

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
FOR THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER GROUNDWATER BASIN

WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023, AT 6:30 P.M.

Remote participation only via Telephone or ZOOM

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AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Consider findings under Government Code section 54953(e) to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution EMA-2021-001
- III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
- IV. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the Committee relating to any non-agenda matter within the Committee’s jurisdiction. The total time for all public comment shall not exceed fifteen minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes. No action will be taken by the Committee at this meeting on any public comment item.)
- V. Receive briefing on revision to the teleconferencing “Rules of the Brown Act” by AB2449
- VI. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of November 17, 2022
- VII. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List

- VIII. Review Draft Policy Options for Well Verification Requests
- IX. Receive Update on EMA Second Annual Report
- X. Next EMA GSA Special Meeting, Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. – location TBD
- XI. EMA GSA Committee reports and requests for future agenda items
- XII. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin November 17, 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, November 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting occurred solely by video and teleconference in accordance with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Social Distance Recommendation and as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361, and Resolution EMA-2021-001 (passed on 10/21/2021, reaffirmed 8/25/2022).

EMA GSA Committee Members Present: Meighan Diethofer (Acting Alternate), Mark Infanti, Brad Joos, and Brett Marymee

EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present: Cynthia Allen, Mike Burchardi

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

Others Present: Steve Anderson, Doug Circle, Elizabeth Farnum, Tim Gorham, Mary Heyden, Gay Infanti, Ronald Piazza, and Ray Shady

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. Three EMA GSA Committee Members and one Acting Alternate were present providing a quorum plus two EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members.

EMA GSA Committee Member Brad Joos announced that Mr. Mike Burchardi was recently appointed as the EMA GSA Alternate Committee Member representing the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 Board of Trustees.

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

Mr. Buelow briefly 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 August 25, 2022, which authorize public meetings to be conducted remotely via video and/or teleconference and that such conditions continue to exist. There was no discussion.

EMA GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee made a MOTION to continue meeting remotely under Resolution EMA-2021-001. EMA GSA Committee Member Brad Joos 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

EMA GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee announced that a public comment letter was received from the Santa Ynez Water Group in advance of the meeting and was provided in the meeting packet. He asked Mr. Doug Circle if he had any additional comment.

Ms. Mary Heyden said thank you for including the Water Group's public comment letter in the meeting packet. She requested an update on JPA development for the EMA. Mr. Buelow stated updates will be provided at a future meeting.

Ms. Elizabeth Farnum asked if the EMA GSA Committee will consider offering a hybrid format for future meetings to provide both in person and remote participation.

V. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of August 25, 2022

The minutes of the EMA GSA Committee meeting on August 25, 2022 were presented for GSA Committee approval. There was no discussion.

EMA GSA Committee Member Mark Infanti made a MOTION to approve the minutes of August 25, 2022, as presented. GSA Committee Member Brad Joos seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it passed 3-0-1 by roll call vote with GSA Acting Alternate Committee Member Meighan Dietenhofer abstaining.

VI. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List

The GSA Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2022-23 Periods 1 through 3 (through September 30, 2022) and the Warrant Lists for July, August, and September 2022. There was no discussion.

EMA GSA Committee Acting Alternate Member Meighan Dietenhofer made a MOTION to approve the July, August, and September 2022 Warrant Lists (Check Nos. 2010-2013) totaling \$1,664.34, as presented. GSA Committee Member Mark Infanti seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VII. Review Grant Closure Letter from DWR

Mr. Buelow reviewed the October 31, 2022 letter received from Department of Water Resources (DWR) regarding "Grant Closure – Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Santa Ynez River Valley Basin – GSPs Planning and Preparation, Agreement

4600012741, Grant Closure”. The letter acknowledged that DWR released the full retention amount of \$129,599.99 and confirmed that contractual obligations for the 2017 Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program agreement were fulfilled. He thanked EMA member agencies staff for efforts in fulfilling grant requirements. He announced that member agency staff is currently working on another grant application to DWR for implementation efforts.

Discussion followed. Mr. Buelow confirmed that \$33,333.33 of the retention funds should be deposited to the EMA GSA bank account once the funds arrive approximately 6-8 weeks after the letter date.

VIII. Review and Summary of Request(s) for EMA GSA Written Verification under Executive Order N-7-22 and other well permits processed by County EHS in the EMA

Mr. Buelow read the Memorandum regarding “EMA GSA Staff Memo for Santa Ynez River Valley Basin Well Verification Process” and reviewed the EMA GSA – Summary of Well Verifications and Other Wells (receipt dates of 8/16/2022 through 11/10/2022). He explained that of the six wells listed on the summary, three wells were exempt from Executive Order N-7-22 and complete well verification applications plus deposits were received for the three others. Discussion followed.

IX. Review and Consider Approval of Request(s) for EMA GSA Written Verification under Executive Order N-7-22 for the following parcel(s):

- a. APN: 135-270-015 for WP 0005268 (for Committee Approval)**
- b. APN: 141-100-033 for WP 0005347 (for Staff Approval)**
- c. APN: 137-070-021 for WP 0005319 (for Staff Approval)**

Mr. Buelow reported that GSI Water Solutions reviewed the applications for the three required well verifications and provided a written reviews for each application. All three reviews were included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Buelow summarized the details of the well permit application and GSI Water Solutions’ review for a new well on APN 135-270-015 (Well Permit No. 0005268) for consideration by the EMA GSA Committee. Mr. Piazza, well applicant, was present and available to answer any questions. Discussion followed.

EMA GSA Committee Member Brad Joos made a MOTION to approve the written well verification for APN 135-270-015 (Well Permit No. 0005268), as recommended by GSI Water Solutions Review of New Well Application, dated October 31, 2022. GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee seconded the motion. Public comments were received, and further discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Buelow presented two GSI Water Solutions’ Reviews of Replacement Well Applications (APN 141-100-033 for WP 0005347 and APN 137-070-021 for WP 0005319) and the Written Verification letters issued by member agency staff, as authorized by the

EMA GSA Committee and recommended by GSI Water Solutions. There was no discussion.

X. Update and Briefing on SGMA Round 2 Implementation Grant Funding Opportunity and Review and Consider Approval of EMA GSP Implementation Projects and Management Actions

Mr. Buelow briefed the Committee on a SGMA Round 2 Implementation grant funding opportunity available from DWR and that member agencies staff are currently working on completing the application. The grant funding opportunity ranges from \$1 million to \$20 million per basin with a total of \$200 million available statewide to cover eligible costs incurred from October 4, 2022 through April 30, 2026 for approved GSP implementation projects, without a cost share requirement.

He reported that the basin-wide member agencies staff began the process to review grant eligible project types as well as the submitted GSPs and develop a Projects and Management Actions priorities list including project descriptions, budgets and schedules. The top four priority projects to include for the grant application were determined to be:

1. Basin-wide Metering Program
2. Rate Study for Basin
3. 5-year Updates to GSPs (required by DWR), Annual Reporting, and Consultant Responses to DWR GSP Review
4. Data Gap Filling, with each GSA determining the specific projects for the GSA.

Discussion followed.

XI. Review and Consider Approving Resolution EMA 2022-004 Authorizing the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District to Submit a Proposition 68 Grant Application for Implementation of SGMA on Behalf of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

Mr. Buelow read the title of Resolution EMA 2022-004. EMA GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee waived the reading of the Resolution. There was no discussion and no public comment.

EMA GSA Committee Member Brad Joos made a MOTION approving RESOLUTION EMA 2022-004 APPROVING THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO OBTAIN A GRANT UNDER THE 2021 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM SGMA IMPLEMENTATION ROUND 2 GRANT PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68) AND THE

CALIFORNIA BUDGET ACT OF 2021, AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR THE PROJECT: SGMA IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER BASIN, as presented. GSA Committee Member Mark Infanti seconded the motion. There were no public comments and no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

XII. Next Regular EMA GSA Meeting, Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

EMA GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee announced the next regular EMA GSA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Buelow confirmed that if there were no written well verification requests to discuss, the meeting would be cancelled at least one week prior and written notice be provided.

XIII. EMA GSA Committee Requests and Comments for Future Agenda Items

There were no requests or comments.

XIV. Adjournment

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Brett Marymee, Chairman

William J. Buelow, Secretary

EMA GSA
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2022

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1150 - Five Star Bank Checking # 37,378.78

Total Current Assets 37,378.78

TOTAL ASSETS 37,378.78

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

2300 - Deposits - Well Verification 3,600.00

Total Current Liabilities 3,600.00

Total Liabilities 3,600.00

Equity

3000 - Ret Earnings 2,425.67

Net Income 31,353.11

Total Equity 33,778.78

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 37,378.78

EMA GSA Profit & Loss YTD Comparison October through December 2022

	Quarter to Date	Year to Date
	<u>Oct - Dec 22</u>	<u>Jul - Dec 22</u>
Income		
4500 · Grant Revenue	33,333.33	33,333.33
4600 · Interest Income	6.28	8.82
Total Income	<u>33,339.61</u>	<u>33,342.15</u>
Expense		
5320 · Office Expense (incl postage)	24.70	24.70
5330 · Outside Staff Support	300.00	600.00
5350 · Public Relations	0.00	164.34
6400 · Annual Report	0.00	1,200.00
Total Expense	<u>324.70</u>	<u>1,989.04</u>
Net Income	<u><u>33,014.91</u></u>	<u><u>31,353.11</u></u>

EMA GSA
Transactions by Account
 As of December 31, 2022

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
2300 - Deposits - Well Verification								0.00	
	General Journal	08/31/2022		Ullman	Well Verification Deposit	1150 - Five Star Bank Checking #	1,200.00	1,200.00	
	General Journal	08/31/2022		Husak	Well Verification Deposit	1150 - Five Star Bank Checking #	1,200.00	2,400.00	
	General Journal	09/30/2022		Piazza	Well Verification Deposit	1150 - Five Star Bank Checking #	1,200.00	3,600.00	
	Chk 1000	12/14/2022	02019.001-1	GSI Water Solutions, Inc.		2000 - Accounts Payable	-1,200.00	2,400.00	
	General Journal	12/31/2022		Kylix Vineyards	Well Verification Deposit	1150 - Five Star Bank Checking #	1,200.00	3,600.00	
	Total 2300 - Deposits - Well Verification							<u>3,600.00</u>	<u>3,600.00</u>
TOTAL								<u><u>3,600.00</u></u>	<u><u>3,600.00</u></u>

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EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA (EMA)
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

OCTOBER 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

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

NOVEMBER 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

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

DECEMBER 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1000	12/14/22	GSI Water Solutions	October 2022 Review for Well Verifications (partial)	\$ 1,200.00
1001	12/14/22	Santa Ynez River Water Cor	Reimbursement for 40 postage stamps	\$ 24.70
1002	12/14/22	Valley Bookkeeping	2022 4th Quarter Bookkeeping (October, November, December 2022)	\$ 300.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 1,524.70

TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 1,524.70

EMA WELL VERIFICATIONS

Draft Policies Options
February 2023

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DROUGHT EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22

- Governor issued **E.O. N-7-22** requiring new evaluations by GSAs and local well permitting entities
- Applies to medium and high priority basins
- For new groundwater wells and alteration of existing wells
- Certain wells exempt

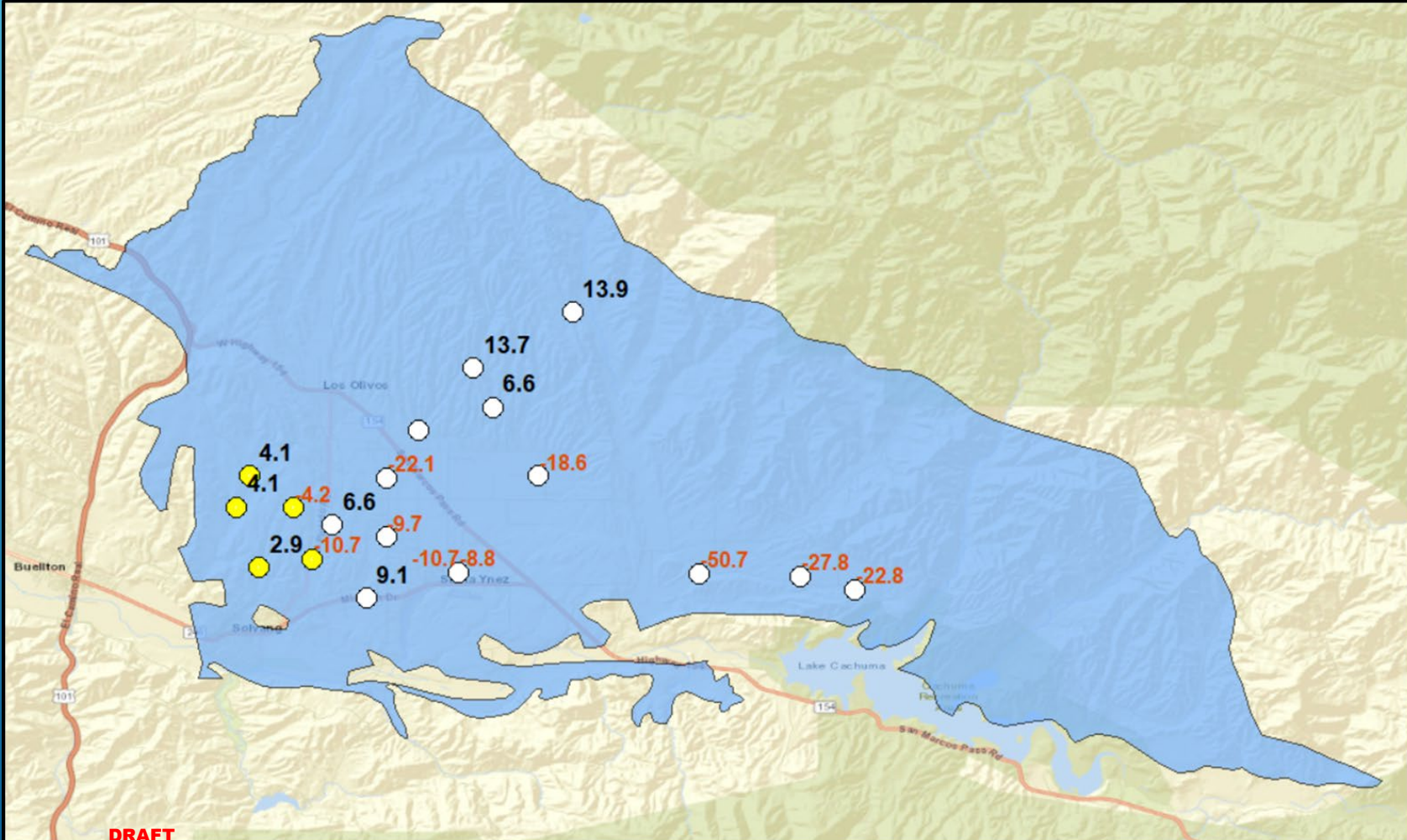
Section 9a. Evaluation and Written Verification by GSAs

- Obtain written verification from the GSA
- Consistency with GSP & sustainability goals

Section 9b. Evaluation and Determination by EHS, Prior to Issuing a Well Permit

- GSA has issued a Written Verification
- EHS reviews interference with existing nearby wells and subsidence

OVERVIEW OF RECENT OCTOBER 2022 WATER LEVEL MEASUREMENTS (JANUARY 2023 MEETING OF THE EMA GSA)



- 29 of the 34 wells measured in October 2022
- Water levels decrease in ~90% of measured wells
- Spring 2022 – 8 of 20 wells below MT
-7 Paso Robles, 1 Careaga
- Fall 2022 – 11 of 20 wells below MT
-9 Paso Robles, 2 Careaga

DRAFT POLICY OPTIONS FOR NEW WELL VERIFICATIONS BY THE EMA GSA

- Continue to review requests for well verifications until undesirable results occur
- Deny pending verification requests and cease accepting new requests based on imminent occurrence of undesirable results
- Hold all new and pending requests for well verifications in abeyance pending review of March 2023 water levels
- Continue to review requests for well verifications on interim basis based on water-budget parameters and considerations contained in EMA GSP

OPTION 1: CONTINUE TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR WELL VERIFICATIONS UNTIL UNDESIRABLE RESULTS OCCUR

- Undesirable results: water levels below minimum thresholds in greater than 50% of representative wells for two consecutive years of average or above average precipitation
- Uncertain when two consecutive average/above average precipitation years will occur, yet water levels may continue to decline and cause impacts

OPTION 2: DENY PENDING VERIFICATION REQUESTS AND CEASE ACCEPTING NEW REQUESTS BASED ON IMMINENT OCCURRENCE OF UNDESIRABLE RESULTS

- The EMA GSA will cease reviewing and deny any new [and pending] requests for well verifications on the basis that undesirable results are imminent according to trending water level data
- The EMA GSA will resume reviewing new requests for well verifications based on criteria adopted by the GSA Committee

OPTION 3: HOLD ALL NEW AND PENDING REQUESTS FOR WELL VERIFICATIONS IN ABEYANCE PENDING REVIEW OF MARCH 2023 WATER LEVELS

- Updated water levels scheduled to be collected in March of 2023
- Data will be available to the GSA in April 2023
- Results may inform the GSA on whether to approve new and pending requests for written verifications and/or adopt additional criteria

OPTION 4: CONTINUE TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR WELL VERIFICATIONS ON INTERIM BASIS BASED ON WATER-BUDGET PARAMETERS AND CONSIDERATIONS CONTAINED IN EMA GSP

- GSP states annual supply and use vary according to numerous factors, yet sustainable yield and management reflect conditions/considerations of water supply and use over a long-term period
- GSP is based on various assumptions regarding existing and future water budgets (i.e., water use sectors, growth and land use assumptions)
- GSP describes various Projects/Actions for sustainable management that are projected to create water savings in the EMA
- In conjunction with ongoing water level data, long-term management and budget parameters described in the EMA GSP can be used in considering requests for written verifications