

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin November 19, 2020

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, November 19, 2020. 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 occurred solely via teleconference as authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Order Nos. N-29-20 and N-33-20.

EMA GSA Committee Members Present: Joan Hartmann, Brad Joos, Brett Marymee,
Karen Waite

Alternate GSA Committee Member Present: Cynthia Allen, Meighan Diethofer

Member Agency Staff Present: Bill Buelow, Paeter Garcia, Amber Thompson,
Matt van der Linden, Matt Young

Others Present: Steve Anderson, Jeff Barry (GSI Water Solutions), Bryan Bondy, Mike Burchardi, Doug Circle, Tim Gorham, Mary Heyden, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Tim Nicely (GSI Water Solutions), Matthew Scudato and six additional members of the public whose names were not registered.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

GSA Committee Member Marymee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to call roll. All four GSA Committee Members were present.

II. Introductions and Review of SGMA in Santa Ynez River Valley Basin

Mr. Buelow announced names of phone/video attendees.

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 (CMA, EMA, WMA), securing Department of Water Resources (DWR) Prop. 1 Grant (Grant) funding, hiring Consultants, coordinating efforts between the eight agencies participating in the three GSAs, and establishing a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) in each of the Management Areas of the Basin.

III. Additions or Deletions, if any, to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

IV. Public Comment

Mr. Brian Bondy expressed concern that Sustainable Management Criteria is not listed on the Agenda but is shown as a presentation in the Committee packet online. Mr. Buelow explained that the presentation simply introduces the topic of Sustainable Management Criteria and indicated that the topic will be added to a future agenda and covered during that meeting.

Committee Member Waite made a MOTION to add Stakeholder Management Criteria to the Agenda. The motion failed for lack of Second.

A member of the public asked what impact SGMA will have on private wells. Mr. Buelow said that a variety of information explaining SGMA and its relationship to groundwater uses and producers in the Basin is located at SantaYnezWater.org and on DWR's website.

Mr. Matt van der Linden stated there is more private pumping in the EMA than public agency pumping.

V. Receive and Discuss received correspondence from the Santa Ynez Water Group

Mr. Bill Buelow introduced correspondence dated September 16, 2020 from the Santa Ynez Water Group. Discussion followed.

VI. Review and Consider Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the GSA Committee meeting of August 27, 2020 were presented for GSA Committee approval.

GSA Committee Member Joos made a MOTION to approve the minutes of August 27, 2020 as presented. GSA Committee Member Waite seconded the motion and it passed by Roll Call vote of 3-0-1 with Committee Member Hartmann abstaining.

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

The GSA Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2020-21 Periods 1 through 3 (through September 30, 2020) and the Warrant Lists for August and September 2020.

GSA Committee Member Marymee made a MOTION to approve the August and September 2020 Warrant Lists and financial reports as presented (No. 1017) totaling \$8,420.18. GSA Committee Member Waite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by Roll Call vote.

VIII. Review and Approve Draft No. 2 SGMA Newsletter

Mr. Bill Buelow introduced a Draft version of the SGMA Basin Newsletter No. 2. He stated that staff and consultants were trying to finalize the newsletter so that it could be mailed out in December 2020 by all Member Agencies in their December utility or water bills. He elaborated that after the first newsletter was mailed out, traffic to SantaYnezWater.org website increased 200-300%. Discussion followed.

There was a unanimous consensus by all Committee Members to have the draft Newsletter reviewed by the EMA CAG before finalization and distribution. Committee Member Hartmann offered to also send out Newsletter No. 2 with her e-newsletter.

IX. Receive Update on Aerial Electro-Magnetic Survey of EMA

Mr. Matt Young announced that the SkyTem survey team has arrived in the area, He discussed technical difficulties that have been encountered and repairs that were needed but indicated that the survey of the EMA should be finished next week.

Discussion followed. Mr. Buelow indicated that only one concerned citizen call was received by SYRWCD, and that no calls were received by either the City of Solvang or the County of Santa Barbara. There was no public comment.

X. Receive Draft Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model (HCM) for the EMA and attend presentation from GSI

Mr. Tim Nicely and Mr. Jeff Barry (GSI Water Solutions) presented the Draft Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model (HCM) for the EMA and an update on the consultants' GSP activities in the EMA since the last GSA Committee meeting in August 2020, including newly initiated work, ongoing activities, and the next steps to create a SGMA compliant GSP for the EMA GSA. The presentation also provided a brief introduction on Sustainable Management Criteria.

There was public comment, and discussion followed.

GSA Committee Member Hartmann made a MOTION to release Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the Draft Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model (HCM) for the EMA for a 60-day public comment period and for staff to hold a Citizen Advisory Group meeting on the Draft HCM. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously by Roll Call vote.

XI. Consider proposed schedule of "Special" and "Regular" EMA GSA Meetings through June 2021

Mr. Buelow presented a proposed schedule of Special and Regular EMA GSA Meetings through June 2021. Quarterly Regular meetings will include regular business and financials while the one special meeting during each of the other months will address specific topics relating to preparation of the GSP. All meetings will be held on a Thursday at 6:30pm.

The next EMA GSA Committee Meeting will be Special Meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2020, 6:30 PM, via video and teleconference due to COVID-19 restrictions.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting Type</u>
11/19/2020	Regular
12/10/2020	Special
01/21/2021	Special
02/25/2021	Regular
03/25/2021	Special
04/22/2021	Special
05/27/2021	Regular
06/24/2021	Special

Discussion followed. Committee Members agreed on the need for the proposed Special Meetings and by unanimous consensus, accepted the proposed dates through June 2021.

Committee Member Waite announced that December 10, 2020 would be her last meeting representing City of Solvang on the EMA GSA Committee. Everyone thanked her for her service to the EMA GSA.

Mr. Bondy expressed hope that noticing of and posting Agendas for the Special Meetings would be handled the same as Regular Meetings with posting 72 hours in advance versus the required 24 hours for Special Meetings.


XII. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments

There were no Committee Member requests or comments.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, GSA Committee Member Waite made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM. GSA Committee Member Hartmann seconded.


Brett Marymee, Chairman


William J. Buelow, Secretary

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA (EMA)
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

JULY 2020 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
			Approved at August 2020 meeting because warrants were charged to FY 2019-20	\$ -
				MONTH TOTAL \$ -

AUGUST 2020 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1017	09/18/20	Stetson Engineers	June 2020 Engineering Service (Basin Coordination)	\$ 8,420.18
				MONTH TOTAL \$ 8,420.18

SEPTEMBER 2020 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

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

TOTAL THIS QUARTER: \$ 8,420.18
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Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), enacted January 2015, creates a new framework for groundwater management. The management plan developed by this process will regulate future groundwater use and will be completed in early 2022.

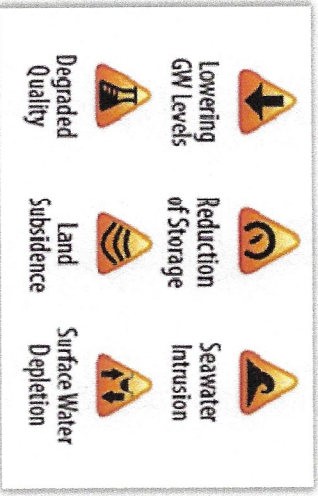
In accordance with SGMA, DRAFT Hydrogeological Conceptual Models (HCM) have been prepared for each management area within the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin, including the Eastern Management Area (EMA), the Central Management Area (CMA), and the Western Management Area (WMA). Each HCM describes the basin setting and outlines the physical characteristics of the specific management area, identifies principal aquifers, and the uses and users of groundwater. The HCM documents for the EMA, CMA, and WMA are **now available for public review and comment** at SantaYnezWater.org. Additional DRAFT documents describing groundwater conditions will be released for public review and comment, soon.

Check SantaYnezWater.org for schedule of Public Meetings and Workshops

Sustainable Management Criteria

Sustainable Groundwater Management is defined by the management and use of groundwater in a manner that can be maintained during the planning and implementation horizon, 20 years, without causing undesirable results.

Avoidance of undesirable results is measured through **six sustainability indicators:**

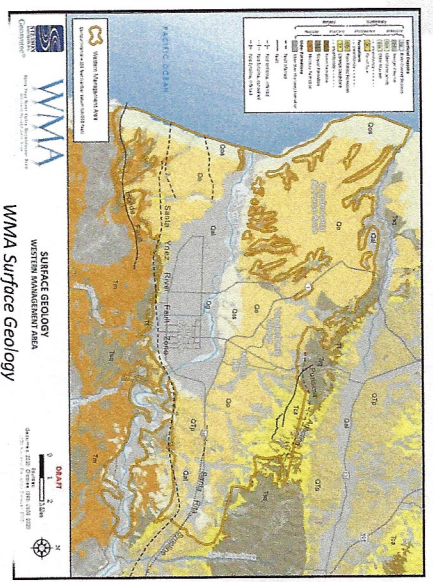
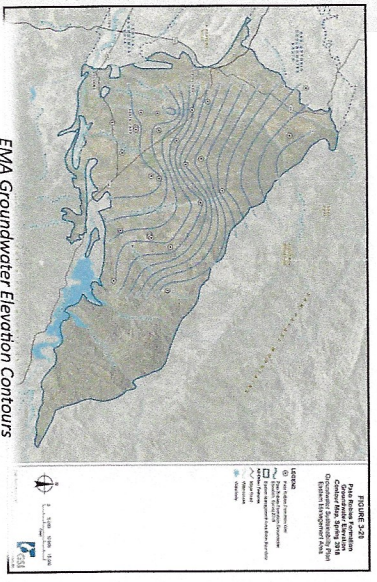
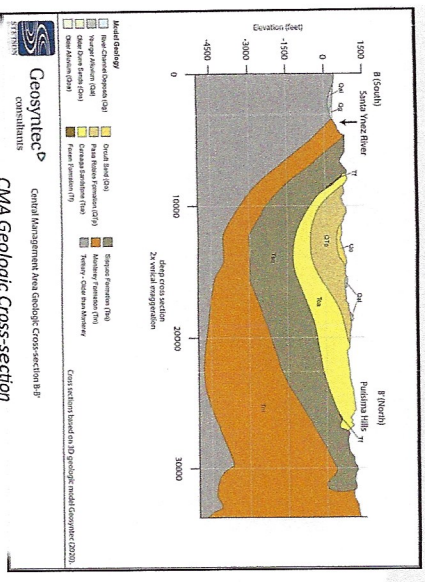


The Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committees will request public feedback on the **six sustainability indicators** and associated undesirable results based on findings presented by the basin's consultants. Public feedback to establish undesirable results thresholds will be considered to work toward sustainable groundwater management. Public participation is important at this step to develop appropriate undesirable results thresholds in order to develop a plan for sustainable groundwater management. For meeting announcements and information on how to participate, please visit the website at SantaYnezWater.org.

Hydrogeological Conceptual Model:

Provides understanding of basin setting, physical characteristics and basin geometry (geology), hydrogeologic conditions, land use, and groundwater uses and users.

HCMs include a series of geologic maps and scaled cross-sections to provide a representation and geographic view of different data sets, as demonstrated by these examples from the draft HCMs.



For more information, meeting announcements, and draft documents, please visit SantaYnezWater.org or call (805) 693-1156 ext. 403



Cuenca de Agua Subterránea del Valle del Río Santa Ynez

La Ley de Gestión Sostenible del Agua Subterránea (SGMA), por sus siglas en inglés), promulgada en enero del 2015, crea un nuevo marco para la sostenibilidad del agua subterránea. El plan de sostenibilidad desarrollado por este proceso regulará el uso futuro del agua subterránea y se completará a principios de 2022.

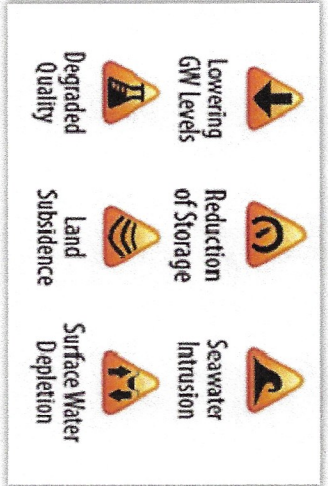
De acuerdo con la SGMA, se han preparado BORRADORES de Modelos Conceptuales Hidrogeológicos (HCM, por sus siglas en inglés) para cada área de gestión dentro de la Cuenca de Agua Subterránea del Río Santa Ynez, incluyendo el Área de Gestión Oriental (EMA, por sus siglas en inglés), el Área de Gestión Central (CMA, por sus siglas en inglés) y el Área de Gestión Occidental (WMA, por sus siglas en inglés). Cada HCM describe el entorno de la cuenca y describe las características físicas del área de gestión específica, identifica los principales acuíferos, y los usos y usuarios del agua subterránea. Los documentos de HCM para EMA, CMA, y WMA **ya están disponibles para su revisión y comentarios públicos en SantaYnezWater.org**. Pronto se publicarán documentos BORRADORES adicionales que describen las condiciones del agua subterránea para su revisión y comentarios públicos.

Visite SantaYnezWater.org para conocer el calendario de Reuniones Públicas y Talleres

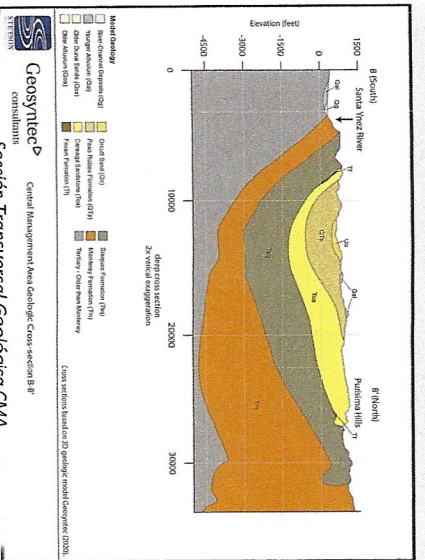
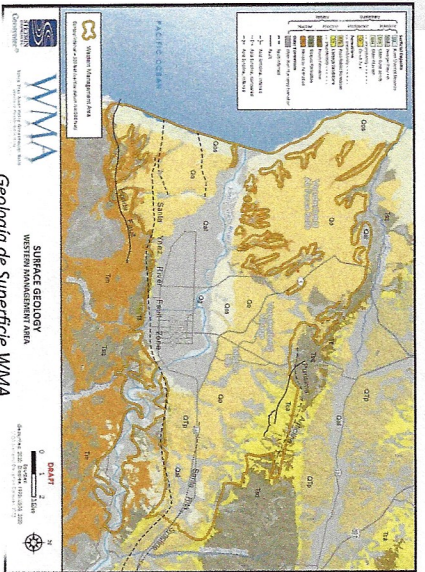
Criterios de Gestión Sostenible

La Gestión Sostenible del Agua Subterránea se define como la gestión y uso del agua subterránea de manera que se pueda mantener durante el horizonte de planeación e implementación, 20 años, sin generar resultados indeseables.

El evitar resultados indeseables se mide a través de seis indicadores de sostenibilidad:



Los Comités de la Agencia de Sostenibilidad del Agua Subterránea solicitarán la retroalimentación del público sobre los seis indicadores de sostenibilidad y los resultados indeseables asociados basados en los hallazgos presentados por los consultores de la cuenca. Se considerará que la retroalimentación del público para establecer umbrales de resultados no deseados tiene como fin la gestión sostenible del agua subterránea. La participación pública es importante en este paso para desarrollar umbrales de resultados indeseables apropiados con el fin de desarrollar un plan de sostenibilidad del agua subterránea. Para conocer los anuncios de reuniones e información sobre cómo participar, visite el sitio web SantaYnezWater.org.



Modelo Conceptual Hidrogeológico: Proporciona una comprensión del entorno de la cuenca, las características físicas y la geometría de la cuenca (geología), las condiciones hidrogeológicas, el uso de la tierra y los usos y usuarios del agua subterránea.

Los HCM incluyen una serie de mapas geológicos y secciones transversales escaladas para proporcionar una representación y vista geográfica de diferentes conjuntos de datos, como lo demuestran estos ejemplos de los borradores de HCM.

Para obtener más información, anuncios de reuniones, y documentos preliminares, visite SantaYnezWater.org o llame al (805) 693-1156 ext. 403

