Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation

Santa Barbara County Water Agency Board of Directors May 9, 2017



Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin



Joint Powers Agreement

• Negotiated compromise voting structure:

Agency	Seats	Weighted vote	Weighted vote
		per agency	per seat
CBWD	5	33.3%	6.7%
SB Water Agency	2	22.2%	11.1%
San Luis Obispo	1	11.1%	11.1%
Ventura	1	11.1%	11.1%
Kern	1	11.1%	11.1%
CCSD	1	11.1%	11.1%

- 75% supermajority required for major decisions
- Supported by staff of all entities, agreed to in principle by vote of CBWD

Appointments

- Recommend appointing:
 - 1st District Supervisor Das Williams
 - Alternate: Chief of Staff Darcel Elliot
 - 5th District Chief of Staff Cory Bantilan
 - Alternate: To be named by Mr. Bantilan



Recommendation

- Approve the Joint Powers Agreement and Resolution to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency in the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin.
- Appoint by resolution Supervisor Das Williams as a Director of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency, with Chief of Staff Darcel Elliot as an alternate.
- Appoint by resolution Fifth District Chief of Staff Cory Bantilan as a Director of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency, with an alternate to be designated by Mr. Bantilan.
- Determine that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.