

# MEETING MINUTES

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin May 21, 2020

A regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Eastern Management Area (EMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Thursday, May 21, 2020. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and Governor Newsom's Executive Orders to protect public health by issuing shelter-in-home standards, 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.

EMA GSA Committee Members Present: Meighan Diethofer (Acting as Alternate), Brad Joos, Brett Marymee, Karen Waite

Alternate GSA Committee Member Present: Cynthia Allen

Member Agency Staff Present: Bill Buelow, Paeter Garcia, Amber Thompson, Matt van der Linden, Kevin Walsh, Matt Young

Others Present: Jeff Barry (GSI Water Solutions), Mike Burchardi, Sam Cohen, Elizabeth Farnum, Tim Gorham, Mary Heyden, Gaye Infanti, CJ Jackson, Jeannette Lombardo, Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers), Jim McCord, Kevin Merrill, Tim Nicely (GSI Water Solutions), Anna Olsen, Anita Regmi (DWR), Tim Thompson (GSI Water Solutions), Crystal Tufanctian

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

GSA Committee Member Marymee called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to Call Roll. Three GSA Committee Members were present and GSA Committee Member Diethofer acted as Alternate for Supervisor Hartmann.

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

Mr. Buelow announced names of all phone attendees.

Mr. Buelow reviewed history of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements and what has been completed so far in the Santa Ynez River Basin including the creation of the three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Basin (CMA, EMA, WMA), securing Department of Water Resources (DWR) Prop. 1 Grant (Grant) funding, hiring Consultants, coordinating efforts between the eight agencies participating in the three GSAs, and establishing a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) in each of the Management Areas of the Basin.

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

No additions or deletions were made.

**IV. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**V. Review and Consider Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Buelow submitted the minutes of the meeting of February 27, 2020 for GSA Committee approval. Ms. Jeanette Lombardo clarified the type of entity she represents and asked that a correction be made in the minutes to strike out “private business owner of Ventura County based”.

GSA Committee Member Waite made a MOTION to approve the minutes of February 27, 2020 as AMENDED. GSA Committee Member Joos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by Roll Call vote.

**VI. Receive EMA GSA financial update and approve EMA Warrant Lists**

The GSA Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2019-20 Periods 7 through 9 (through March 31, 2020) and the Quarterly Warrants List for January through March 2020 (items #1004-1007).

GSA Committee Member Marymee made a MOTION to approve the Warrant List and financial reports as submitted (item # items #1004-1007). GSA Committee Member Joos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by Roll Call vote.

**VII. Receive update on EMA Confidentiality Agreement**

Mr. Buelow gave an update on the EMA Confidentiality Agreement. Boards of each EMA GSA member agency have approved the agreement. There were no comments.

**VIII. Receive update on GSP activities in the EMA and Basin**

Mr. Tim Nicely with support from Mr. Jeff Barry and Mr. Tim Thompson (GSI Water Solutions) presented an update of consultant team GSP activities in the EMA since the last GSA Committee meeting in February 2020. The presentation included a SGMA overview, GSP milestones timeline, and community outreach efforts including an update on deliverables, ongoing activities, and next steps to create a SGMA compliant GSP for the EMA.

During the presentation there was public comment and discussion from GSA Committee Members, consultants, and staff.

Ms. Lombardo, American Agri-Women, voiced concern about the cost for and reliability of data provided by SkyTEM survey.

**IX. Receive update Aerial Electro-Magnetic Survey of EMA**

Mr. Buelow announced that information compiled by County Water Agency staff regarding the SkyTEM survey of the EMA is located on SantaYnezWater.org. The survey should take one to two days possibly in late Summer 2020. The flight path will be a planned route and notification will be made to landowners as well as presentations and outreach made to the public.

Discussion ensued among GSA Committee Members and staff. There was no public comment. Unanimous consensus by GSA Committee Members was to forward to EMA CAG for review and comment.

**X. Receive update of EMA Outreach Efforts**

Mr. Buelow announced that a Basin wide SGMA Quarterly Newsletter has been prepared with input from the EMA CAG, consultants, and staff. The first edition contains a basic SGMA overview for members of the public not familiar with SGMA. The newsletter will be translated into Spanish and will be distributed by participating agencies in the Basin this summer.

Discussion ensued among GSA Committee Members and staff. There was no public comment. Unanimous consensus by GSA Committee Members was to move forward on finalizing and publishing the newsletter with only minor changes in order to have the mailing done in June 2020.

**XI. Next EMA Meeting: Thursday, August 27, 2020, 6:30 PM, location TBD**

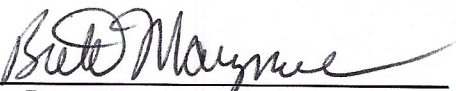
Mr. Buelow announced that the next EMA GSA Committee Meeting will be Thursday, August 27, 2020, 6:30 PM, location TBD. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it may be held via teleconference call.

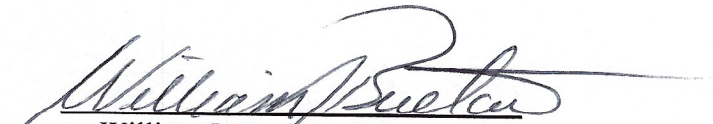
**XII. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments**

GSA Committee Member Waite requested time to confer with Mr. van der Linden on distributing the SGMA Newsletter on behalf of the City of Solvang especially if changes are made to the Newsletter. Mr. Buelow stated he will follow up with Mr. van der Linden.

**XIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, GSA Committee Member Marymee made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. GSA Committee Member Waite seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

  
Brett Marymee, Chairman

  
William J. Buelow, Secretary

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

**JANUARY 2020 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1004	01/30/20	Stetson Engineers	Oct., Nov., Dec. 2019 Engineering Service (Task Order #1 - Basin Coordination)	\$ 10,013.24
1005	01/30/20	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	Stetson Engineers - Aug 2019 Engineering Service (Basin Coordination)	\$ 176.65
1006	01/30/20	Valley Bookkeeping	FY 2019-20 1st & 2nd Qtr Bookkeeping (July-Dec 2019)	\$ 300.00
<b>TOTAL \$</b>				<b>10,489.89</b>

**FEBRUARY 2020 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

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

**MARCH 2020 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1007	03/25/20	Stetson Engineers	Jan. 2020 Engineering Service (Task Order #1 - Basin Coordination)	\$ 4,017.18
<b>TOTAL \$</b>				<b>4,017.18</b>

**TOTAL THIS QUARTER: \$ 14,507.07**