

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin November 28, 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, November 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting occurred solely via video/teleconference as recommended by Santa Barbara County Public Health, as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361, and Resolution CMA-2021-001 (passed on 10/20/2021, reaffirmed 8/22/2022).

CMA GSA Committee Directors Present: Cynthia Allen (Acting Alternate),
Meighan Dietenhofer (Acting Alternate), and John Sanchez (Acting Alternate)

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

Others Present: Doug Circle, Alex Dominguez, and Larry Lahr

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

CMA GSA Committee Vice Chair John Sanchez called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to call roll. Two voting CMA GSA Acting Alternate Directors were present providing a quorum. In addition, one non-voting Acting Alternate Director was 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 August 22, 2022, which authorized teleconference public meetings were still in effect. There was no discussion.

CMA GSA Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution CMA-2021-001. GSA Acting Alternate Director Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment, The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

IV. Public Comment

Mr. Buelow announced he received one public comment letter from the Santa Ynez Water Group which is referenced as Agenda Item XI. CMA GSA Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez requested the letter be addressed under Agenda Item XI. There was no discussion and no additional public comments.

V. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of August 22, 2022

The minutes of the CMA GSA Committee meeting on August 22, 2022 were presented for GSA Committee approval. There was no discussion.

CMA GSA Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to approve the minutes of August 22, 2022, as presented. GSA Acting Alternate Director Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment, The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

The CMA GSA Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2022-23 Periods 1 through 3 (through September 30, 2022) and the Warrant Lists for July, August, and September 2022. There was no discussion.

CMA GSA Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to approve the Warrant Lists of July, August, and September 2022 (Check Nos. 2004-2012) totaling \$31,883.82, as presented. GSA Acting Alternate Director Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VII. Review Grant Closure Letter from DWR

Mr. Buelow reviewed the October 31, 2022 letter received from Department of Water Resources (DWR) documenting the “Grant Closure – Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Santa Ynez River Valley Basin – GSPs Planning and Preparation, Agreement 4600012741, Grant Closure”. The letter acknowledged that DWR released the full retention amount of \$129,599.99 and confirmed that contractual obligations for the 2017 Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program agreement were fulfilled. Mr. Buelow confirmed that approximately \$48,000 of the retention funds will be deposited to the CMA GSA bank account as the check was received over the weekend. He announced that member agency staff is currently working on another grant application to DWR for implementation efforts. There was no discussion or public comment.

VIII. Review Request(s) for CMA GSA Written Verification under Executive Order N-7-22 for the following parcels:

Mr. Buelow read the Memorandum regarding “CMA GSA Staff Memo for Santa Ynez River Valley Basin Well Verification Process” and reviewed the CMA GSA – Summary of Well Verifications and Other Wells (receipt dates of 9/26/2022 through 10/4/2022).

a. **099-210-065 Sea Smoke**

b. **137-090-068 Baker**

Mr. Buelow reported that GSI Water Solutions reviewed the applications for the two required well verifications and provided a written Summary of Findings for each application. The reviews and written verification letters for both parcels were included in the meeting packet. He presented summaries of both review reports. The written verifications for a river well which is exempt from SGMA and a replacement well (APN 099-210-065 for WP 0005301 and APN 137-090-068 for WP 0005362) were approved and prepared by member agency staff, as recommended by GSI Water Solutions and authorized by GSA Directors. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

IX. Update and Briefing on SGMA Round 2 Implementation Grant Funding Opportunity and Review and Consider Approval of CMA GSP Implementation Projects and Management Actions

Mr. Buelow reported that basin-wide member agencies staff have been meeting to develop an application for the DWR Proposition 68, Round 2 Grant funding opportunity on behalf of the Basin. The grant funding opportunity ranges from \$1 million to \$20 million per basin with a total of \$200 million available to cover eligible costs incurred from October 4, 2022 through April 30, 2026 without a cost share requirement.

Mr. Buelow reported that basin-wide member agencies staff began the process to develop a Projects and Management Actions priorities list and the CMA CAG and WMA CAG held a joint meeting on October 13, 2022 to discuss Round 2, Proposition 68 Grant funding opportunities for GSP Implementation and determine the top priorities. He reviewed a memorandum that was prepared and submitted by CMA CAG member Sean Diggins. The top four priority projects to include for the grant application were determined to be:

1. Basin-wide Metering Program
2. Rate Study for Basin
3. 5-year Update to GSP (required by DWR), Annual Reporting, and Consultant Responses to DWR GSP Review
4. Data Gap Filling, with each GSA determining the specific project for the GSA.

Discussion followed. Ms. Marliez Diaz explained the Santa Barbara County Well Metering rebate program and Mr. Matt Young explained the difference between a Well Monitoring Network and a Well Metering Program.

X. Review and Consider Resolution CMA-2022-003 Approving the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District to Submit a Proposition 68 Grant Application for Implementation of SGMA on Behalf of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

Mr. Buelow read the title of Resolution CMA 2022-003 and explained the reasoning for the resolution. There were no comments and no discussion. CMA GSA Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to waive the reading of and approve RESOLUTION CMA 2022-003 APPROVING THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO OBTAIN A GRANT UNDER THE 2021 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM SGMA IMPLEMENTATION ROUND 2 GRANT PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68) AND THE CALIFORNIA BUDGET ACT OF 2021, AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR THE PROJECT: SGMA IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER BASIN, as presented. GSA Acting Alternate Director Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There were no public comments and no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

XI. Received Correspondence from Santa Ynez Water Group

Mr. Buelow presented the comment letter received from the Santa Ynez Water Group. Mr. Doug Circle provided a public comment on the letter and was available to answer any questions. There was no discussion and no additional public comments.

XII. Next Regular CMA GSA Meeting, Monday, December 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

The next scheduled regular CMA GSA meeting will be Monday, December 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Buelow confirmed that if there were no written well verification requests to discuss, the meeting would be cancelled at least one week prior and written notice be provided.

XIII. CMA GSA Committee requests and comments

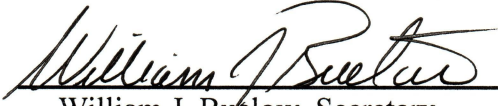
There were no requests or comments.

XIV. Adjournment

GSA Committee Vice-Chair John Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.



John Sanchez, Vice-Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary

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

JULY 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2004	07/13/22	Stetson Engineers	May 2022 Engineering Service (Annual Report & AEM Survey Work)	\$ 2,077.75
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 2,077.75

AUGUST 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
NONE				
MONTH TOTAL				\$ -

SEPTEMBER 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2005	09/14/22	VOID	VOID - printing error	\$ -
2006	09/14/22	VOID	VOID - printing error	\$ -
2007	09/14/22	VOID	VOID - printing error	\$ -
2008	09/14/22	VOID	VOID - printing error	\$ -
2009	09/14/22	Onsite Computers	Office 365 Basic License (email) - cma@SantaYnezWater.org	\$ 72.00
2010	09/14/22	Santa Barbara News Press	Legal Notices of Aug. 22, 2022 Meeting to Establish Fee Publication dates: 8/8/22 and 8/15/2022	\$ 91.20
2011	09/14/22	Stetson Engineers	June and July 2022 Engineering Service (Annual Report Data Upload & AEM Survey Work)	\$ 29,342.87
2012	09/14/22	Valley Bookkeeping	2022 3rd Quarter Bookkeeping (July, August, September 2022)	\$ 300.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 29,806.07

TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 31,883.82

**Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management
Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin**

RESOLUTION CMA-2022-003

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO OBTAIN A GRANT UNDER THE 2021 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM SGMA IMPLEMENTATION ROUND 2 GRANT PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68) AND THE CALIFORNIA BUDGET ACT OF 2021, AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR THE PROJECT:
SGMA IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER BASIN**

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) requires that each groundwater basin in the state be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”), or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (“CMA GSA”), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated January 11, 2017 (“CMA MOA”), is the exclusive GSA for the Central Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-015) (“Basin”); and

WHEREAS, the CMA MOA names the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) as the point of contact to act on behalf of the CMA GSA as the Coordinating Agency with DWR; and

WHEREAS, the CMA GSA, together with the other two GSAs in the Basin, has entered into the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement (“Coordination Agreement”), effective January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the CMA GSA has approved a GSP; and

WHEREAS, SYRWCD, being the Coordinating Agency in the Basin, coordinated the development of and submitted three approved GSPs that are well coordinated and fully comply with GSP regulations and are approvable by DWR, one GSP for each of the Central, Eastern, and

Western Management Areas, and submitted a Coordination Agreement, as appropriate for the Basin, prior to January 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, funds are limited locally to implement the CMA GSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, the CMA GSA hereby resolves that the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors, on behalf of the CMA GSA, make an application to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Round 2 Grant pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resource Code, § 80000 et seq.) and the California Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240, § 80), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the: **SGMA Implementation in the Santa Ynez River Basin.**

The CMA GSA hereby authorizes and directs the Plan Manager designated under the Coordination Agreement to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement and any future amendments (if required), submit invoices, and submit any reporting requirements with the California Department of Water Resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Committee of the CMA GSA on November 28, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Cynthia Allen (Acting Alternate) and John Sanchez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:



John Sanchez, Vice-Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary