

MEETING NOTES

DEVELOPMENT OF THE SANTA MONICA SUBBASIN GSP
SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY– 601 SANTA MONICA BLVD.
DECEMBER 19, 2019 FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions

Sunny Wang, from the City of Santa Monica, provided a brief overview of the format of the stakeholder meeting and allowed representatives from each member agency to introduce themselves.

2. City of Santa Monica - Sustainable Water Master Plan

Mr. Wang provided an introduction to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), and demonstrated the website where information on the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and background information on studies in the basin are located for stakeholder review.

Mr. Wang then presented a brief history of the Santa Monica groundwater basin, and the role of groundwater in the City of Santa Monica's long-term strategy for water self-sufficiency.

3. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power – Overview of Operation NEXT

Chris Repp from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) gave a presentation on LADWP's plans to maximize the use of water from the Hyperion wastewater treatment plan. The presentation included a discussion of the reasons the project is being developed, the ways in which recycled water from the Hyperion plan could be used, and the potential challenges associated with the project.

4. City of Culver City – Conservation and Sustainability Projects

Charles Herbertson from the City of Culver City gave a presentation on the efforts the Culver City has undertaken to increase water conservation measures, reduce water use, and address storm water capture and storm water runoff. The presentation included in-depth discussions of two storm water projects: one in the Marina Del Rey watershed, and a second in the Ballona Creek watershed.

5. County of Los Angeles – Sustainability Planning

Gina Natoli from the County of Los Angeles gave a presentation on the County's water conservation and sustainability planning. The presentation included discussion of the County's goals for storm water management, use of multi-benefit strategies for project planning, and focus on maintaining and increasing protected areas for biodiversity in the County.

6. Dudek – What is a Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Jill Weinberger, from Dudek, gave a presentation on the background of SGMA, how it applies to the Santa Monica Subbasin, the contents of a GSP, and the ways in which stakeholder engagement is critical to the success of the GSP.

Questions were taken at the end of each presentation and there was an approximately 20 minute open question and answer session after the final presentation.

At the end of the question and answer session, stakeholders were reminded to check the website for periodic updates, and were invited to come to the next stakeholder public workshop scheduled for March 19, 2020. Three stakeholders submitted comment forms that will be used to help guide the topics and discussion at the next workshop.