

# MEETING MINUTES

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin November 15, 2023

A regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Western Management Area (WMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Vandenberg Village Community Services District Board Room, 3745 Constellation Road, Lompoc, California.

WMA GSA Committee Members Present: Cynthia Allen, Chris Brooks, and Myron Heavin

WMA GSA Acting Alternate Committee Members Present: Kristin Worthley

WMA GSA Non-Voting Acting Alternate Committee Member Present (Video Conference):  
Meighan Dietenhofer

Staff Present (in person): Joe Barget and Amber Thompson

Staff Present (Video Conference): Brad Hagemann and Matt Young

Others Present (in person): None

Others Present (Video Conference): Matt Brady, Ken Domako (VSFB), John Fio (EKI), and Carol Redhead

### 1. Call to Order

WMA GSA Committee Chair Chris Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and reordered the agenda items by moving Agenda Item No. 3, “Roll Call” ahead of Agenda Item No. 2, “Update on agency representatives on the WMA GSA Committee”.

### 2. Roll Call

Ms. Amber Thompson called roll. Three Committee Members, one Acting Alternate Committee Member, and one non-voting Acting Alternate Committee Member were present providing a quorum.

### 3. Update on agency representatives on the WMA GSA Committee

Ms. Thompson reported that the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District appointed Director Cynthia Allen as the representative and Director Steve Jordan as the alternate representative to the WMA GSA Committee.

**4. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

No additions or deletions were made.

**5. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**6. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of September 27, 2023**

The minutes of the WMA GSA Committee meeting on September 27, 2023, were presented for GSA Committee approval. There was no discussion or public comment.

WMA GSA Committee Member Myron Heavin made a MOTION to approve the minutes of September 27, 2023, as presented. GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**7. Review and Consider Approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List**

The WMA GSA Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2023-24 Periods 1 through 3 (through September 30, 2023) and the Warrant Lists for July, August, and September 2023. Discussion followed.

WMA GSA Committee Member Myron Heavin made a MOTION to approve the Warrant Lists of July, August, and September 2023 (Check Nos. 1011-1018) totaling \$7,043.25, as presented. GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**8. Receive Update on Joint Powers Agreement for the WMA**

Ms. Kristin Worthley announced that the City of Lompoc City Council, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors, the Vandenberg Village CSD Board of Directors, and the Mission Hills CSD Board of Directors all approved the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for the WMA, as endorsed by the WMA GSA Committee. The County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors is expected to consider the JPA on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

**9. Receive Presentation on Proposition 68 Grant Award**

Mr. John Fio, EKI Environment and Water presented Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Proposition 68 Grant for SGMA Implementation, Stakeholder Outreach, November – December 2023 slides prepared by EKI Environment and Water. There was discussion during and following the presentation. There was no public comment and no action.

**10. Update on WMA CAG meeting of November 6, 2023**

Ms. Kristin Worthley provided a summary of the WMA CAG meeting that took place on November 6, 2023, to preview the presentation from EKI that was presented to the WMA GSA Committee today. She announced the next WMA CAG meeting will be on Friday, November 17, 2023, at the Lompoc Water Treatment Plant to review the history and discuss the future of SGMA. There was no discussion or public comment.

**11. Receive Draft Schedule of Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin GSA meetings for 2024 and consider returning to quarterly regular meetings with special meetings, as needed**

WMA GSA Committee Member Chris Brooks presented the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin 2024 Regular GSA Meetings calendar with staff recommendation to return to quarterly regular meetings and change the other months to save the dates for special meetings, if needed. Discussion followed.

WMA GSA Acting Alternate Committee Member adopt the quarterly regular meeting schedule with monthly save-the-dates for special meetings, if needed, as presented. GSA Committee Member Myron Heavin seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**12. Next WMA GSA Regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at Vandenberg Village Community Services District, Meeting Room, 3745 Constellation Rd., Lompoc**

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**13. WMA GSA Committee reports and requests for future agenda items**

WMA GSA Committee Member Myron Heavin requested that the water softener issue in Lompoc Valley be on a future agenda.

**14. Adjournment**

WMA GSA Committee Chair Chris Brooks adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

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WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA)  
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

**JULY 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1011	07/13/23	GSI Water Solutions	May 2023 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 1,200.00
1012	07/13/23	Stetson Engineers	May 2023 Engineering Service (GSP Implementation Support)	\$ 1,138.50
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 2,338.50</b>

**AUGUST 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1013	08/18/23	GSI Water Solutions	July 2023 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 890.00
1014	08/18/23	Stetson Engineers	June 2023 Engineering Service (GSP Implementation Support)	\$ 473.00
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 1,363.00</b>

**SEPTEMBER 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1015	09/29/23	GSI Water Solutions	August 2023 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 1,102.50
1016	09/29/23	Onsite Computers	Office 365 Basic License (email) - wma@SantaYnezWater.org	\$ 72.00
1017	09/29/23	Stetson Engineers	July & August 2023 Engineering Service (GSP Implementation Work)	\$ 1,867.25
1018	09/29/23	Valley Bookkeeping	2023 3rd Quarter Bookkeeping (July, August, September 2023)	\$ 300.00
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 3,341.75</b>

**TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 7,043.25**