

**Minutes for the Santa Monica Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Meeting – January 21, 2026**

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January 21 at 9:00 AM**

<b>Board of Directors</b>			
<b>Attending</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
	<b>City of Beverly Hills</b>	Robert Welch	Vince Damasse
	<b>City of Culver City</b>	Sean Singletary	
	<b>City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power</b>	Jesus Gonzalez	John Huynh, <b>Chair</b>
	<b>County of Los Angeles</b>	Gina Natoli	
	<b>City of Santa Monica</b>	Christopher Dishlip, <b>Vice Chair</b>	Sunny Wang

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by Chair Huynh.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chair Huynh led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

*Director Welch, City of Beverly Hills  
Director Singletary, City of Culver City  
Director Natoli, County of Los Angeles  
Chair Huynh, City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
Vice Chair Dishlip, City of Santa Monica*

*Quorum was determined.*

**4. Disclosure of ex parte communications for board members**

There was no ex parte communication to disclose.

**5. Consent Items**

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### A. Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2025, Special Meeting

Dr. Jill Weinberger with Dudek, consultant for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency, indicated that an item from October 2025 was to be agendized for the January meeting and it was not properly agendized so it will be on the agenda for the April 15 meeting.

The Board had no comments or revisions to the minutes. There was a **motion made by Director Natoli to approve the meeting minutes**. The motion was **seconded by Director Welch**. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Public Forum

No public comments were received.

## 7. Informational Items

### A. Standing Item: Report on Well Permit Requests in the Santa Monica Subbasin

Dr. Weinberger summarized the standing item discussion on well permit requests in the Santa Monica Subbasin. The GSA Secretary informed Dr. Weinberger that she had not been notified of any well permit applications within the Santa Monica Subbasin since the October 15, 2025, meeting. There were no further questions or comments.

#### Public Comment on 7.A

No public comments were received.

### B. Status Update on Seawater Intrusion Monitoring Well

Dr. Weinberger gave a synopsis of the preparation work done to date to install a seawater intrusion monitoring well. The well is expected to be approximately 1000 feet deep, and have individual casings set at different depths within the subsurface to identify groundwater conditions and quality at discrete depths. The USGS identified 2 potential locations in public parking lots that are near the ocean. These sites were selected based on their vicinity to the coast, access for the drill rig, ability to maintain the well, and location on public property. Having identified the locations, the USGS is in the process of developing a draft scope of work for the City of Santa Monica. The potential to start drilling is in 2 years, and project completion is anticipated in a 2.5-to-4-year period. Dr. Weinberger answered a question from a board member about the depth of the basin and distribution of screening depths, to which she responded that the well would be approximately 1000 feet deep, with up to 6 casings.

#### Public Comment on 7.B

No public comments were received.

### C. Update on the First Periodic Evaluation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

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Dr. Weinberger gave an overview of the first Periodic Evaluation of the GSP, of which there are two components: 1) periodic evaluation: technical understanding and 2) GSA governance / administration. The technical components of the document include the groundwater conditions relative to sustainable management criteria, basin setting based on new information or changes in water use (hydrogeologic conceptual model, groundwater conditions, water use changes and associated water budget, and model updates). Administrative components include GSA authorities and enforcement actions, outreach, engagement, and coordination with other agencies, consideration of adjacent basins, challenges not previously discussed, and a summary of proposed or completed revisions to plan elements. Dr. Weinberger also discussed the timeline of ongoing GSP implementation and periodic evaluation of the GSP. The Periodic Evaluation must be completed by January 2027.

Director Natoli asked a question on land use changes within the Subbasin. Dr. Weinberger answered her question by stating that zoning related land use changes within the Subbasin would not be something that would be reported to DWR.

A board member asked about rapid changes in the historical recharge record. Dr. Weinberger answered with climate information.

Director Natoli asked a question on the timeframe for upcoming USGS work model work, and Dr. Weinberger answered that one model update has been completed, but additional work may still be underway.

### **Public Comment on 7.C**

No public comments were received.

### **D. Update from the Alternative Governance Structures Ad-Hoc Subcommittee**

No comments from the board on item 7.D.

### **Public Comment on 7.D**

No public comments were received.

## **8. Solicitation of Items to be Discussed at the Next Regular Board Meeting**

Director Natoli requested the following items to be agendized: 1) an update on the GSA's oversight authority for construction.

### **Public Comment on Item 8**

The board received no public comment.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 AM.