

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF GROUNDWATER IN THE LAS VEGAS VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

Public Workshop No. 22
6:00 P.M.
July 12, 2016
Las Vegas Valley Water District
1001 South Valley View Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV

Members Present:	Trent Scarlett Kumiko-Katie Moore	Todd Croft John Guillory
Members Absent:	Kelli Ross Stacey Lindburg Robert McLaughlin	Richard Avila John Hiatt
Also Present:	Omar Saucedo Chauncey Chau-Duong	Natalia Londono-Arroyo

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Advisory Committee for Groundwater Management (GMP) and the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) held its annual workshop on July 12, 2016. In addition to the guidelines for noticing public meetings established in NRS 241, notice of the workshop was also given in the spring edition of the Groundwater Update Newsletter which was distributed to approximately 7,800 well users in the Las Vegas Valley via post mail. Omar Saucedo and Natalia Londono-Arroyo, SNWA, facilitated the workshop. Approximately 25 citizens attended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Omar Saucedo and Natalia Londono-Arroyo, SNWA Public Services, gave a brief presentation about the Groundwater Management Program accomplishments and programs. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

A question and answer period followed the presentation.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. *Under what circumstances can the Southern Nevada Water Authority mandate a customer to switch over to municipal water?*

The SNWA does not have the authority to require a well user to connect to municipal water. The Nevada Division of Water Resources (NDWR) is the regulatory agency that makes this determination and does so if a well fails or if a well needs to be deepened.

If a well is located within 180 feet of a municipal water connection and needs to be re-drilled, NDWR could deny the request to re-drill and the customer would be mandated to connect to municipal water. If a well is within 180 feet of municipal water and requires deepening to be operational, the NDWR could deny the request to deepen the well and mandate the well owner to connect to municipal water.

2. *What about if I have to replace the pump on my well, will I be mandated to connect?*
Pump replacement is not considered altering the construction of the well. The well owner can perform this type of repair to the well, without being mandated to connect to municipal water.
3. *If someone gets their well water tested and the testing lab finds something wrong with the water, are they required to report it to SNWA in order to check other wells in the area?*
Neither water labs nor well users are required to report well water results to the SNWA or the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection.

Water quality and safety is the responsibility of well users and domestic well users are encouraged to get their well water tested at least annually. For a well that serves a group of homes, the Southern Nevada Health District tests the water periodically.

Domestic well users whose water quality results indicate that there is high levels of nitrate or other water quality issues are encouraged to contact the Groundwater Management Program, Nevada Division of Water Resources or the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection for assistance in resolving these water quality issues.

4. *In the past, your agency has shared how much over-pumping has been done on commercial and domestic wells. Is this something that you have information on tonight?*

The Division of Water Resources maintains that information and staff indicated they could provide more information to the well user looking for that information.

VISIT INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS

At the end of the workshop, participants visited the following booths to obtain specific information on program elements:

- Water Conservation
- Groundwater Management Program
- Nevada Division of Water Resources
- Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

FINAL NOTES

The workshop concluded at 7:20 P.M.