

**WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA
CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: July 28, 2021

TO: WMA GSA Committee

FROM: WMA Citizen Advisory Group

SUBJECT: Review and Discussion Draft Numeric Groundwater Model Technical Memorandum

Western Management Area (WMA) Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) Members:

CAG Members in attendance: Charles Witt, Jose Baer, Karen Kistler, Ken Domako.

Staff and Consultants in attendance: Mr. Bill Buelow (SYRWCD), Mr. Curtis Lawlor and Ms. Jean Moran (Stetson), Ms. Kristin Worthley (City of Lompoc), Mr. John Fio (EKI for City of Lompoc), Mr. Joe Barget (VVCSD), and Mr. Jerry Gruber (MHCSD).

Other in attendance: Mr. Steve Slack, CDFW, Jim McCord, and Matt Brady

Purpose

The WMA GSA Committee requested staff for the GSA agencies to coordinate meetings of the WMA CAG. Through a coordinated effort, the CAG held a meeting via teleconference due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The meeting was held on June 24, 2021. The purpose of the meetings was for the WMA CAG (CAG) to review the Draft Numeric Groundwater Model Technical Memorandum. The Memorandum was prepared by the Stetson Engineer's team. A copy of the documents was made available to the CAG prior to the meeting at www.SantaYnezWater.org.

CAG Comments on Draft Groundwater Model Technical Memorandum

- The CAG members felt the document was a good description of the model and suggested the document would be better with addition of some additional graphs and maps that describe: 1) annual rainfall; 2) minimum flow during reservoir releases; 3) maps of wells and data collection points
- The CAG asked about the addition of stream flow gauges in certain areas.
 - Staff commented that they are not mandatory and are very costly. One could be considered at the mouth of the Santa Ynez River which would help all three Management Areas. This is a decision for the three GSAs in the future.

- Steve Slack commented that there are funds available for new stream gauges through SB 19 Funding.
- The CAG asked specific questions about the conductivity values, and whether additional data would help clarify.
- The CAG asked whether the data gap between the Santa Rita Area and the Buellton area is significant.

There was not further comment.