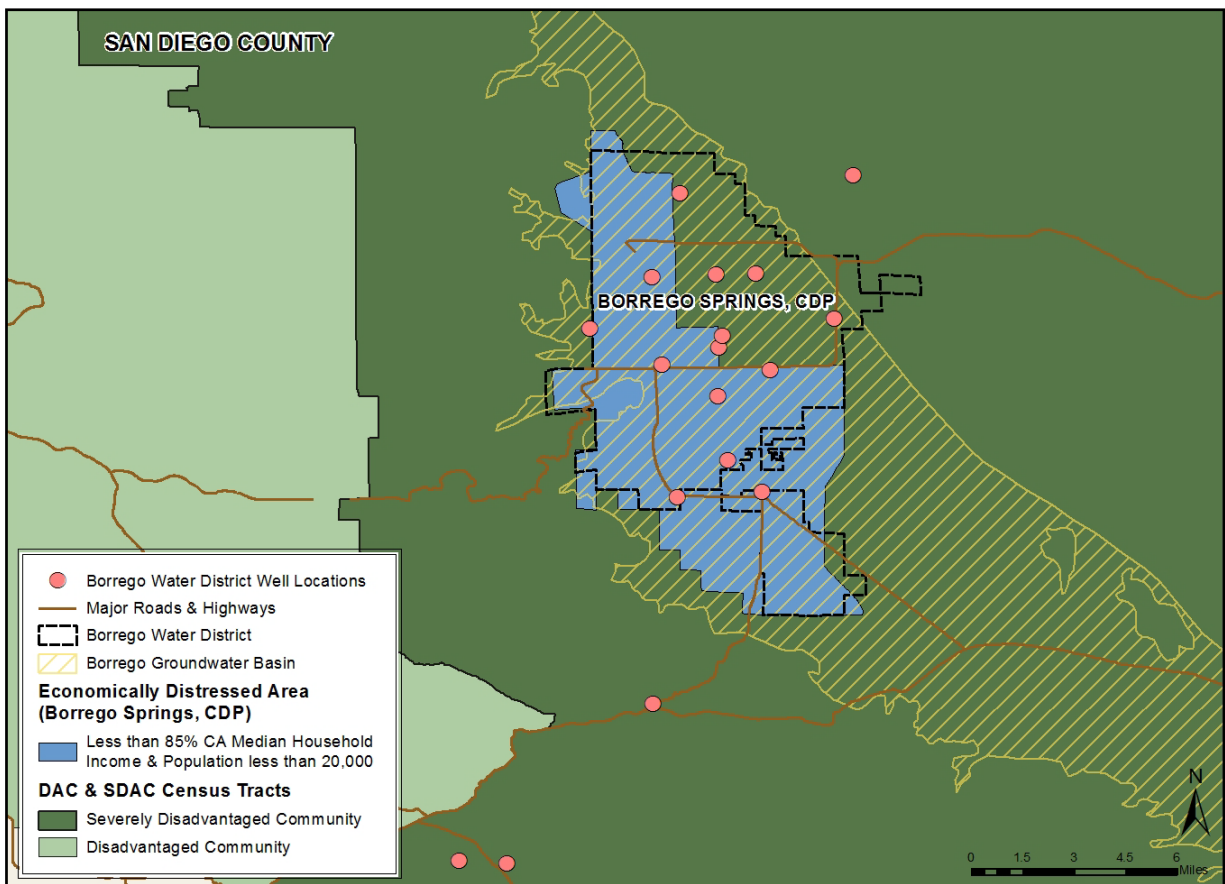


**Project Description**

**Project 1** – Recognizing that funds for this grant are intended to be made available to projects that serve Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDAC), the County of San Diego (County) and Borrego Water District (BWD) intend on ensuring that the Borrego Valley Environmental Planning and SDAC Engagement Project (Borrego SDAC Project) have a direct and real benefit to the SDAC in the Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin (BVGB) – a critically-overdrafted basin (Attachment 3-1A<sup>1</sup>).

Borrego Springs is located within an area designated as an SDAC as well as an Economically Distressed Area (EDA) (Figure 1) in which the bulk of the residents and workforce are connected to agriculture, golf courses, businesses that support them, and tourism. The area is constrained in terms of economic growth and tourism due to extremely limited groundwater availability, a projected 70% reduction in groundwater usage within 20 years, and no viable alternative to groundwater. As part of the Borrego Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development and implementation, the County and BWD must understand potential impacts to all of Borrego’s rate payers including SDAC and ensure that they are educated about and able to provide feedback regarding Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)-related projects and management actions included in the GSP.

**Figure 1. Borrego Water District Project and Service Area**



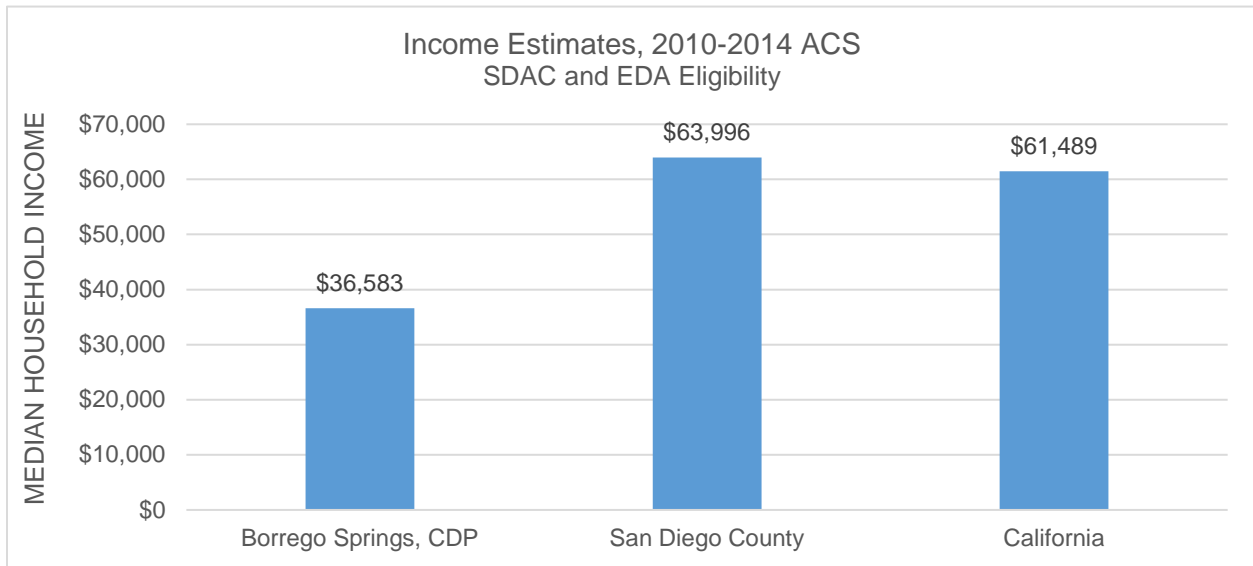
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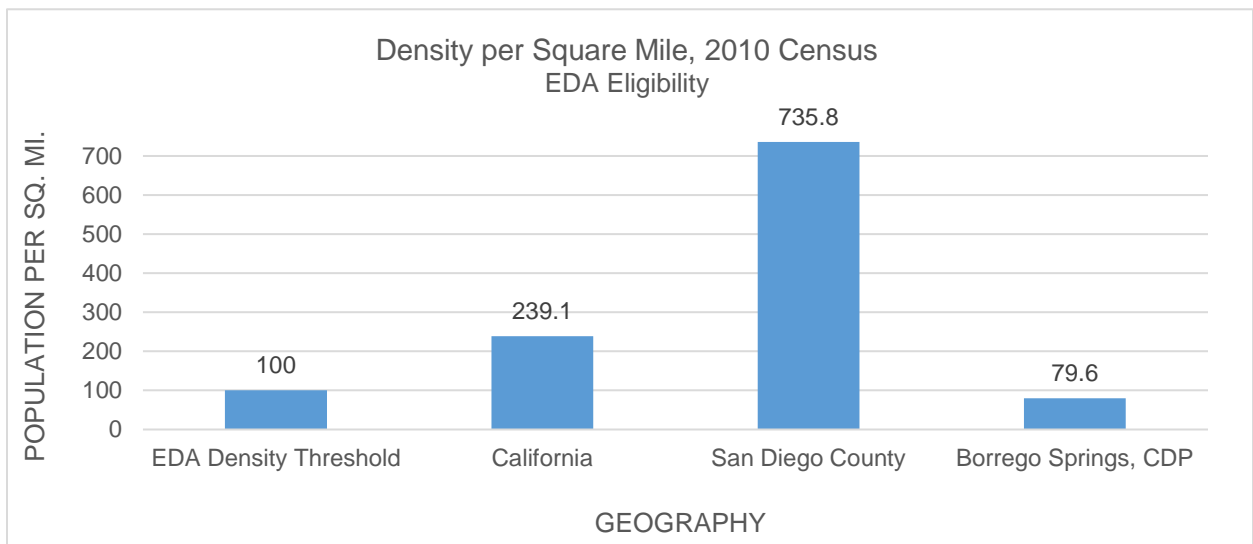
<sup>1</sup> Refer to Attachments 8 and 9 for additional EDA, and SDAC information, respectively.

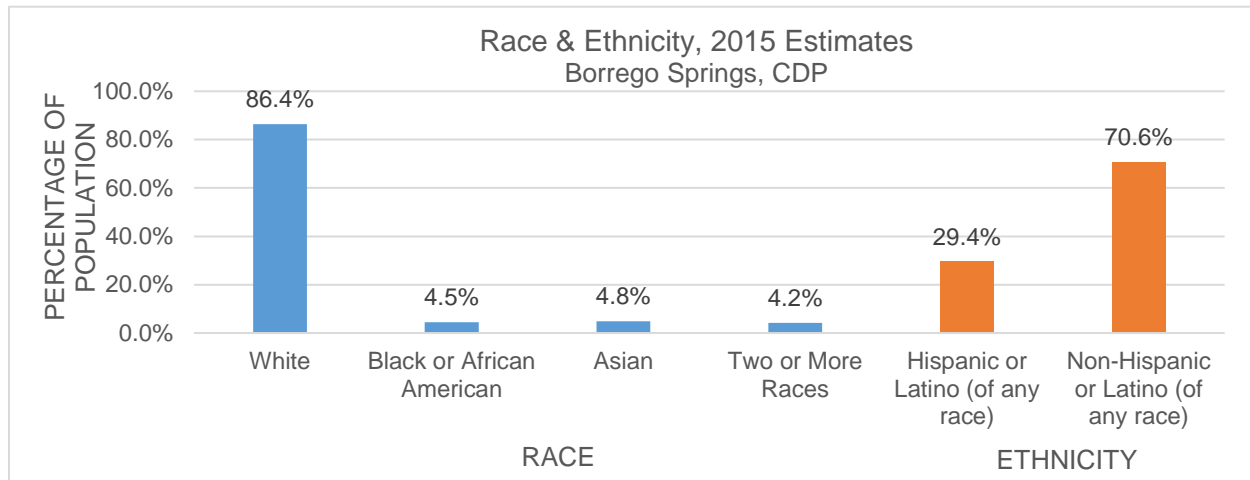
The 2010-2014 American Community Survey (ACS) Estimated Median Household Income (MHI) for Borrego Springs was \$36,583, or, 59% of the California state average (Table 1). According to the Department of Water Resources, this designates the Borrego area as an SDAC (less than 60% of the statewide average MHI). In addition, with a population of only 3,429 in 2010, the population density of Borrego Springs is only 79.6 people per square mile (Table 2). This, coupled with the area's MHI, also constitutes Borrego as an Economically Distressed Area (EDA). In terms of demographics, according to the ACS, Borrego has a roughly 30% Hispanic/Latino population (Table 3), with an equal percentage of the population that speaks Spanish at home.

**Table 1.**



**Table 2.**



**Table 3.**

Taking into consideration this baseline composition of the community, as well as the vulnerability of Borrego's groundwater, the County and BWD, as the Borrego Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) propose the following tasks and objectives of the Borrego SDAC Project:

1. **SDAC Engagement and establishing baseline data on SDAC rate payers and the economic structure of Borrego Valley** – to provide technical assistance and encourage participation in groundwater sustainability planning activities to the SDAC whose participation in SGMA has been limited. This task will incorporate census demographic and employment data; County demographic, industry, and employment data; U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) data and report; current GSP data-gathering efforts; California Department of Water Resources (DWR); County GIS database (SanGIS), and CalEnviroscreen. Additional outreach within the local economy to obtain needed data such as wage and workforce structures will be conducted as needed. The SDAC engagement summary report will be used as a tool to guide future outreach efforts.
2. **SDAC Impact/Vulnerability Analysis** – to understand implications that the implementation of SGMA will have on the SDAC including impacts based on potential water reduction scenarios. This task will utilize BWD operational data and available reports, BWD cost projections for GSP implementation, Ongoing GSP analyses specific to well locations, well use, water level and water quality projections, local climate data models from Scripps Institute (La Jolla), SanGIS database, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), USGS water well records, and DWR Well Completion Reports. The Task Summary Report will be a tool to assist with GSP planning and implementation efforts.
3. **Decision Management Analysis** – to allow the BWD to look at potential water supply situations that may directly impact groundwater users in Borrego Springs, assess the odds that the problems may occur, and make decisions accordingly. This task will involve Modflow groundwater model (as used for the GSP), SDAC water system assessments done for Task 2, Excel summary spreadsheets, and GoldSim Modeling Software to simulate the complex water resources and supply system (including Monte Carlo Simulations). The Task Summary Report will be a tool to assist with GSP planning and implementation efforts, and an operable Monte Carlo simulation model can be run to assess various water supply and infrastructure scenarios including additional water treatment plants, water reuse, rainfall and runoff catchment and reuse.

4. **Installation of meters on groundwater production wells** – to determine amount of water, particularly agricultural use, being pumped within the BVGB. This task will also utilize monitoring software for well water usage intended to inform the GSP and adaptive management necessary for GSP implementation. This task is important to accurately monitor groundwater usage in the basin for the sake of all residents including the SDAC and ensure compliance during GSP implementation.
5. **A water vulnerability/feasibility study** – to assess water supply vulnerability and determine a new well site to provide a reliable and cost-effective potable water source to the SDAC in Borrego Springs via the BWD. This task will involve a) Surveying locations for potential high quality well sites; b) Evaluating proximity of site locations to existing pipe distributions; c) Evaluating proximity of site locations to existing drinking water tank storage; d) Studying potential drilling depth for each location to determine vulnerability of groundwater; e) Reviewing and utilizing recent basin publications created for BWD to inform assessments; f) reviewing existing geologic and hydrogeologic data; and g) drilling a test well to identify geologic and hydrogeologic conditions and evaluation of production capacity, aquifer properties, and water quality parameters. The Task Summary Report will be a tool for determining the most feasible and beneficial location(s) for new well(s).
6. **Environmental Planning** – which will include a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis of the GSP, is intended to streamline implementation of GSP projects. Without a CEQA analysis, projects needed to bring the basin into sustainability and ensure access to “safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water”<sup>2</sup> will not be able to be implemented. The County will conduct a CEQA analysis and prepare the appropriate CEQA documentation, which is anticipated to be an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), for all actions identified in the Borrego Valley GSP. CEQA is not applicable to the preparation and adoption of a GSP (Water Code Section 10728.6); however, the subsequent implementation of actions identified in an adopted GSP would be subject to CEQA review. Projects identified in the GSP and analyzed in the EIR will be able to tier from that analysis consistent with applicable CEQA guidelines.

Each component of the Borrego SDAC Project was chosen for its very real need in the SDAC community as well as the reassurance that the project will support efforts to develop the GSP, which are already underway, and/or support projects intended to ensure groundwater sustainability in the BVGB.

The County is a member of the multi-agency GSA for the basin and all activities associated with this project will be coordinated with both agencies that make up the Borrego Valley GSA – the County and BWD. Environmental planning and SDAC outreach efforts are planned to be centered in the Borrego Springs portion of the BVGB since that is the area where the SDAC is anticipated to be impacted by SGMA. The County will be the project sponsor and implementing agency for the Borrego SDAC Project while BWD will be the project proponent responsible for implementing specific tasks in the Borrego SDAC Project.

### **Project Physical Benefits**

**Project 1** – Measurable accomplishments of the Borrego SDAC Project will be realized for the well metering task when flow meters are installed on wells and pumping information obtained from non-de minimis users within the BVGB. While groundwater usage for the recreational and municipal sectors is largely documented in the BVGB, the quantity of agricultural usage is estimated to represent about 70 percent of groundwater usage in the basin but remains subject to large uncertainty due to lack of metered data. Once flow meters are installed, usage will be correlated with acreage and groundwater usage estimates

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<sup>2</sup> Assembly Bill 685, The Human Right to Water.

can be refined. Since agricultural uses are estimated and actual measurements will take time to be obtained and incorporated into the GSP, measurable accomplishments for the well-metering task will begin to be realized near the end of the Borrego SDAC Project timelines.

The well drilling task will provide improved water supply reliability to the SDAC community. A new well site is needed since existing wells have dewatered portions of the upper aquifer – losing productivity and prompting concerns regarding water quality since arsenic levels and other constituents of concern may increase with aquifer depth. Implementation of this task will have a direct physical and economic benefit by being able to continue to provide lower cost municipal potable water to the BWD to serve the community without the need for expensive advanced treatment.

Additional tasks listed in the Borrego SDAC Project are not construction related and do not result in Project Physical Benefits as defined.




### **Project Support**

**Project 1** – The County and BWD have collaborated with the community to develop a list of tasks within the Borrego SDAC Project that encompasses a broad need of the SDAC community. Refer to Attachment 3-1B for public meeting agendas. Proposition 1 grant opportunities were discussed during public meetings of the Borrego Valley GSP Advisory Committee, and the BWD fostered discussion of grant alternative projects with a grant steering committee intended to guide the process and provide recommendations for consideration. The aforementioned Project Description is the culmination of those efforts. Additionally, the following entities have provided letters of support for the County’s grant application, which was prepared in collaboration with the BWD, for the Borrego SDAC Project and Borrego GSP Project. Refer to Attachment 3-1C for letters of support.

- Linda Haddock, Borrego Chamber of Commerce
- Dale Jones, Chaplain, American Legion Post 853; Member, Borrego Ministers Association
- Kathleen E. Jorgensen, President, Soroptimists of Borrego Springs
- Rev. Laura Berger Brecht, Borrego Ministers Association
- Dave Duncan, Rate-Payer Representative, Borrego Basin GSP Advisory Committee
- Sara Husby, Executive Director, The Anza-Borrego Foundation
- Martha Deichler, School Community Liaison Officer, Borrego Springs Unified School District
- Dan Wright, President, Board of Directors, Borrego Springs Youth and Seniors Inc.
- Jim Seley, Farm Bureau Representative, Borrego Basin GSP Advisory Committee

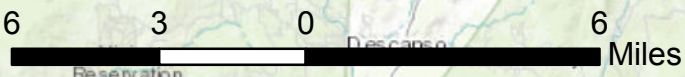
**Attachment 3-1A – Project Map  
(Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin)**

# Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin

-  Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin
-  Borrego Water District GSA Boundary
-  County of San Diego GSA Boundary
-  Severely Disadvantage Communities

Borrego Springs Subbasin

Ocotillo Wells Subbasin



**Attachment 3-1B – Public Meeting Agendas  
(Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin)**



**AGENDA**  
**Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin: Borrego Springs Subasin**  
**Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)**  
**Advisory Committee (AC)**  
**September 28, 2017 @ 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**Borrego Water District, Board Room**  
**806 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA 92004**

**Remote Access:** <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/385795037> **Call-In:** 1-866-899-4679 **Code:** 385-795-037

- I. OPENING PROCEDURES** [10:00 am – 10:30 am]
- A. Call to Order
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance
  - C. Roll Call of Attendees
  - D. Approval of July 27, 2017 AC Meeting Minutes
  - E. Review of Meeting Agenda
  - F. Updates from the Core Team on Organizational Procedures and Tools
- II. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION** [10:30 am – 12:30 pm with Lunch 11:30 am – 12:00 pm]
- A. AC POLICY ISSUE #1: Metering Requirements for Non-de Minimis Wells – *Core Team*
  - B. AC POLICY ISSUE #2: Baseline Pumping Allocations – *Core Team*
- III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** [12:30 pm – 1:45 pm]
- A. State of California SGMA/GSP Informational Document – *Core Team & Consultant*
  - B. Sustainability Indicators, Measurable Objectives, and Minimum Thresholds – *Core Team & Consultant*
  - C. Proposition One Grant Application Update – *Core Team*
  - D. Revisions to SGMA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document – *M Wylie*
- IV. CLOSING PROCEDURES** [1:45 pm – 3:00 pm]
- A. Correspondence
    - a. AC – Bill Berkley, Rebecca Falk, Suzanne Lawrence, Jim Wilson, Agriculture Representatives
    - b. Public – Dianne Johnson, David Garmon
  - B. Updates and Comments from Advisory Committee Members
  - C. General Public Comments (comments may be limited to 3 minutes)
  - D. Review Action Items from Previous AC Meetings, Next AC Meeting Date(s), and Next Steps

The next regular meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for **October 26, 2017** at the Borrego Water District (\*location is subject to change).

Please be advised that times associated with agenda are approximations only. Public comment periods will be accommodated at the end of each item listed for discussion and possible action. The duration of each comment period will be at the discretion of the meeting Facilitator.

Any public record provided to the A/C less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, regarding any item on the open session portion of this agenda, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Borrego Water District, located at 806 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs CA 92004.

The Borrego Springs Water District complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons with special needs should call Geoff Poole at 760-767-5806 at least 48 hours in advance of the start of this meeting, in order to enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

**AGENDA**  
**Borrego SGMA Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting #5**  
 Thursday, July 27, 2017  
 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Location: Borrego Water District, Board Room  
 806 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA 92004

**Remote Access:** <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/706613277>

**Call-In:** 1 877 309 2073

**Access Code:** 706-613-277

**NOTE:** Public comment periods will be accommodated at the end of each agenda item (excluding items 1 and 10). The duration of each comment period will be at the discretion of the meeting Facilitator.

**Meeting Objectives:**

- Continue discussion and potentially take action(s) related to Proposition 1 Grant Funding Opportunity
- Receive and discuss information regarding content, timing, and deliverables related to Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development. Potentially take action on select, related discussion items as noted in the agenda.
- Receive updates and general comment from AC members

#	TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER
1	10:00 am	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Agenda and Meeting Objectives</li> <li>• Approval of June 29, 2017 A/C Meeting Minutes</li> <li>• Review status of Action Items from June 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting</li> </ul>	Beth Hart – Borrego WD (BWD) Meagan Wylie – Facilitator: Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP) Geoff Poole, BWD
2	10:20 pm	<b>Continued Discussion and Potential Actions: Proposition 1 Grant Funding Opportunity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flow Metering: Community Outreach, Property Access Forms</li> <li>• Socio-economic research project</li> <li>• General Plan Amendment/Zoning Ordinance Amendment/Environmental Impact Report</li> <li>• Application Status</li> </ul>	Trey Driscoll, Dudek Inc.  Leanne Crow, County of San Diego  All
	11:30 am	<i>Lunch</i>	
3	12:00 pm	<b>Discussion and Potential Action: Requiring the Metering of all Wells in Borrego Springs Subbasin and Proposed Monitoring Program</b>	All
4	12:45 pm	<b>Discussion: Policy on Projects Creating Additional Water Use post January 1, 2015 Pending Determination of Existing Allocations</b>	All

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**Borrego SGMA Website:** <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/SGMA/borrego-valley.html>

5	1:30 pm	<b>Benchmarking under SGMA Presentation</b>	Trey Driscoll Core Team All
6	2:00 pm	<b>Review Timeline for GSP Development and Milestones for AC Input/Recommendations on High-level Topics</b>	Leanne Crow All
7	2:15pm	<b>Receive Updates from AC Members on Constituent Group Discussions</b>	All
8	2:30 pm	<b>General Comment from A/C Members and Receive AC Suggestions for Future Meeting Topics</b>	All
9	2:40 pm	<b>General Public Comment</b>	All
10	2:50 pm	<b>Next Steps, AC Meeting Date(s) and Closing Remarks</b>	Meagan/All
	3:00 pm	<i>Adjourn</i>	

### Standard Meeting Ground Rules

1. **Electronics courtesy** – please turn all devices to silent or off
2. **Common conversational courtesy** – do not interrupt others, use appropriate language, and do not make it hard to hear by having third-party conversations at the table
3. **Be comfortable** – take personal breaks if needed, restrooms and refreshments provided
4. **Humor is welcome** – it just should not be at someone else’s expense
5. **All ideas and points of view have value** – you do not have to agree with your neighbor; if you do not agree with something, propose an alternative
6. **Avoid editorials** – avoid judging other people’s motives or the value of their actions; instead explain what you need for our work to be a success and your interests to be met
7. **Honor time** – we have a full agenda and need to spend some time with each topic

**AGENDA**  
**Borrego SGMA Advisory Committee**

**Meeting #4**

Thursday, June 29, 2017

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Borrego Water District, Board Room  
806 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA 92004

**Remote Access:** <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/238778501> **Call-In:** 1-866-899-4679 **Access Code:** 238-778-501

**NOTE:** Public comment periods will be accommodated at the end of each agenda item (excluding items 1 and 11). The duration of each comment period will be at the discretion of the meeting Facilitator.

**Meeting Objectives:**

- Discuss and possibly approve the Draft A/C By-Laws
- Receive updates from AC members
- Receive and discuss information regarding content, timing, and deliverables related to Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development

#	TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER
1	10:00 am	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks</b> Review Agenda and Meeting Objectives Approval of May 15, 2017 A/C Meeting Minutes Review status of Action Items from May 15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting Receive updates on AC membership changes	Beth Hart – Borrego WD (BWD)  Meagan Wylie – Facilitator: Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP)  Geoff Poole, BWD
2	10:20 am	<b>Review, Discussion and Possible Adoption of A/C By-Laws</b>	Meagan
3	10:35 pm	<b>Discussion: Proposition 1 Grant Funding Opportunity Flow Metering</b>	Trey Driscoll, Dudek Inc. Jim Bennett, County of San Diego All
4	11:30 am	<i>Lunch</i>	
5	12:00 pm	<b>Groundwater Sustainability Plan: Discuss Proposed Management Areas</b>	Trey Driscoll All
6	12:45 pm	<b>Receive AC Input on Roger Mann Study</b>	Trey Driscoll All
7	1:45 pm	<b>2018 Statewide Water Bond Update</b>	Geoff Poole
8	2:00 pm	<b>Receive Updates from AC Members on Constituent Group Discussions</b>	All
9	2:30 pm	<b>General Comment from A/C Members and Receive AC Suggestions for Future Meeting Topics</b>	All
10	2:40 pm	<b>General Public Comment</b>	All
11	2:50 pm	<b>Next Steps, AC Meeting Date(s) and Closing Remarks</b>	Meagan/All
	3:00 pm	<i>Adjourn</i>	

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**Attachment 3-1C – Letters of Support  
(Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin)**



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November 2, 2017

Zaffar Eusuff, Program Manager  
California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Water Resources  
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management  
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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BORREGO WATER DISTRICT PROPOSITION 1 SGWP GRANT APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Eusuff:

On behalf of the Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce & Visitors' Bureau (CVB), I offer support for the project being proposed by the Borrego Water District (BWD) under the California Department of Water Resources Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant.

The CVB is dedicated to the economic health and vitality of the area, and is committed to improving the well-being of all community members. As such, the CVB appreciates BWD's efforts to understand potential impacts of Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation on the area's businesses and residents. The project addresses a range of the area's important and interconnected issues, from assessing potential economic and health-related impacts of groundwater use-reduction strategies to accessing disadvantaged community members for education and outreach as these strategies are developed.

The CVB feels strongly that all voices need to contribute to the GSP planning and implementation process, both residents and local businesses, which includes the workforce they employ. The CVB envisions the BWD project will make great headway toward understanding the complex interrelationships of economic, social, governance, environmental, and health-related factors that will be involved in reaching the sustainability goal of 70% groundwater use reduction by 2040.

Sincerely,

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Linda Haddock  
Executive Director



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November 2, 2017

Zaffar Eusuff, Program Manager  
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Sacramento, CA 942836

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BORREGO WATER DISTRICT PROPOSITION 1 SGWP GRANT APPLICATION**

Dear Mr. Eusuff:

As the Chaplain of American Legion Post 853 and a member of the Borrego Ministers Association, I offer my support for the Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program project proposal being submitted by the Borrego Water District (BWD) and San Diego County to the California Department of Water Resources.

Knowing that Borrego Springs has been identified as a SDAC, the need to understand the potential impacts to ratepayers, many of whom are veterans, is critical. Their well-being will be affected. Will the implementation of the GSP cause substantial adverse effects to residents of Borrego Springs? The BWD proposal suggests that this question will be assessed.

The American Legion, chartered by Congress, is a veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness of veterans, their families, and the communities in which they live. The tasks in the BWD proposal support the goals of The American Legion.

Thank you for considering my perspective in your decision making process. I look forward to a positive outcome for Borrego Springs and participating in this effort.

Respectfully,

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Dale Jones  
Chaplain, The American Legion Post 853  
Member, Borrego Ministers Association



October 30, 2017

Zaffar Eusuff, Program Manager  
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Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BORREGO WATER DISTRICT  
SOCIOECONOMIC ASSESSMENT, SDAC ENGAGEMENT, AND  
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Eusuff:

As the Chair of the Borrego Soroptimists I am pleased to offer my endorsement of the project being proposed by the Borrego Water District under the California Department of Water Resources Prop 1 GSP Planning Grant program. The data-gathering activity coupled with the robust community engagement program work being proposed is foundational work in developing a critical path for Latino/Latina leadership in the development of a sustainable economy for the area.

In my role as Chair of the Borrego Soroptimists, I can attest to the need to directly engage Latina youth in civic dialogues and discussions as one of the most effective ways to address historic inequities. By fostering engagement, education, and leadership opportunities for Latina youth, we will gain a greater understanding about socioeconomic and governance issues related to GSP implementation, intentionally investing time and energy toward the emergence of a Latina Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC) Working Group Chair or Borrego Water District Board Member. By fostering civic engagement and leadership opportunities for Latina youth we can bring new vision and energy to addressing the important issues facing Borrego as it transitions to a more sustainable economy.

Borrego Soroptimists enthusiastically look forward to supporting and directly engaging in the SDAC engagement efforts outlined in the BWD grant submission. We also look forward to adding value to this proposal by exploring potential partnerships with the new Water Education for Latino Leaders Program (<http://www.latinosforwater.org/>) as well as others.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen E. Jorgensen, President, Soroptimists of Borrego Springs



## Borrego Ministers' Association

October 25, 2017

Zaffar Eusuff, Program Manager  
California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Water Resources  
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management  
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### **RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BORREGO WATER DISTRICT PROPOSITION 1 SGWP GRANT APPLICATION**

Dear Mr. Eusuff:

As the chair of the Borrego Ministers Association it is our pleasure to offer our strong support for the project being proposed by the Borrego Water District (BWD) under the California Department of Water Resources Prop 1 GSP Planning Grant program. Thoughtful analysis and recognition of Borrego Springs' status as a Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC) is imperative to a successful Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Equally important is an SDAC-informed community engagement plan designed to give voice to Borrego's underserved and vulnerable populations. New platforms and processes are needed to specifically help identify GSP-related management issues, vulnerabilities, and potential and historic inequities.

Borrego Springs is blessed with a proactive interfaith community that has been interacting directly with the most marginalized populations in Borrego Valley for decades. Both individually and collectively the congregations represented in the Borrego Ministers Association have taken a proactive approach to assisting all sectors of the Borrego community, including Borrego's most vulnerable and underserved populations. Successful transition to a more sustainable economy will require solid economic analysis and direct engagement of vulnerable populations.

It is both a privilege and an honor to offer the knowledge, skill and active participation of the Borrego Ministers Association to the very important work being proposed by the Borrego Water District through this Prop 1 GSP Planning proposal.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Laura Berger Brecht,  
President of BMA and Rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church,  
on behalf of the Borrego Ministers' Association

October 31, 2017

Gary Bardini, Deputy Director  
California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Water Resources  
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 942836

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BORREGO WATER DISTRICT  
PROPOSITION 1 SGWP GRANT APPLICATION**

Dear Mr. Bardini:

As the Official Rate Payer Representative on the Borrego Basin GSP Advisory Council I welcome the opportunity to offer my profound support for California Department of Water Resources Prop 1 GSP Planning Grant program proposal being submitted by the Borrego Water District. The work being proposed to reach out to members of the Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC) is both timely and essential to the survival of the community of Borrego Springs.

To help mitigate historic inequities it is essential that we gain a deeper understanding of the factual underpinnings of the village's economy as well as the facts about the rate-payer constituency itself, with particular focus on understanding vulnerable communities.

Understanding the socioeconomics impacts of various management actions on specific vulnerable communities is important, in addition to gaining much-needed data and knowledge of the basic socioeconomic makeup of the village.

I am grateful for the opportunity to lend my support and enthusiastic participation in the SDAC-related community analysis and engagement work being proposed in this grant application.

Sincerely,

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Dave Duncan  
Official Rate-Payer Representative Borrego Basin GSP Advisory Council



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October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Gary Bardini, Deputy Director  
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Sacramento, CA 94236

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BORREGO WATER DISTRICT  
PROPOSITION 1 SGWP GRANT APPLICATION**

Dear Mr. Bardini:

As the Executive Director of the Ana-Borrego Foundation I would like to add my voice of support for the projects being proposed by the Borrego Water District under the California Department of Water Resources Prop 1 GSP Planning Grant program. The work being proposed to reach out to members of the Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC) is both timely and essential. While founded on water-intensive land speculation and agriculture, the community of Borrego Springs now serves as the “hospitality hub” for over 500,000 visitors a year to the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. The future of the Park depends on a vibrant sustainable destination economy in Borrego Springs and the continued support for workforce development activities focused on the hospitality industry-related jobs associated with a sustainable nature-based tourist destination model for the Park.

Anza-Borrego Foundation serves as the land conservation, education, and research partner to the Anza-Borrego State Park. That said, our mission is not only to serve the 500,000 visitors a year to the Park, but also to serve as an active member of the community by bringing our unique skills and expertise in watershed education and resource management to the complex issues associated with sustainable groundwater management, which are critical to address for the future viability of the town.

The Anza-Borrego Foundation enthusiastically looks forward to serving as an active “in-kind” participant in the robust community engagement program outlined in the grant. We also vigorously applaud the effort to gather essential and much-needed baseline data for developing a fact-based SDAC narrative.



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Thank you for the opportunity to express our support. We look forward to being directly engaged in this very important work.

Sincerely,

Sara Husby,  
Executive Director, The Anza-Borrego Foundation

October, 17 2017

Gary Bardini, Deputy Director  
California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Water Resources  
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P.O. Box 942836  
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**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BORREGO WATER DISTRICT  
PROPOSITION 1 SGWP GRANT APPLICATION**

Dear Mr. Bardini:

As the School Community Liaison Officer for the Borrego Springs Unified School District (BSUSD) I wholeheartedly endorse the proactive projects being proposed by the Borrego Water District and associated partners under the California Department of Water Resources Prop 1 GSP Planning Grant program. The work being proposed to reach out to members of the Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC) is both timely and essential. I applaud the robust SDAC engagement plan designed to entrain underserved and vulnerable populations in the planning process specifically to help identify GSP-related management issues, vulnerabilities, and inequities.

In my role as School District Superintendent and now as the official School Community Liaison Officer for the BSUSD, I can attest that the complex issues associated with sustainable groundwater management are critical to address for the future viability of the town. For years I have served as an advocate for the students and families in the Borrego Basin and have witnessed firsthand the evolving economic activities in the area, including agriculture, hospitality, and an ecotourism destination economy serving over 500,000 visitors to the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. I believe the quantitative and qualitative data gathering and the ongoing SDAC engagement work proposed in this GSP Planning Grant application will facilitate effective discussions in the community regarding the socioeconomic underpinnings of Borrego Springs unique and fragile economy.

I enthusiastically look forward to the opportunity to lead the implementation of our well-developed Promotora Program to the SDAC engagement work being proposed in this grant application. For years I have worked to refine a local Promotora-based outreach system working directly with key women in Borrego's Latina community to garner support and direct participation in civic issues such as the recent design of a new library and community center by the County of San Diego. I feel confident that the BSUSD has a strong system in place to directly engage Latina women in defining SDAC- and GSP-related issues. BSUSD looks forward to being an active partner in the work being proposed.

As a lifelong educator I also see the opportunity to go beyond the foundational

communication and education goals to focus directly on cultivating leadership skills among Latino/Latina youth for leadership positions. This work is essential to the future of Borrego Springs. I am honored to be a part of the project as outlined and offer my full support of and participation in the work being proposed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Deichler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Martha Deichler

School Community Liaison Officer, Borrego Springs Unified School District

**BORREGO SPRINGS YOUTH AND SENIORS CENTER INC.**

Borrego Senior and Community Center Borrego Seniors Nutrition Program

Borrego Medical Loan Closet

Land Provision for Children's Day Care Center and Little League

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October 31, 2017

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT SDAC Proposition 1 Grant in BORREGO BASIN

Dear Mr. Bardini,

As the President of the Board of Directors of the Borrego Springs Youth and Seniors Center, Inc. (BSYSC), I am writing to offer my strong support for the projects being proposed by the Borrego Water District (BWD) and County of San Diego under the California Department of Water Resources Prop 1 GSP Planning Grant program.

Borrego Springs is designated as a Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC) and relies upon water from the Borrego Springs Groundwater Basin for all of its water. It is imperative that the current efforts by the BWD be supported to achieve a successful Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The BWD has initiated the process over the past year after several years of studying the groundwater basin. A variety of issues are being considered in this process and it is important that a SDAC informed community engagement plan be designed to give voice to Borrego's underserved and vulnerable populations. The senior population served by our organization is especially vulnerable to the impact of water quality and affordable potable water.

The Borrego Springs Senior Center and related programs serve many of the low and moderate income populations in our community. We see every day that many residents live on a fixed income and need access to a reliable source of potable water that is getting more expensive each year. In the past year, BSYSC provided over 5,600 meals to the needy at our center and the homebound, by meals that are delivered to them.

The community of Borrego Springs has been blessed with leadership that has established the Youth and Senior Center programs in our small and partially isolated area. We support the very important work being proposed by the Borrego Water District and County of San Diego through this Proposition 1 GSP Planning proposal.

Sincerely,



Dan Wright,  
President, Board of Directors

October 31, 2017

Department of Water Resources (DWR)  
Sustainable Groundwater Planning (SGWP) Grant Program

Delivery via E-Mail

c/o Leanne Crow, County of San Diego, [Leanne.crow@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Leanne.crow@sdcounty.ca.gov)

**RE: SUPPORT LETTER FOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO'S GRANT APPLICATION -  
BORREGO VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND  
BORREGO VALLEY SDAC PROJECTS**

To whom it may concern:

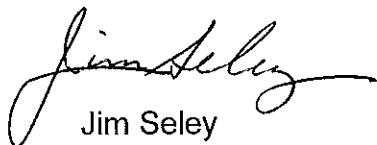
I am writing to affirm my support for the County of San Diego's (County) grant application for the Borrego Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Development Project and Borrego Valley Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC) Project. The Borrego Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), which consists of the County and the Borrego Water District (BWD), established an advisory committee (AC) for the Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin (BVGB) to ensure community involvement during GSP development. I am the San Diego County Farm Bureau representative for the AC and represent farming interests in the valley.

For the past several months, the AC has been collaborating with the County and BWD in developing the GSP. Recognizing the limited resources of residents in the SDAC in Borrego Springs and the GSA's ability to recoup expenses in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, I fully support the County's request for grant support from DWR.

On behalf of the Borrego Valley GSA and community of Borrego Springs, which includes the SDAC, the County has submitted an application entitled San Diego County GSP Development, which includes the Borrego Valley GSP Development and Borrego Valley SDAC Projects. It is my hope that you will strongly consider this request for State-funded services.

Please let me know if you have questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jim Seley