

Borrego Valley Community GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT 2014 PLAN



NEWS BREAK!

- ▣ **California is in a drought**
- ▣ **Please do not waste water!**

REALITY BREAK!

- ▣ **If you didn't waste water yesterday, maybe you would not notice a drought today !**
- ▣ **Wake up and Learn to be**
- ▣ **“Water Wise”**

*a friendly message from
your water provider*

What is a Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) ?

A GWMP is a set of goals and objectives used to build “a plan” or a “road map” designed to address the groundwater overdraft in the Borrego Valley



Why do we need a GWMP ?

- ▣ **Because “you never miss the water until the well runs dry”!**
- ▣ **The future sustainability of the community requires a reliable water source.**
- ▣ **The Plan will provide an opportunity for community stakeholder participation.**
- ▣ **It will be difficult to obtain State Grant Funding without an adopted Plan.**



Don't We Already Have an Existing GWMP Plan?

- ▣ **BWD Staff and consultants compiled existing groundwater data, studies and reports.**
- ▣ **Technical Committee reviewed and discussed the data for one year.**
- ▣ **Report of the Technical Committee issued February 2001 with recommendations to the Policy Committee.**
- ▣ **Policy Committee made up of local leaders set the goals and objectives**



The 2002 GWMP

- ▣ **Plan adopted September 2002**
- ▣ **Plan featured 7 Goals and Objectives**
- ▣ **Plan featured 9 Programs to Implement a Plan**
- ▣ **No timeline or budget was established**
- ▣ **Plan was useful in securing 2 Grants**
- ▣ **Set process for the Annual Town Hall Meeting**
- ▣ **Occupied shelf space**



2014 Plan Update

- ▣ **Why Update and Why Now?**
 - **Major Studies are Completed**
 - **Overdraft will continue to increase**
 - **Imported Pipelines are a “Pipe Dream”**
 - **Stakeholder Support from Borrego Water Coalition**

NOW is the Time for ACTION!

Key Issues of New Plan

- ▣ **Roadmap to Manage the Basin**
 - **Set Baseline of Valley-wide Water Usage**
 - **Set Baseline of Valley-wide Water Quality**
 - **Create Plan to Reduce Water Extractions**
 - **Set Enforceable Timeline**



How Do We Get There

- ▣ **Cooperation**
- ▣ **Solid Plan Based on Facts**
- ▣ **Stakeholder Consensus**
- ▣ **Legislative Mechanism to Enforce the Community Plan**
- ▣ **Detail Funding Sources**
- ▣ **Plan Implementation**



Conclusion

- ▣ **GWMP can utilize the mechanism created by the State Legislature to exercise “local control” for management of our groundwater basin.**
- ▣ **If we do not adopt a “local plan” it is very likely that the State will create one for us that may not be in the best interests of the local citizens.**
- ▣ **The 2014 GWMP will be a living/working “Community Plan”.**

Thank You

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