



MEETING SUMMARY FOR BORREGO WATER COALITION

Thursday, January 7, 2016

Those present discussed the following updates and issues:

1. Update - San Diego County's Board of Supervisors decided on January 6, 2016 to apply for status as a GSA over the Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin creating an overlap of GSAs with the BWD and Imperial County.
2. Update - San Diego County's has applied to DWR for a grant to fund their expenses associated with the GSA process.
3. Update – BWD has contracted with Dudek Engineering to apply to DWR for a boundary adjustment of the currently defined Basin to limit its size to the overdrafted areas in and around the Borrego Community.
4. Discussion of what authorization is available under SGMA for levying regulatory fees and whether those fees could be collected by SD County on the property tax rolls.
5. Discussion and agreement that the BWC supports the shared model presented by the BWD and its associated cost estimates. The BWC will provide a written support letter to both the BWD and San Diego County.
6. Discussion of the stakeholder process now that SD County is also a GSA. Preliminarily identified 9 to 11 potential stakeholder interests that could be represented on an Advisory Board to BWD/SD County as GSAs. Agreed to draft a letter to independent well owners in the Borrego Basin to invite their participations in any process. Agreed that agriculture should be represented as a stakeholder. Agreed to approach the Sponsor Group and the Stewardship Counsel concerning their potential interest in the stakeholder process.
7. Discussed how to develop information illustrating BWC members' current contributions to water conservation at their various venues within the Basin.