Resources

Outreach and Engagement Plan Development and Implementation

A public outreach and engagement plan was developed for all of the GSPs that FCGMA is developing. In accordance with Section 354.10.(d) of the GSP Emergency Regulations (DWR 2016b), the plan discusses FCGMA's decision-making process; identifies opportunities for public engagement and discusses how public input and responses will be used; describes how FCGMA encourages the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population in the LPVB; and describes the method FCGMA shall follow to inform the public about progress implementing the plan, including the status of projects and actions.