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RE: Invitation to Apply to Serve on the WMA Citizen Advisory Group

Dear Stakeholders of the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin:

You are invited to apply to become a Citizen Advisor Group (CAG) member for the Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WMA GSA). If selected, you will:

- Be valued for your diverse perspectives concerning all beneficial uses and users of groundwater
- Provide an additional level of public input to the Committee on various issues related to the implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)
- Attend meetings of the WMA GSA, GSP implementation, and other SGMA-related activities
- Influence the decisions of GSP implementation by the WMA GSA Committee

Deadline to submit your application is Thursday, June 15, 2023. Please submit by email to wma@SantaYnezWater.org or by mail to WMA GSA, P.O. Box 719, Santa Ynez, CA 93460.

Please note, you should plan to be available until the submittal of the Third Annual Report on or about April 1, 2024.

The application and additional information are enclosed. Should you have any questions, please contact the WMA GSA Coordinator, Bill Buelow, at 805-693-1156, ext. 403 or via email at wma@SantaYnezWater.org.

Sincerely,

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Christopher Brooks'.

Christopher Brooks

Committee Chair

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
Western Management Area (WMA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)
Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) Guidelines

The WMA GSA Committee (Committee), comprised of officials appointed from the member agencies of the WMA GSA (Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District; City of Lompoc; Vandenberg Village Community Services District, Mission Hills Community Services District, and the Santa Barbara County Water Agency) is responsible for implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in the WMA of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) and for coordinating its activities with other GSAs and agencies in the Basin. The Committee adopted a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the WMA on January 5, 2022, and submitted it to the California Department of Water Resources for their review and approval.

The CAG was formed and provided meaningful input throughout the development of the GSP. The Committee would like to continue the momentum of the CAG by directing future efforts toward projects and management actions and other aspects of implementing the GSP.

Purpose

SGMA required the Committee to consider the interests of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the WMA during the development of the GSP, including the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater. Collaborative and inclusive processes make the GSP more effective by increasing public buy-in, promoting compliance, and enhancing the quality of information on which the GSP is based. The Committee maintains a current list of organizations and people who receive notices of GSA Committee meetings and other SGMA-related activities. The CAG provides an additional level of public input to the Committee in a way that represents different categories of groundwater uses and users in the WMA.

To ensure an effective and collaborative process, the Committee will appoint members to the CAG who reflect a diversity of interests and different types of groundwater uses and users in the WMA. The CAG will provide input to the Committee relating to various elements or sections of the GSP, including but not limited to those pertaining to stakeholder engagement, data management, the hydrogeologic conceptual model and numeric groundwater model, water budgets, sustainability goals, monitoring programs, and projects and management actions.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Committee is solely responsible for all matters relating to the CAG, including but not limited to formation, membership, function, organization, operation, management, and dissolution. The Committee may request that WMA GSA member agency staff assist the CAG.

Staff Role. Responsibility for the administrative aspects of the CAG process may be delegated to staff from the member agencies of the WMA GSA. At the request of the Committee, staff will schedule CAG meetings, prepare and circulate agendas, distribute materials to the CAG members for review, facilitate meetings, prepare meeting minutes, and undertake other related tasks.

CAG Role. At times determined by the Committee, CAG members will be asked to provide input or recommendations on various elements or sections of the GSP and related topics. In addition to providing their personal perspectives, CAG members represent different categories of groundwater uses and users in the WMA. All CAG members are expected to work collaboratively among themselves, with other stakeholders and members of the public, with the Committee, with member agency staff, and with other GSAs and agencies throughout the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin. CAG members may be asked to develop comments and input on topics, recognizing there may not always be consensus. CAG input will be considered by the Committee in the process of implementing the WMA GSP and in coordinating those efforts with the EMA GSA and the CMA GSA. Members of the CAG serve voluntarily at the pleasure of the Committee. All CAG members are expected to commit time and effort to support the implementation of the GSP and serve for at least one year.

Governance

All matters relating to the CAG, including but not limited to the formation, membership, function, organization, operation, management, and dissolution of the CAG shall remain within the sole discretion of the Committee. Procedural items relating to the CAG are set forth below.

Applications and Selection. Interested individuals must complete and submit the attached Application Form. The Committee, or an ad hoc subcommittee that may include member agency staff, will review and evaluate applications. The evaluation process may include applicant interviews. The Committee will select CAG members as needs arise or as vacancies occur.

Composition. The Committee will select up to seven (7) members to serve on the CAG.

Term. CAG members are expected to serve at least one year but do not serve for any specific period.

Dismissal. CAG members serve at will and at the pleasure of the Committee. At its sole discretion, the Committee may dismiss any or all members of the CAG at any time, with or without cause.

Vacancies. When a vacancy occurs on the CAG, the Committee may appoint a new member without conducting a new application process.

Meetings. CAG meetings will be held on an as-needed and as-available basis, generally about four times a year.

APPLICATION FORM

WMA GSA CAG Member

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

What is your relationship to the Western Management Area (WMA) of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin? (See Attached Map)

Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> NGO Representative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Well Owner/Producer | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Well Owner/Producer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Agency Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> California Native American Tribe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of a landowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Why are you interested in serving on the CAG? (Please use an additional page if more space is needed.)

What type or category of groundwater uses or users in the Western Management Area do you propose to represent?

What unique experience or expertise would you contribute if selected to the CAG? Please explain any technical knowledge you have regarding water resource issues in the WMA. (Please use an additional page if more space is needed.)

Are you committed to fully participating in the CAG process for at least one year? Do you have particular time or timing limitations that may impact your ability to serve as a member of the CAG?

Please provide the names and information of three personal or professional references.

1. **Name:** _____
Affiliation/Relationship: _____
Daytime Phone Number: _____
Email address: _____

2. **Name:** _____
Affiliation/Relationship: _____
Daytime Phone Number: _____
Email address: _____

3. **Name:** _____
Affiliation/Relationship: _____
Daytime Phone Number: _____
Email address: _____

Submit completed application forms to Mr. Bill Buelow, Groundwater Program Manager, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District by either of the following:

Email: wma@SantaYnezWater.org

US Postal Service: Attn: Bill Buelow
SYRWCD on behalf of WMA GSA
PO Box 719
Santa Ynez, CA 93460