

**Santa Monica Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda -- February 19, 2025**

**Board of Directors Special Meeting  
Santa Monica Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Agenda for February 19 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>County of Los Angeles</b>	Gina Natoli, <b>Chair</b>	
	<b>City of Santa Monica</b>	Sunny Wang, <b>Vice Chair</b>	

In addition to attending meetings in person, meetings may be viewed via Zoom. Please note that virtual attendance via Zoom is offered as a courtesy and that technical difficulties shall not require that a meeting be postponed. Instructions for attending meetings in person and virtually are provided below.

**IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION**

Santa Monica City Hall East, Room 219  
1685 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

Parking Instructions

Please note that the entrance to City Hall East is located on Olympic Boulevard next to (west from) the Public Safety Building at 333 Olympic Drive, Santa Monica, CA, 90401. Parking for City Hall East is located at Civic Center Parking Structure located at 333 Civic Center Drive, Santa Monica, CA 90401, across Olympic Blvd from City Hall East. Information and parking rates can be found online at:

<https://www.santamonica.gov/places/parking-lots/civic-center-parking-structure>

Instructions for In-Person Public Participation

If a member of the public is interested in speaking during the public comment portion of the Board meeting, please submit a speaking request via email to [Lisette.Gold@santamonica.gov](mailto:Lisette.Gold@santamonica.gov) by 5:00 PM the day before the meeting and specify “in-person participation”. Your name, the agenda item number, agenda item title, and comment summary must be included in the email or the comment will not be added to the speaker list. At the start of each agenda item, the Secretary of the Board will read the names of those who have requested to speak in advance on an agenda item. All public comment outside of the Public Forum must be germane to the specific agenda item you have indicated.

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If you wish to comment on an item and have not submitted a public comment request prior to today's meeting, please do so now by filling out a public comment card request. Comment requests cards are available at the back of the room. On the request form, please include your name, comment summary and the agenda item number and title or the comment will not be added to the speaker list. Once you have filled out the request, you may submit it to the Secretary of the Board before the item is called. Public comment cards submitted after the start of the public comment period for the identified agenda item will not be added to the speaker list. At the start of each agenda item, the Secretary of the Board will read the names of those who have requested to speak on an agenda item.

### **VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION**

Register in advance for this meeting by either clicking the link below or scanning the QR code:

<https://bit.ly/41dtWi9>

#### Instructions for Virtual Public Participation

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#### Instructions for using ZOOM to Speak

After joining the meeting, please make sure you have audio and microphone capabilities enabled on your device. You may follow the prompts on the video version of ZOOM to test your speaker and microphone.

When your name has been called in the meeting, you will be invited to unmute, and you will unmute yourself and be able to speak for up to 3 minutes. When the time allotted to you has expired, you will be muted again.

### **WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

To submit a written public comment on agenda items, please email [Lisette.Gold@santamonica.gov](mailto:Lisette.Gold@santamonica.gov) with your comment and specify "written public comment only." Please include your name, the agenda item number and agenda item title in the email. Your comment will be placed into the record and distributed appropriately.

**BASIC GSA MEETING RULES**

Public Comment

Members of the public have up to 3 minutes to speak on each item. In the interest of allowing enough time to cover the business on the agenda, please be advised that the Chair of the Board has the discretion to reduce the time limits for each speaker or the public comment period for each agenda item. When speaking, please state your name clearly for the record before beginning your remarks.

Materials handed in during the meeting will be uploaded to the website in a timely fashion after the meeting.

Rules of Conduct

The Board will only entertain comments that are civil. Anyone who makes derogatory comments or targets individuals, will be asked to sit down and given a warning by the Chair of the Board. The individual will be asked to leave by the Chair of the Board if they continue with disruptive conduct per SB 1100. No warning is required if the individual is using force or threatening to use force against someone.

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**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**
- 4. Disclosure of ex parte communications for board members**
- 5. Consent Items**
  - A. Approval of Minutes from the January 15, 2025 Meeting

**6. Public Forum**

*This portion of the agenda may be utilized by any member of the public to address and ask questions of the Board of Directors on any matter **not on the agenda** within the jurisdiction of the Santa Monica Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Depending upon the subject matter, the Board of Directors may be unable to respond at this time, or until the specific item is placed on the agenda at a future Board meeting in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.*

**7. Informational Items**

- A. Quarterly update on new well permit applications in the Santa Monica Subbasin (standing item)

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- B. Discussion of Well Permitting Coordination Efforts between the SMBGSA and the County of Los Angeles
  - i. Report on the County's groundwater production well permitting process and guidance
  - ii. Report on the discussion between GSA representatives and the County of Los Angeles - coordination for notification of permits for new groundwater wells, enlarging existing groundwater wells, and re-activation of abandoned groundwater wells
- C. Discussion of SMBGSA Well Verification Procedures Adopted April 19, 2023
  - i. Alignment with Executive Order N-3-2024
- D. Basin Boundary Modification Discussion
  - i. Report on the process for requesting a basin boundary modification
  - ii. Report on the overlying jurisdictional agencies within the Santa Monica Subbasin Recharge Area documented in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- E. Cost Sharing Discussion
  - i. Member agency reports on the status of the MOU for administrative cost sharing
  - ii. Report on implementation cost sharing examples from other GSAs
- F. Discussion of example GSA governance structures
- G. Review Groundwater Extraction Ordinance (continued from October 16, 2024 SMBGSA Board Meeting)

### **8. Action Items**

- A. Election of new Chair and Vice-Chair
- B. Request for Board Support: Coordination between the City of Santa Monica and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) on site selection and funding for a new dedicated monitoring well in the Santa Monica Subbasin

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

### **10. Adjournment**