

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin May 23, 2022

A regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Central Management Area (CMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting occurred solely via teleconference as recommended by Santa Barbara County Public Health, as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361, and Resolution CMA-2021-001 (passed 10/20/2021, reaffirmed 3/21/2022).

CMA GSA Directors Present: Art Hibbits, John Sanchez (Acting Alternate),
Ed Andrisek (attended as non-voting)

CMA GSA Alternate Director Present: Cynthia Allen

Member Agency Staff Present: Bill Buelow, Marliez Diaz, Rose Hess, and Amber Thompson

Others Present: Doug Circle, Len Fleckenstein, Paeter Garcia, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers),
Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers), and Brett Stroud

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

CMA GSA Vice Chair Art Hibbits fulfilled the roll of Chair, at the request of Director Andrisek, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to call roll. One CMA GSA Director and one Acting Alternate Director were present providing a quorum. GSA Director Ed Andrisek joined the meeting only as an attendee with no voting and one Alternate Director was also present.

II. Consider findings under Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution CMA-2021-001

Mr. Buelow explained that the reasonings for State Assembly Bill 361 and adoption of Resolution CMA-2021-001, passed on October 20, 2021, and reaffirmed on ~~January 3,~~ **March 21**, 2022, which authorized teleconference public meetings were still in effect. Discussion followed.

GSA Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution CMA-2021-001. GSA Director Art Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of February 28 and March 21, 2022

The minutes of the GSA Committee meetings on February 28 and March 21, 2022, were presented for GSA Committee approval. There was no discussion.

GSA Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to approve the minutes of February 28 and March 21, 2022, as presented. GSA Director Art Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VI. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List

The GSA Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2021-22 Periods 7 through 9 (through March 31, 2022) and the Warrant Lists for January, February, and March 2022. There was no discussion.

GSA Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to approve the financial reports and the January, February, and March 2022 Warrant Lists (Nos. 1048-1052) totaling \$34,408.86, as presented. GSA Director Art Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VII. Update on Executive Order N-7-22

Mr. Buelow explained Executive Order N-7-22 and the requirements of the GSA listed in Section 9a. He advised that member agencies staff have begun working on a process and documentation to address the requirements. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

Committee Directors, by consensus, requested member agencies staff work on developing the acknowledgement process and draft documents to address the requirements.

VIII. Update on Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Well Metering Program

Mr. Buelow and Ms. Diaz provided an update on member agencies staff efforts to develop a Well Metering Program. There was no discussion and no public comments. No action was taken.

IX. Update on future governance/JPA/interim cost sharing and long-term funding for CMA expenses

Mr. Buelow provided an update on member agencies staff efforts toward future governance, JPA, interim cost sharing and long-term funding for CMA expenses.

To assist in moving forward on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation, Mr. Buelow asked Directors to consider approval of an on-call contract for Stetson Engineering for GSP implementation projects, such as working with the USGS on a surface water monitoring program. The of scope of work would be fairly broad but limited for Stetson Engineers to assist the CMA GSA on GSP implementation with an estimated cost of \$5,000 to \$10,000, said funds currently exist in the CMA GSA bank account. Discussion followed.

GSA Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to authorize staff to issue a new task order to Stetson Engineers, not-to-exceed \$10,000, for ongoing technical support for GSP implementation in the CMA and allowed Mr. Buelow discretion on spending funds. GSA Director Art Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

X. Update on change of GSA Financial Institution

Mr. Buelow and Ms. Thompson provided an update on the CMA GSA banking account of which some funds had been moved to a new bank. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

XI. Next Regular CMA GSA Meeting, Monday, August 22, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.

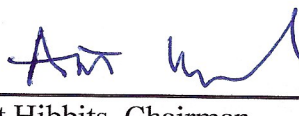
Mr. Buelow announced the next regular CMA GSA meeting will be Monday, August 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., either in person at the Buellton City Council Chambers or via remote participation. The details will be determined closer to the meeting date based on continuing health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

XII. CMA GSA Committee requests and comments


There were no requests or comments.

XIII. Adjournment

GSA Director Art Hibbits adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m. GSA Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez seconded the motion.



Art Hibbits, Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE
CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA (CMA)
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

JANUARY 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1048	01/04/22	Santa Barbara News Press	Legal Notice of January 3, 2022 Public Hearing on GSP (12/17 & 12/24/21 publications) (1/3 of total paid per GSA)	\$ 31.54
1049	01/04/22	Stetson Engineers	November 2021 Engineering Service (Task Order #2)	\$ 12,838.85
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 12,870.39

FEBRUARY 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1050	02/08/22	Stetson Engineers	December 2021 Engineering Service (Task Order #2 & Annual Report)	\$ 13,423.97
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 13,423.97

MARCH 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1051	03/09/22	Stetson Engineers	January 2022 Engineering Service (Task Order #2 & Annual Report)	\$ 7,964.50
1052	03/09/22	Valley Bookkeeping	2022 1st Quarter Bookkeeping (January, February, March 2022)	\$ 150.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 8,114.50

TOTAL THIS QUARTER: \$ 34,408.86