

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

RESOLUTION EMA-2022-004

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF THE EASTERN 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 Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (“EMA GSA”), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated April 27, 2017 (“EMA MOA”), is the exclusive GSA for the Eastern Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-015) (“Basin”); and

WHEREAS, the EMA MOA names the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) as the point of contact with the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”); and

WHEREAS, the EMA 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 EMA GSA has adopted a GSP for the EMA; and

WHEREAS, SYRWCD coordinated the development and submittal of three approved GSPs for the Basin that are well coordinated and fully comply with SGMA and the SGMA 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 EMA GSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, the EMA GSA hereby resolves that the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors, on behalf of the EMA GSA and the other GSAs in the Basin, 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 EMA GSA hereby authorizes and directs SYRWCD, as the Plan Manager designated under the Coordination Agreement as defined in SGMA Regulations section 351(z), 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 EMA GSA on November 17, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Meighan Diethofer (acting alternate), Mark Infanti, Brad Joos, and Brett Marymee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:



Brett Marymee, Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary