

# Amended MEETING MINUTES

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin

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, October 24, 2019, at 6:30 PM at the City of Solvang, Council Chambers, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, California.

### EMA GSA Committee Members Present:

Brad Joos      Brett Marymee      Karen Waite      Meighan Dietenhofer (Acting as Alternate)

### 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)      Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers)  
Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers)      Plus fourteen members of the public

#### **I. Call to Order**

Committee Member Marymee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to Call Roll. All Committee Members were present except for Supervisor Hartmann. Committee Member Dietenhofer acted as her Alternate.

#### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Committee Member Dietenhofer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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 (EMA, CMA, EMA), securing Department of Water Resources (DWR) Prop. 1 Grant (Grant) funding, hiring Consultants and establishing a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG).

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

No additions or deletions were made.

#### **V. Public Comment**

Ms. Ana Olsen, Executive Director of the Cachuma Resources Conservation District (CRCD) announced CRCD is providing technical assistance and two workshops to assist agricultural constituents in completing applications for the State

Water Efficiency and Enhancement Grant funding program through California Department of Food and Agriculture.

**VI. Review and Approve Minutes**

Mr. Buelow submitted the minutes of the meeting of July 25, 2019 for Committee approval. Committee Member Waite made a MOTION to approve the minutes of July 25, 2019 as presented. Committee Member Joos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**VII. Review and Approve Amended Minutes**

Mr. Buelow submitted the amended minutes of previously adopted minutes for the meetings of October 25, 2018; January 24, 2019 and April 25, 2019 for Committee approval. The Title of the Agency on all sets of minutes were corrected to match the exact title as listed on the Conflict of Interest Code which was previously adopted by both this committee and the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors.

Committee Member Waite made a MOTION to Amend Minutes Previously Adopted for the meetings of October 25, 2018; January 24, 2019 and April 25, 2019. Committee Member Joos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**VIII. Receive EMA GSA Financial update and approve EMA Warrant List**

The Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2018-19 Period 12 and FY 2019-20 Periods 1 through 3 (through September 30, 2019). Mr. Buelow reported the financial reports for Period 3 (September 2019) were not available from the bookkeeper prior to this meeting.

The Committee approved unanimously the July, August and September Warrant Lists as presented. Committee Member Diethofer made a MOTION to approve the warrant lists and financial reports as submitted (item #1002). Committee Member Joos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**IX. Receive and discuss Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement between three GSAs and consider EMA endorsement/recommendation for all GSA agencies in the Basin to adopt the Agreement**

Mr. Buelow reviewed the Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement for Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Agreement). The Agreement will formalize certain administrative matters between the three GSAs such as cost sharing, distribution of grant funds, and coordinating to deliver the three GSPs. A Draft Agreement was reviewed and approved by Attorneys for the eight Agencies in the Basin. The Agreement is now being distributed to the three GSA Committees for review and endorsement. After endorsement by the three GSA Committees, the Representative for each Agency will take the Agreement to their respective Board/Council of each member Agency for review and approval.

Mr. Buelow thanked agency staff and counsels especially Mr. Paeter Garcia (ID No. 1), Mr. Steve Torigiani (Attorney for SYRWCD) and Ms. Johannah Hartley (Attorney for the County of Santa Barbara) for their combined efforts to finalize the Agreement.

Discussion followed.

Committee Member Diethofer made a MOTION to accept and endorse the Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement for Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin. Committee Member Joos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**X. Receive report from EMA CAG on Draft Outreach and Engagement Plan**

Ms. Infanti presented the EMA CAG Memorandum regarding the Draft Outreach and Engagement Plan.

Discussion followed. No action was needed or taken by the Committee.

**XI. Receive Draft Data Management Plan and consider directing staff to release for CAG and public review**

Mr. Buelow presented the Draft Data Management Plan (DMS) for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin EMA GSA (September 2019). The Data Management System is a software tool that will organize data being gathered and will be used in developing the 3D Visualization Tool, Groundwater Budget and Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model.

Mr. Barry (GSI Water Solutions) explained technical details. Questions and discussion followed.

Committee Member Joos made a MOTION directing Staff to release the Draft Data Management Plan for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin EMA GSA for CAG and 60-day public review. Committee Member Waite seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**XII. Consultant GSP activities**

**a. Receive update on GSI's GSP activities in the EMA**

Mr. Barry (GSI Water Solutions) presented an update on deliverables, ongoing activities and next steps to create a SGMA compliant GSP and ideas to solve any data gap issues for the EMA GSA.

Public comment and discussion followed. No action was needed or taken by the Committee.

**b. Receive brief overview by Stetson Engineers on their GSP activities in the Santa Ynez Basin**

Mr. Lawler (Stetson Engineers), as consultants for the WMA and CMA GSAs, discussed efforts for coordination between the two consultant teams for the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin. The Basin will submit three Groundwater Sustainability Plans under a SGMA compliant Coordination Agreement.

**XIII. Receive list of regular GSA meetings for 2020. Next EMA GSA Meeting: Thursday, February 27, 2020, 6:30 PM, at the City of Solvang City Council Chambers, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, CA**

Mr. Buelow presented for consideration a list of regular EMA GSA Committee meetings for 2020: February 27, May 21, August 27, November 19. As previously discussed, the month for meetings was changed to the second month per quarter.

There was no public comment.

Committee Member Waite made a MOTION to accept the change in the regular meeting schedule to the second month per quarter and accept the list of 2020 dates for the EMA GSA Committee regular meetings. Committee Member Joos seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Buelow stated the next EMA GSA Committee Meeting will be Thursday, February 27, 2020, 6:30 PM, at the City of Solvang City Council Chambers, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, CA.

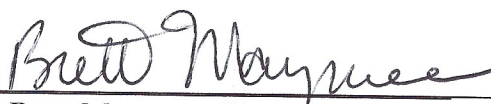
**XIV. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments**


Committee Member Waite agrees with the CAG of the need to reach out to as many members of the public as possible regarding SGMA. Committee Member Joos pointed out need to comply with SGMA law should be emphasized as to explain why we are doing this work.

Committee Member Marymee requested more information regarding possibility of SkyTem flyover by the State of California including past performance and lessons learned. *and explore cost avoidance opportunities.*

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Committee Member Waite made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Committee Member Dietenhofer seconded.

  
Brett Marymee, Chairman

  
William J Buelow, Secretary

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN  
EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY AGENCY (GSA)**

**JULY 2019 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

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

**AUGUST 2019 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1002	08/19/19	Valley Bookkeeping	FY 2018-19 4th Quarter Bookkeeping (April, May, June)	\$ 150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 150.00</b>

**SEPTEMBER 2019 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

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

<b>TOTAL THIS QUARTER: \$ 150.00</b>
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