

# MEETING MINUTES

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin April 26, 2021

A SPECIAL meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Central Management Area (CMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Monday, April 26, 2021. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and Governor Newsom's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings, and requiring social distancing, this meeting occurred solely via teleconference as authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Order Nos. N-29-20 and N-33-20.

GSA Committee Directors Present: Cynthia Allen (Acting as Alternate),  
John Sanchez (Acting as Alternate)

Alternate GSA Committee Director Present: Meighan Diethofer

Staff Present: Bill Buelow, Rose Hess, Amber Thompson, Matt Young

Others Present: Bryan Bondy, Sean Diggins, Len Fleckenstein, Larry Lahr, Deby Laranjo, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Jean Moran (Stetson Engineers), Steve Slack (CDFW), plus one other member of the public whose name was not registered

### **I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

GSA Committee Acting Alternate Director Cynthia Allen called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Mr. Buelow called roll. A quorum was met.

### **II. Introductions and Review of SGMA in Santa Ynez River Valley Basin**

Mr. Buelow announced names of phone attendees.

Mr. Buelow reviewed history of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in the Santa Ynez River Basin including Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development milestones. The CMA GSA Committee has so far prepared a Stakeholder Engagement Plan, a Data Management Plan, a Draft Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model, Draft Groundwater Conditions Technical Memorandum and Draft Water Budget which has a public comment period ending soon. Documents are available on [SantaYnezWater.org](http://SantaYnezWater.org).

### **III. Additions or Deletions, if any, to the Agenda**

No additions or deletions were made.

**IV. Public Comment**

Bryan Bondy, on behalf of the Santa Ynez Water Group, reported the group was able to secure permission from landowners with two wells in the Buellton Uplands area to make them available for groundwater monitoring.

**V. Receive Staff Memorandum summary of conversation between SYRWCD and DWR Staff members regarding Santa Ynez River and River Alluvium and SGMA GSPs and GSAs**

Mr. Buelow presented Staff Memorandum dated April 19, 2021 regarding a memorandum summarizing a telephone conversation with Ms. Anita Regmi on April 15, 2021.

Mr. Lawler (Stetson Engineers) explained there is a special circumstance occurring within the CMA GSA boundary. There are some wells located in the Santa Ynez River area (referred to as SYRWCD's Zone A), that are deeper wells pumping from the Careaga Sand and not considered as pumping surface water. Mr. Buelow added that although these wells are physically located in the river alluvium area, they are deeper wells that pump from groundwater aquifer so are not exempt from SGMA.

**VI. Receive Presentation from Stetson Team on "Numeric Groundwater Model and Model Documentation"**

Ms. Jean Moran (Stetson Engineers) presented the April 2021 Stakeholder Workshop on the Numerical Groundwater Model Construction and Model Calibration.

There was no public questions or comment.

**VII. Receive Draft Numeric Groundwater Technical Memorandum and consider public comment period.**

Mr. Buelow announced that the Draft Numeric Groundwater Technical Memorandum will be released for public review and comment in the next few days. Staff recommended setting a 21-day public review and comment period for this document. Committee members agreed with receiving and releasing the document for public review and comments, setting a 21-day public comment period and agreed with staff recommendation to have CMA CAG meet to review and discuss the Technical Memorandum.

**VIII. Next Regular CMA GSA Meeting: Monday, May 24, 2021, 10:00 AM**

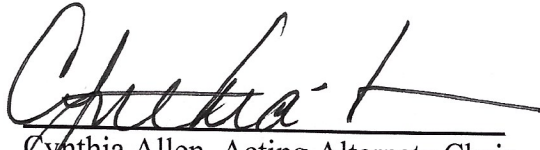
Mr. Buelow announced that the next CMA GSA Committee Regular Meeting to include conducting quarterly business will be Monday, May 24, 2021, 10:00 AM, via video/teleconference.

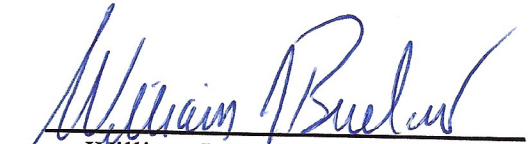
**IX. CMA GSA Committee requests and comments**

There were no requests or comments.

**X. Adjournment**

GSA Committee Acting Alternate Director Cynthia Allen adjourned the meeting at 11:28 p.m.

  
Cynthia Allen, Acting Alternate Chair

  
William J. Buelow, Secretary