

Indian Wells Valley GSP Development Committee
Conceptual
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I. PARTIES

A. GSA Board

1. Role in GSP process: The GSA Board is tasked with hearing and determining all quasi-judicial matters and approving the GSP and any individual portions or elements of the GSP, which will be developed and proposed by the GSP Development Committee.
2. GSA Members: Representatives of Kern County, Inyo County, San Bernardino County, City of Ridgecrest, Indian Wells Valley Water District, Inyo-Kern Community Services District, and the U.S. Navy (non-voting).

B. GSP Development Committee

1. Role in GSP process: The GSP Development Committee is tasked with developing a non-binding GSP proposal, including any individual portions or elements of the GSP ("Proposals"), which will be submitted to the GSA Board for final consideration and approval. Upon adoption, the GSP Development Committee shall continue to meet regularly and advise the GSA Board concerning the administration and any later modifications of the GSP.
2. GSP Development Committee Members: Three or more representatives of the voting GSA members, one representative of the U.S. Navy, one representative of Mojave Mutual Water Company, one representative of Meadowbrook Mutual Water Company, one representative of Searles Valley Minerals, and one or more at-large private pumper representative(s) (criteria and process for appointment TBD).

C. GSP Development Committee Subcommittees

1. Subcommittees:
 - a. The GSA Board may appoint subcommittees for the purposes of assisting the GSP Development Committee.
 - b. A technical subcommittee, consisting of technical consultants, engineers, hydrogeologists and any other persons whom the GSA Board deems necessary may be appointed by the GSA Board in consultation with the GSP Development Committee. The technical subcommittee shall meet and report back as frequently as directed

by the GSA Board in consultation with the GSP Development Committee.

II. GSP DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL PROCESS

A. Phases in Approval Process

1. The GSP Development Committee shall be responsible for assisting in the development of a GSP through the submission of GSP Proposals to the GSA Board for approval. The GSP Development Committee should endeavor to develop unanimous support for each Proposal. However, if the GSP Development Committee cannot develop unanimous support for a GSP Proposal, it may present a “Majority Proposal” to the GSA Board for consideration and may present a report of minority views to the GSA Board, as appropriate.
2. The GSA Board may: (a) approve a unanimously supported Proposal (without modification); (b) approve a Majority Proposal (without modification); or (c) direct the GSP Development Committee to consider a modification to the Proposal; and remand the Proposal with comments to the GSP Development Committee for further discussion. The GSA Board may not change a unanimously supported GSP Proposal, or a Majority GSP Proposal, without at least one referral back to the GSP Development Committee for further consideration and revised recommendation to the GSA Board

B. Governance Principles

1. All representatives of the GSP Development Committee shall be allowed to fully participate in all committee discussions concerning the development of Proposals and any other matters to be acted on by the GSP Development Committee.
2. As required by law, the GSA Board shall ensure the fairness of any hearings before it and it shall ensure that the those affected by any GSA Proposal including members of public and the GSP Development Committee will have an opportunity to address the Board during the consideration of the Proposal.