

# **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, July 25, 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)

EMA GSA Committee Members Absent:

Joan Hartmann

Alternate EMA GSA Committee Members Present:

Cynthia Allen

Member Agency Staff Present:

Bill Buelow      Paeter Garcia      Amber Thompson      Kevin Walsh      Matt Young

Others Present: Fourteen members of the public

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

Mr. 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. Ms. Dietenhofer acted as her Alternate. Mr. Buelow thanked the City of Solvang for use of the City Council Chambers.

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

Mr. Marymee asked Ms. Allen to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Marymee asked Mr. Buelow to make introductions. Mr. Buelow welcomed all in attendance and invited all to introduce themselves and say who they represent, if applicable.

Mr. Buelow reviewed history of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements and what has been completed so far in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, including the creation of the three GSAs in the Basin (EMA, CMA, WMA), securing the DWR Prop. 1 Grant (Grant) funding and hiring of Consultants to prepare Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) by the State deadline of January 31, 2022.

### **IV. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

No additions or deletions were made.

### **V. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of the EMA GSA on April 25, 2019 were considered for Committee approval.

Mr. Joos made a MOTION to approve the minutes. Ms. Waite seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2018-19 Periods 1 through 11 (through May 31, 2019). Mr. Buelow reported all deposits made into the EMA Checking account were from Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD); this checking account is held in SYRWCD's name with the title "EMA Account" specifically to be used for SGMA activities in the EMA; and the financial reports for Period 12 (June 2019) were not available from the bookkeeper prior to this meeting.

The Committee approved unanimously the January, February, March, April, May and June Warrant Lists as presented (nos. ACH Debit – 1001). Mr. Joos made a MOTION to approve the warrant lists and financial reports. Ms. Waite seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Receive update on the Draft Intra-Basin Area Administrative Agreement between three GSAs**

Mr. Buelow reported that Agency Staff continue to work along with Agency Attorneys on finalizing a Draft Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement (Agreement) between the three GSAs in the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin (Basin). 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 circulated in mid-June 2019 to the various Agencies in each GSA for review by their respective staff and legal counsel. Attorneys have been working on resolving comments. When the Draft Agreement is approved by Agency Attorneys, it is expected to be distributed to the three GSA Committees for review and endorsement in October 2019. After endorsement by the three GSA Committees, the Draft will go to the respective Board/Council of each of the GSA Agencies for approval. No action was needed or taken by the committee.

**IX. Receive update on GSP consultant coordination between three GSAs and consider approval of additional Stetson Task Order(s) to be administered under First Amendment to existing agreement between SYRWCD and Stetson Engineers**

Mr. Buelow reported that per Committee's request for additional coordination between EMA and other two GSAs in Basin, Agency Staff have agreed to use SYRWCD existing SGMA contract with Stetson Engineers adding an amendment to perform coordination work in the EMA between the other two GSAs. Staff from ID No. 1 and SYRWCD are working to finalize that amendment to the contract to include work in the EMA.

SYRWCD distributed a cost share letter to the other agencies in the EMA which proposes a cost share for this Task Order to be split between City of Solvang, ID No. 1 and SYRWCD based on voting with the County not contributing since they are funding the study for the GSP in the EMA. Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement has been drafted and once it is approved, SYRWCD can proceed with issuing the Task Order to Stetson Engineers.



**X. Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) for the Eastern Management Area**

**A. Receive recommendation from Ad-Hoc Committee on EMA CAG applicant selection**

Mr. Joos reported he and Ms. Hartmann, as an Ad-Hoc Committee, met and reviewed the CAG applications received of which they chose 7 people who they felt well represented the community. They recommend these 7 applicants for the EMA CAG by the Ad-hoc Committee are:

- **Mr. Sam Cohen**, California Native American Tribe;
- **Ms. Elizabeth Farnum**, Domestic Well Owner;
- **Mr. Tim Gorham**, Resident, Landowner, Representative of a Landowner;
- **Ms. Mary Heyden**, Resident, Landowner, AG Well Owner, Representative of Landowner;
- **Ms. Gay Infanti**, Resident;
- **Mr. Charles (C.J.) Jackson**, Resident, Landowner, AG Well Owner, Representative of Landowner; and
- **Mr. Kevin Merrill**, Domestic and AG Well Owner, Representative of Landowner.

Mr. Marymee thanked the EMA CAG Members for volunteering their time and being part of this process.

**B. Consider EMA CAG member selections**

The Committee considered and discussed the recommendation of the Ad-Hoc Committee including designations and diversity of CAG representatives. Mr. Joos emphasized the importance of public input for SGMA and not just rely on input by CAG only. Mr. Buelow thanked all applicants.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Waite made a MOTION to accept the recommendation of the Ad-Hoc Committee and establish a CAG for the EMA comprised of the seven applicants as recommended. Mr. Joos seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. Consultant GSP activities**

**A. Receive Draft Communication and Engagement Plan and consider approval of release for EMA CAG and public review**

Mr. Young reported that as part of the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Solvang, County of Santa Barbara, ID No. 1 and SYRWCD, the County of Santa Barbara agreed to fund a Technical Study in preparation to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Groundwater Solutions, Inc. (GSI) was selected to perform the Technical Study. GSI prepared a Draft Communications and Engagement Plan to meet specific requirements of DWR. The plan outlines how the GSA will communicate, make decisions, as well as identify and engage stakeholders. GSI will be coordinating with Stetson Engineers, the consultant hired to prepare GSPs for the CMA and WMA, to ensure consistency between the three Management Areas.

Groundwater Communication Portal (GCP) is currently being developed by the consultants for EMA, CMA and WMA to be used by all three GSAs in the Basin. It will

be an online place to sign up to receive emails, provide comments of documents and host calendars with meeting dates, agendas and documents. Consultants estimate three weeks until completion. The portal will be available to the public and staff on the SGMA website being developed by SYRWCD.

**B. Receive update on Draft Data Management Plan**

Mr. Young reported that the Data Management Plan (Plan) is being developed. The Plan outlines creation of a Data Management System (DMS). The DMS is a software tool that will organize data being gathered and will be used in developing the Visualization Tool, Groundwater Budget and Hydrogeologic Model. Agency Staff is reviewing a Draft DMP and is expected to come to the Committee at the October meeting for review.

**C. Receive update on other on-going GSP activities**

Mr. Young and Mr. Buelow reported that some data to be entered into the Data Management System (DMS) is yet to be received but is anticipated to be delivered soon.

**XII. Consideration and discussion of moving EMA GSA meetings to second week of second month of quarter starting in February 2020**

Mr. Buelow requested moving the regular meetings for the EMA Committee from the fourth Thursday in the first month of each quarter to either the second or fourth Thursday in the second month of each quarter still being held at 6:30 PM at the Solvang City Council Chambers. It will allow for complete quarterly financial reporting and timely reporting on the quarterly progress report provided to DWR for the Prop. 1 Grant to the Committee. All Committee members were ok with the proposed change to either the second or fourth week of the second month each quarter. Ms. Diethofer requested Mr. Buelow contact Ms. Hartmann's office for her availability.

**XIII. Next Regular Meeting**

The next Regular EMA Committee meeting will be Thursday, October 24, 2019, 6:30 PM at the City of Solvang City Council Chambers, located at 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, CA.

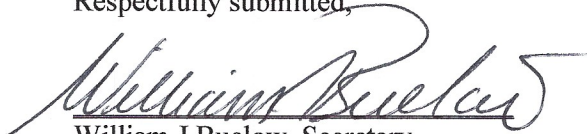
**XIV. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments**

Ms. Waite suggested the EMA CAG should read the article regarding the Cuyama's "Pay to Pump". Mr. Joos requested Mr. Buelow scan the article and forward it to the EMA CAG.

**XII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Waite made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm. Mr. Joos seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

  
William J Buelow, Secretary

ATTEST:

  
Brett Marymoe, Chair

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

**JANUARY 2019 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

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

**FEBRUARY 2019 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ACH Debit	02/20/19	Delux Check	Checks	\$ 24.03
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 24.03</b>

**MARCH 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: \$ 24.03</b>
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**SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN  
EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA (EMA) GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY AGENCY (GSA)**

**APRIL 2019 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

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

**MAY 2019 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

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

**JUNE 2019 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1001	06/20/19	SYRWCD	Room Fee - SYCSD 4/25/19 Committee Meeting	\$ 30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 30.00</b>

**TOTAL THIS QUARTER: \$ 30.00**