

**Appendix B - Letters of Commitment for the Development of  
a GWMP**

---

**WESTERN HEIGHTS WATER COMPANY**

32352 Avenue D  
Yucaipa, CA 92399  
(909) 790-1901

July 9, 2012

Tom Lutterman  
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management  
Local Groundwater Assistance  
Department of Water Resources  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 338  
Sacramento CA 95814

Dear Mr. Lutterman;

The Yucaipa Valley Water District is applying to the Local Groundwater Assistance Program for a grant of \$250,000 to develop a Groundwater Management Plan for the Yucaipa Basin. Our district, the Western Heights Water Company is writing to provide our support for the grant application.

Western Heights Water Company is committed to managing the groundwater basins within the Yucaipa Basin in a sustainable and reliable manner. We have collaborated with other Yucaipa Basin agencies and districts, including San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, the City of Redlands and South Mesa Water Company, for several years at monthly meetings regarding water resource issues including groundwater management. Other collaboration includes participation in the Upper Watershed Collaborative Partnership that includes elected officials from the aforementioned agencies and cities. In addition, Western Heights Water Company is participating in the ongoing San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, "Yucaipa Basin Safe Yield Study" to be completed in early 2013.

Western Heights Water Company intends to participate in development and adoption of a Groundwater Management Plan utilizing the support of funding from the Department of Water Resources and the Local Groundwater Assistance Program. Upon securing Local Groundwater Assistance funding, we are prepared to proceed with participating in the development of the Groundwater Management Plan.

Sincerely yours,



Western Heights Water Company



July 10, 2012

Tom Lutterman  
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management  
Local Groundwater Assistance  
Department of Water Resources  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 338  
Sacramento CA 95814

Dear Mr. Lutterman;

The Yucaipa Valley Water District is applying to the Local Groundwater Assistance Program for a grant for the development of a groundwater management plan for the Yucaipa Basin. The city of Redlands is committed to managing groundwater basins that supply the city a water source, which includes the Yucaipa Basin, in a sustainable and responsible manner.

For years city staff has collaborated with other water purveyors which rely on the Yucaipa Basin, including, Yucaipa Valley Water District, Western Heights Water Company, and South Mesa Water Company. At monthly meetings we discuss techniques and methods to manage and protect this important source of drinking water. In addition to our monthly meetings, all local water purveyors, including their elected officials, participate in the Upper Watershed Collaborative Partnership (Collaborative). The Collaborative's focus is largely on the centered around sustainability of our local watershed and ways to best utilize our basins, including basin recharge, water quality, issues associated with high ground water, imported water deliveries, etc.

Completing a groundwater management plan for the Yucaipa Basin further illustrates our commitment to ensuring a reliable water supply well into the future. This plan will address methods to best utilize the basin and model water quality, and water flows and elevations. This information will allow for the utilization of best management practices of both recharge and ground water production sources. Because the basin is in overdraft, without this plan a full understanding of ways to best manage our activities will not be completely understood or potentially practiced.

As we have done with the ongoing development of the Yucaipa Basin Safe Yield Study, the city of Redlands will participate in the development and adoption of a groundwater management plan, utilizing the support of funding from the Department of Water Resources and the Local Groundwater Assistance Program.

Very truly yours,

Chris Diggs  
Assistant Utilities Director

*"Preserving the Past, Protecting the Future"*



July 5, 2012



California Department of Water Resources  
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management  
Regional Planning Branch  
Post Office Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

**Subject: Support of the Yucaipa Valley Water District's Application for the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program.**

Dear Mr. Lutterman:

The City of Yucaipa supports Yucaipa Valley Water District's (YVWD) application for the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program. The City currently collaborates with YVWD on regional water supply efforts for the Santa Ana River watershed.

Collectively the City of Yucaipa and YVWD have partnered on the Oak Glen Creek Basins. This project includes three recharge basins which reduce flood risks, capture surface flows for groundwater recharge and provide a vehicle for active recharge for state water project water through the adjacent Water District facility as well. These award winning basins were completed in March of 2009 and have been recognized within the industry as a model example of collaboration among a multitude of agencies. Individually YVWD has completed a state of the art drinking water facility, recycled water system and most recently, the installation of a regional brineline.

These resource management projects offer evidence that Yucaipa Valley Water District continues to be on the forefront of meeting its customers and the region's water quality and quantity problems.

Thank you for your consideration of Yucaipa Valley Water District's application for Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program funding.

Sincerely,

Raymond A. Casey  
City Manager



380 East Vanderbilt Way  
San Bernardino, CA 92408  
phone: 909.387.9200 fax: 909.387.9247  
www.sbvwmwd.com

July 5, 2012

**RECEIVED**

**JUL 10 2012**

**YUCAIPA VALLEY  
WATER DISTRICT**

California Department of Water Resources  
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management  
Regional Planning Branch  
Post Office Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

**Subject: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Support of the Yucaipa Valley Water District's Application for the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program.**

Dear Mr. Lutterman:

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) is proud to join and support the Yucaipa Valley Water District's (YVWD) application for the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program. Our agency continues to collaborate with YVWD on a variety of regional water supply efforts within the Santa Ana River watershed.

Together our agencies have jointly cooperated on a number of active groundwater management activities throughout the region. In addition to managing local and regional water supplies, we have carefully coordinated on a number of different projects like the Yucaipa Valley Regional Brineline, the Yucaipa Valley Regional Water Filtration Facility, the Wilson Creek Spreading Basins, and the East Branch Extension of the State Water Project. All of these physical projects have enabled the Yucaipa Valley Water District and the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District to now embark on the preparation of the Yucaipa Groundwater Management Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas D. Headrick". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Douglas D. Headrick  
General Manager

**Board of Directors and Officers**

MARK ALVAREZ  
Division 1

GEORGE A. AGUILAR  
Division 2

C. PATRICK MILLIGAN  
Division 3

MARK BULOT  
Division 4

STEVE COPELAN  
Division 5

DOUGLAS D. HEADRICK  
General Manager



# South Mesa Water Company

Telephone (909)795-2401 · Fax (909)795-5299

391 West Avenue L · P.O. Box 458

Calimesa, California 92320-0458

[www.southmesawater.com](http://www.southmesawater.com)

Email – [stock@southmesawater.com](mailto:stock@southmesawater.com)



July 9, 2012

Tom Lutterman  
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management  
Local Groundwater Assistance  
Department of Water Resources  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 338  
Sacramento CA 95814

Dear Mr. Lutterman;

The Yucaipa Valley Water District is applying to the Local Groundwater Assistance Program for a grant of \$250,000 to develop a Groundwater Management Plan for the Yucaipa Basin. Our district, the South Mesa Water Company is writing to provide our support for the grant application.

South Mesa Water Company is committed to managing the groundwater basins within the Yucaipa Basin in a sustainable and reliable manner. We have collaborated with other Yucaipa Basin agencies and districts, including San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, the City of Redlands and Western Heights Water Company, for several years at monthly meetings regarding water resource issues including groundwater management. Other collaboration includes participation in the Upper Watershed Collaborative Partnership that includes elected officials from the aforementioned agencies and cities. In addition, South Mesa Water Company is participating in the ongoing San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, "Yucaipa Basin Safe Yield Study" to be completed in early 2013.

South Mesa Water Company intends to participate in development and adoption of a Groundwater Management Plan utilizing the support of funding from the Department of Water Resources and the Local Groundwater Assistance Program. Upon securing Local Groundwater Assistance funding, we are prepared to proceed with participating in the development of the Groundwater Management Plan.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Armstrong

South Mesa Water Company