

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin March 28, 2024

A special meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Eastern Management Area (EMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Santa Ynez Community Services District Community Room, 1070 Faraday Street, Santa Ynez, California.

EMA GSA Alternate Committee Member Steve Jordan attended the meeting via teleconference from 46250 Fairway Drive, Indian Wells, CA 92210. This remote participation location was properly noticed on the agenda and the agenda was posted at the remote location, in compliance with Gov. Code Section 54950 et seq. No members of the public joined Director Jordan at the location.

EMA GSA Committee Members Present: Joan Hartmann, Brad Joos, and Brett Marymee

EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present (in-person): David Brown (Acting Alternate), and Mike Burchardi

EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present (remote): Steve Jordan

Member Agency Staff Present (in-person): Bill Buelow, Paeter Garcia, and Randy Murphy

Member Agency Staff Present (remote): Matt Young

Others Present (in-person): Doug Circle, Dan Drugan, and Kevin Merrill

Others Present (remote): Steve Anderson, Gay Infanti, Mark Infanti, and Scarlett Tovar (DWR)

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Committee Chair Brett Marymee called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to call roll. Three EMA GSA Committee Members and one Acting Alternate Committee Member were present providing a quorum. Two additional Alternate Committee Member were also present.

2. **Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

No additions or deletions were made.

3. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

4. Review and Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2024

The minutes of the EMA GSA Committee meeting on February 22, 2024, were presented for Board consideration. There was no discussion or public comment.

Committee Member Joan Hartmann made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the EMA GSA Committee meeting on February 22, 2024, as presented. Committee Member Brad Joos seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed 3-0-1 by voice vote with Acting Alternate David Brown abstaining.

5. Receive Third Annual Report for the EMA and Consider Authorizing Submittal of same to DWR

Mr. Young presented highlights ~~of the~~ Third Annual Report for the EMA. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

- Director Marymee pointed out a typographical error on page ES-2.
- Director Marymee suggested that Land Subsidence should be explained more.

Committee Member Joan Hartmann made a MOTION to approve the Third Annual Report for the EMA and authorize the consultant to submit the Third Annual Report for the EMA, with corrections to typos, to DWR. Committee Member Brad Joos seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6. Receive update on DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant

Mr. Buelow provided a presentation about the DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant, including updates on the schedule for submitting Invoice and Progress Report #1 to DWR; a brief overview of the project components; funding breakdown by grant component; and the next steps to be done.

Discussion occurred during and following the presentation. There was no public comment and no action.

7. Receive update on SGMA Governance and Draft Joint Powers Agreement for the EMA

Mr. Garcia summarized the status of negotiations for the preparation of a draft Joint Powers Agreement for the EMA. He reported that the Water Conservation District and the Santa Ynez Water Group recently submitted a revised proposal regarding the agricultural director for the other parties to consider. Discussion followed. There was no public comment and no action.

8. Review upcoming GSA meetings. All meetings held at 6:30 PM, Santa Ynez CSD Meeting Room, 1070 Faraday St., Santa Ynez, unless stated otherwise

a. Discuss a proposed Basin-wide GSAs Meeting (TBD at Buellton City Council Chambers)

Mr. Buelow reported that a Basin-wide GSAs meeting is being planned and should be scheduled for one day in the next couple of months. No dates were provided.

b. Tentative Special EMA GSA Committee meeting Thursday, April 25, 2024

The EMA GSA Committee has saved April 25, 2024 for a possible Special Meeting.

c. Next Regular EMA GSA Committee meeting, Thursday, May 23, 2024

The next Regular meeting of the EMA GSA Committee will be on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

9. EMA GSA Committee Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items


There were no committee reports or requests.

10. Adjournment

Committee Chair Brett Marymee adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.



Brett Marymee, Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary