

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin

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, 23 October 2019, 10:00 A.M. at the City of Lompoc Water Treatment Plant, 601 E. North Ave., Lompoc, California.

Committee Members Present:

Chris Brooks Meighan Diethofer (Acting as Alternate) Steve Jordan
Jim Mosby

Committee Members Absent:

Joan Hartmann Bruce Nix

Alternate WMA GSA Committee Members Present:

Katherine Stewart

Alternate WMA GSA Committee Members Absent:

Marvin Heavin

Staff Present:

Joe Barget Bill Buelow Kevin Walsh Kristin Worthley
Matt Young

Others Present:

Zoe Carlson (Dudek) Maygan Cline (Geosyntec)
Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers) Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers)
Plus 7 members of the public

Others Via Phone:

Anita Regmi (DWR) John Fio (EKI)

I. Call to Order

Committee Member Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Member Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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 (EMA, CMA, WMA), securing Department of Water Resources (DWR) Prop. 1 Grant (Grant) funding, hiring Consultants and establishing a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG).

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

No additions or deletions were made.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Review and Approve Minutes

Mr. Buelow submitted the minutes of the meeting of July 24, 2019 and September 25, 2019 for Committee approval. Committee Member Mosby suggested a correction to the minutes of July 24, 2019. Committee Member Jordan made a MOTION to approve the minutes of July 24, 2019 as amended and approve the minutes of September 25, 2019 as presented. Committee Member Mosby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VII. Review and Approve Amended Minutes

Mr. Buelow submitted the amended minutes of previously adopted minutes for the meetings of June 07, 2018; October 24, 2018; January 23, 2019 and April 24, 2019 for Committee approval. The Title of the Agency on all sets of minutes were corrected to match the exact title as listed on the Conflict of Interest Code which was previously adopted by both this committee and the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors.

Committee Member Jordan made a MOTION to Amend Minutes Previously Adopted for the meetings of June 07, 2018; October 24, 2018; January 23, 2019 and April 24, 2019. Committee Member Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VIII. Receive WMA GSA Financial update and approve WMA Warrant List

The Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2018-19 Period 12 and FY 2019-20 Periods 1 through 3 (through September 30, 2019). Mr. Buelow reported the financial reports for Period 3 (September 2019) were not available from the bookkeeper prior to this meeting.

The Committee approved unanimously the July, August and September Warrant Lists as presented (items 1003-1005). Committee Member Jordan made a MOTION to approve the warrant lists and financial reports as submitted. Committee Member Mosby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IX. Receive and discuss Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement between three GSAs and consider CMA endorsement/recommendation for all GSA agencies in the Basin to adopt the Agreement

Mr. Buelow reviewed the Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement for Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Agreement). 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 reviewed and approved by Attorneys for all eight Agencies. The Agreement is now being distributed to the three GSA Committees for review and endorsement. After endorsement by the three GSA Committees, the Representative for each Agency will take the Agreement to their respective Board/Council of each member Agency for review and approval.

Mr. Buelow thanked agency staff and counsels especially Mr. Paeter Garcia (ID No. 1), Mr. Steve Torigiani (Attorney for SYRWCD) and Johannah Hartley (Attorney for the County of Santa Barbara) for their combined efforts to finalize the Agreement.

There was no public comment.

Committee Member Mosby made a MOTION to accept and endorse the Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement for Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin. Committee Member Jordan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

X. WMA Citizen Advisory Group (CAG)

a. Receive report from WMA CAG on Draft Outreach and Engagement Plan

Mr. Dubose presented the WMA CAG Memorandum regarding the Draft Outreach and Engagement Plan and reviewed the bullet points.

Committee Member Brooks thanked the WMA CAG for their work. There was no public comment. No action was needed or taken by the Committee.

b. Receive report from WMA CAG on Draft Data Management Plan

Ms. Kistler presented the WMA CAG Memorandum regarding the Draft Data Management Plan and reviewed the bullet points.

Public comment and discussion followed. No action was needed or taken by the Committee.

XI. Receive update from Stetson Engineers on GSP activities in the WMA

Mr. McCammon (Stetson Engineers), Mr. Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Ms. Carlson (Dudek) and Ms. Cline (Geosyntec) presented an update on deliverables, ongoing activities and next steps to create a SGMA compliant GSP for the WMA GSA.

They announced the public portal (SantaYnezWater.org) will be online in the next few days. The public can enter comments and sign up to receive meeting notices.

Public comment and discussion followed. Mr. Buelow thanked the consultants for the work done to collect and organize all the publicly available data from so many sources. No action was needed or taken by the Committee.

XII. Receive list of regular GSA meetings for 2020. Next WMA GSA Meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 10:00 AM, at the City of Lompoc Water Treatment Plan, 601 E. North Ave, Lompoc, CA

Mr. Buelow presented for consideration a list of regular WMA GSA Committee meetings for 2020: February 26, May 20, August 26, November 18. As previously discussed, the month for meetings was changed to the second month per quarter. The meetings will be noticed with final date, time and location consistent with Government Code Section 54954.

There was no public comment.

Committee Member Mosby made a MOTION to accept the change in the regular meeting schedule to the second month per quarter and accept the list of 2020 dates for the WMA GSA Committee regular meetings. Committee Member Jordan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.


Mr. Buelow announced the next WMA GSA Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 10:00 AM, at the City of Lompoc Water Treatment Plan, 601 E. North Ave, Lompoc, CA.

XIII. WMA GSA Committee requests and comments

Mr. Buelow thanked the City of Lompoc for hosting the meeting and especially to Mr. Ryan for providing a pre-meeting tour of the Water Treatment Plant. There were no requests.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Brooks adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.



Chris Brooks, Chairman



William J Buelow, Secretary

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN
WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY AGENCY (GSA)**

JULY 2019 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

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

AUGUST 2019 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1003	08/19/19	Stetson Engineers	June 2019 Engineering Service (Task Order #2)	\$ 19,357.78
1004	08/19/19	Valley Bookkeeping	FY 2018-19 4th Quarter Bookkeeping (April, May, June)	\$ 150.00
TOTAL				\$ 19,507.78

SEPTEMBER 2019 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1005	09/18/19	Stetson Engineers	July 2019 Engineering Service (Task Order #1)	\$ 18,474.62
TOTAL				\$ 18,474.62

TOTAL THIS QUARTER: \$ 37,982.40