

# MEETING MINUTES

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin October 21, 2021

A special 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 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting occurred solely via teleconference as authorized by AB361 and in accordance with the latest Santa Barbara County Health Officer Order.

EMA GSA Committee Members Present: Meighan Dietenhofer (Acting as Alternate), Mark Infanti, Brad Joos and Brett Marymee

Alternate GSA Committee Member Present: Cynthia Allen

Member Agency Staff Present: Bill Buelow, Paeter Garcia, Amber Thompson, and Matt Young

Others Present: Mike Burchardi, Tim Gorham, Brett Stroud (Young Wooldridge), and three additional members of the public whose name was not registered.

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

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to call roll. Three GSA Committee Members and one Acting Alternate GSA Committee Member were present providing a quorum. Mr. Buelow announced names of phone and video attendees.

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

No additions or deletions were made.

### **III. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **IV. Consider adopting Resolution WMA-2021-001, "Resolution Initially Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under AB361"**

Mr. Buelow provided background of and purpose for AB361. Mr. Brett Stroud (Young Wooldridge) explained the code, history leading up to passing of AB361 and benefits of invoking AB361 to change teleconference rules while abiding by the Brown Act. Discussion followed.

GSA Committee Member Brad Joos made a MOTION to approve Resolution EMA-2021-001, RESOLUTION INITIALLY AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB361. Reading of the Resolution was waived. GSA Committee Member Brett Marymee seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**V. Next "Special" EMA GSA Meeting: Thursday, October 28, 2021, 6:30 PM**

Committee members unanimously decided to have this Special Meeting on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:30 pm via ZOOM.

**VI. Next Regular EMA GSA Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2021, 6:30 PM**

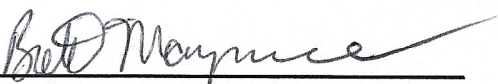
The next EMA GSA Committee Regular Meeting will be on Thursday, November 18, 2021, 6:30 pm, location to be determined.

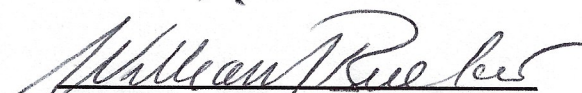
**VII. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments**

There were no requests or comments.

**XIII. Adjournment**

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.

  
Brett Marymee, Chairman

  
William J. Buelow, Secretary

**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:

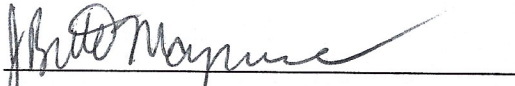
AYES: Meighan Dietenhofer (Acting Alternate), Mark Infanti, Brad Joos, Brett Marymee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:



Brett Marymee, Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary