

## NOTICE AND AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
FOR THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA  
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER GROUNDWATER BASIN

WILL BE HELD  
AT **06:30 P.M.**, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021

### TELECONFERENCE MEETING ONLY – NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION

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**Meeting ID: 819 4733 5197 Meeting Passcode: 366691**

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DIAL-IN NUMBER: 1-669-900-9128**

**PHONE MEETING ID: 819 4733 5197 #**

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**Teleconference Meeting During Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency:** 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 will occur solely via teleconference as authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Order Nos. N-29-20 and N-33-20. **Virtual meeting is in accordance with the latest SB County Health Office Order.**

**Important Notice Regarding Public Participation in Teleconference Meeting:** Those who wish to provide public comment on an Agenda Item, or who otherwise are making a presentation to the GSA Committee, may participate in the meeting using the dial-in number and passcode above. **Those wishing to submit written comments instead, please submit any and all comments and materials to the GSA via electronic mail at [bbuelow@syrwcd.com](mailto:bbuelow@syrwcd.com).** All submittals of written comments must be received by the GSA no later than **Wednesday, October 20, 2021**, and should indicate “**October 21, 2021 GSA Meeting**” in the subject line. To the extent practicable, public comments and materials received in advance pursuant to this timeframe will be read into the public record during the meeting. Public comments and materials not read into the record will become part of the post-meeting materials available to the public and posted on the SGMA website.

**In the interest of clear reception and efficient administration of the meeting, all persons participating in this teleconference are respectfully requested to mute their phones after dialing-in and at all times unless speaking.**

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021, 06:30 P.M.

**AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
- III. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the Committee relating to any non-agenda matter within the Committee’s jurisdiction. The total time for all public participation shall not exceed fifteen minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes. No action will be taken by the Committee at this meeting on any public item.)
- IV. Consider adopting Resolution EMA-2021-001, entitled “Resolution Initially Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under AB361”
- V. Next “Special” EMA GSA Meeting: Thursday, October 28, 2021, 6:30 PM
- VI. Next “Regular” EMA GSA Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2021, 6:30 PM
- VII. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments
- VIII. Adjournment

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

**RESOLUTION EMA-2021-001**

**RESOLUTION INITIALLY AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB 361**

WHEREAS, meetings of the governing Committee (“Committee”) of the **Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin** (EMA GSA) are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the EMA GSA conduct its business;

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953(e), added by Assembly Bill 361 (2021) (“AB361”), provides for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to certain conditions and requirements; and

WHEREAS, the EMA GSA wishes to invoke the provisions of AB361 to authorize teleconference meetings subject to the provisions of Government Code section 54953(e);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. Findings. The Committee hereby finds as follows:

- (a) As provided by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), a proclaimed state of emergency exists under the California Emergency Services Act, as declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020.
- (b) As provided by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), the County of Santa Barbara Health Department has imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, specifically Santa Barbara County Health Order No. 2021-10.5 (see also Santa Barbara County Public Health Department Health Officials AB 361 Social Distance Recommendation issued September 28, 2021).

Section 2. Procedures for Teleconference Meetings. The EMA GSA shall hold meetings to allow for teleconference participation pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 54953(e).

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 4. Renewal. Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), the EMA GSA may consider findings regarding the state of emergency every 30 days.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Committee of the EMA GSA on October 21, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

ATTEST:

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William J. Buelow, Secretary

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**HEALTH OFFICIALS AB 361 SOCIAL DISTANCE RECOMMENDATION**

**Issued: September 28, 2021**

COVID-19 disease prevention measures, endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, include vaccinations, facial coverings, increased indoor ventilation, handwashing, and physical distancing (particularly indoors).

Since March 2020, local legislative bodies-such as commissions, committees, boards, and councils- have successfully held public meetings with teleconferencing as authorized by Executive Orders issued by the Governor. Using technology to allow for virtual participation in public meetings is a social distancing measure that may help control transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Public meetings bring together many individuals (both vaccinated and potentially unvaccinated), from multiple households, in a single indoor space for an extended time. For those at increased risk for infection, or subject to an isolation or quarantine order, teleconferencing allows for full participation in public meetings, while protecting themselves and others from the COVID-19 virus.

Utilizing teleconferencing options for public meetings is an effective and recommended social distancing measure to facilitate participation in public affairs and encourage participants to protect themselves and others from the COVID-19 disease. This recommendation is further intended to satisfy the requirement of the Brown Act (specifically Gov't Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A)), which allows local legislative bodies in the County of Santa Barbara to use certain available teleconferencing options set forth in the Brown Act.

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