

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin June 30, 2022

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, May 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting occurred solely by teleconference as recommended by Santa Barbara County Public Health and as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361 and Resolution EMA-2021-001 (passed on 10/21/2021, reaffirmed 5/26/2022).

EMA GSA Committee Members Present: Joan Hartmann, Mark Infanti, Brad Joos, and Brett Marymee

EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present: Cynthia Allen and Meighan Diethofer

Member Agency Staff Present: Jose Acosta, Bill Buelow, Paeter Garcia, Amber Thompson, Kevin Walsh and Matt Young

Others Present: Steve Anderson, Russel Chamberlin, Doug Circle, Finley Farms, Mary Heyden, Gay Infanti, Henry Kitzke, Brian Macy, Kevin Merrill, Chip Wullbrandt, and two members of the public whose names were not registered.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

EMA GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to call roll. Four EMA GSA Committee Members were present providing a quorum plus two EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members.

II. Consider findings under Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution EMA-2021-001

Mr. Buelow explained Assembly Bill 361, the Santa Barbara County Public Health recommendation, and adoption of Resolution EMA-2021-001, passed on October 21, 2021 and reaffirmed on May 26, 2022, which authorize public meetings to be conducted remotely via video and/or teleconference and that such conditions continue to exist.

EMA GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann made a MOTION to authorize continuing video and/or teleconference meetings under Resolution EMA-2021-001. EMA GSA Committee Member Mark Infanti seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Receive, and Discuss and Consider Approval of Draft Documents for providing EMA GSA verification of new well permits under Executive Order Number 7-22

Mr. Buelow introduced four documents created by EMA GSA member agencies staff as a response to Executive Order Number 7-22.

a. Draft EMA Process and Criteria for Administering Written Verifications Per EO N-7-22

Paeter Garcia reviewed and explained the draft EMA process and criteria document for administering written verifications per Section 9.a of Executive Order N-7-22, which was drafted by staff and attorneys of the four member agencies of the EMA GSA who worked together in response to the EMA GSA Committee's request at the last EMA GSA Committee meeting. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

b. Draft Indemnification Agreement

Mr. Garcia reviewed and explained the draft Indemnification Agreement that was drafted by staff and attorneys of the four member agencies of the EMA GSA. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

c. Draft Reimbursement Agreement

Mr. Garcia reviewed and explained the draft Deposit and Reimbursement Agreement that was drafted by staff and attorneys of the four member agencies of the EMA GSA. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

d. Draft Well-Permit Acknowledgement

Mr. Kevin Walsh and Mr. Garcia reviewed and explained the draft Well Permit Acknowledgement form that was drafted by staff and attorneys of the four member agencies of the EMA GSA. There was no discussion and no public comments were received.

GSA Committee Member Mark Infanti made a MOTION to approve the draft EMA process and criteria document for administering written verifications per EO N-7-22, draft Indemnification Agreement, draft Deposit and Reimbursement Agreement, and draft Well Permit Acknowledgement form, subject to pending changes and/or legislation with the intent to address existing well permit applications that are pending. The motion failed for lack of a second.

GSA Committee Member Joan Hartman made a MOTION to approve the draft EMA process and criteria document for administering written verifications per EO

N-7-22, draft Indemnification Agreement, draft Reimbursement Agreement, and draft Well Permit Acknowledgement form, as submitted, and to consider possible amendments at the next EMA GSA Committee meeting currently scheduled for July 21, 2022. GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote

e. Draft GSI Scope of Work

Mr. Matt Young reviewed and explained the Scope of Work received from GSI Water Solutions. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

GSA Committee Member Joan Hartman made a MOTION to approve the Scope of Work proposal from GSI Water Solutions. GSA Committee Member Brad Joos seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comments received. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote

VI. Update on Publication of Notice Under Government Code Section 6066 and Water Code Section 10730 of Intent to Adopt Fee for Compliance with Executive Order Number 7-22

Mr. Buelow reported that the required legal notices announcing the July 21, 2022 EMA GSA Committee meeting for the EMA GSA Committee to consider adopting a fee will be published in the July 7 and July 14, 2022 editions of the Santa Barbara News Press at a cost of approximately \$100. There was no discussion and no public comments.

VII. Consider approval of additional budget for GSI to upload annual water-level data as required by SGMA

Mr. Buelow reported that DWR's requirement that the GSA upload Spring 2022 water level data to the state database required an additional budget approval for the work to be completed by GSI Water Solutions at a total cost not to exceed \$1,200, including time and materials. Discussion followed.

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee made a MOTION to approve the additional budget expenditure not to exceed \$1,200 for GSI Water Solutions to upload the annual water data as required by SGMA to the DWR online database. GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann seconded the motion. Discussion followed and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VIII. Next Special EMA GSA Meeting, Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Buelow announced the next special EMA GSA meeting will be Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., either in person at the Santa Ynez Community Services District Conference Room or via Zoom. The details will be determined closer to the meeting date based on continuing health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

IX. Next Regular EMA GSA Meeting, Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Buelow announced the next regular EMA GSA meeting will be Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., either in person at the Santa Ynez Community Services District Conference Room or via Zoom. The details will be determined closer to the meeting date based on continuing health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

X. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments

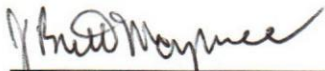
GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann suggested that the EMA GSA Committee schedule regular monthly meetings and requested that a schedule be prepared and provided to the Committee members. GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee also requested a monthly meeting schedule be provided for the remainder of 2022.

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee requested a forecasted timeline of EMA GSA financial obligations and grant reimbursements to provide a better financial situational awareness.

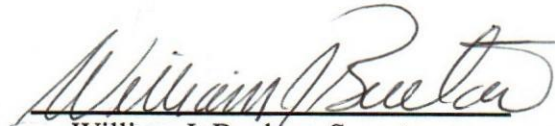
GSA Committee Member Brad Joos thanked staff from the member agencies for an excellent job preparing the draft documents in response to Executive Order N-7-22.

XI. Adjournment

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.



Brett Marymee, Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary