

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin May 26, 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, May 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting occurred in person with a teleconference option as recommended by Santa Barbara County Public Health, as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361, and Resolution EMA-2021-001 (passed on 10/21/2021, reaffirmed 3/24/2022).

EMA GSA Committee Members Present (in person):

Joan Hartmann, Mark Infanti, Brad Joos, and Brett Marymee

EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present (remote):

Cynthia Allen and Meighan Diethofer

Member Agency Staff Present (in person):

Jose Acosta, Bill Buelow, Paeter Garcia, and Amber Thompson

Member Agency Staff Present (remote):

Marliez Diaz, Kevin Walsh and Matt Young

Others Present (in person): Mary Heyden

Others Present (remote): Steve Anderson, Doug Circle, Elizabeth Farnum, Johanna Finley, Tim Gorham, Gay Infanti, Steve Jordan, Brett Stroud, Bruce Wales and Chip Wullbrandt

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. Four EMA GSA Committee Members were present providing a quorum plus two EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members.

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

Mr. Buelow 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 March 24, 2022, which authorize public meetings to be conducted remotely via video and/or teleconference and that such conditions continue to exist.

EMA GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann made a MOTION to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution EMA-2021-001. EMA GSA Committee Member Mark Infanti 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

There was no public comment.

V. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of February 24 and March 24, 2022

The minutes of the GSA Committee meetings on February 24, 2022 and March 24, 2022 were presented for GSA Committee approval.

GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann made a MOTION to approve the minutes of February 24, 2022 and March 24, 2022, as presented. GSA Committee Member Mark Infanti seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

The GSA Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2021-22 Periods 7 through 9 (through March 31, 2022) and the Warrant Lists for January, February, and March 2022.

GSA Committee Member Mark Infanti made a MOTION to approve the financial reports and the January, February, and March 2022 Warrant Lists (Nos. 1050-1056) totaling \$64,612.96, as presented. GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VII. Update on Executive Order N-7-22

Mr. Buelow explained Executive Order N-7-22, Santa Barbara County Urgency Order passed on May 24, 2022 and the requirements of the GSA listed in Section 9a of the Executive Order N-7-22. He advised that member agencies staff have begun working on a process and documentation to address the requirements. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

Committee Members, by consensus, approved of staff engaging the CAG in the process of creating a process and draft documents. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee expressed need for urgency and requested member agency staff create a draft process and documents, take to CAG for review and input, especially input from agricultural interests, then have draft documents available for

EMA GSA Committee review during a special meeting in late June. Discussion followed and public comments were received. No action was taken.

VIII. Update on Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Well Metering Program

Mr. Buelow provided an update on member agencies staff efforts. There was no discussion and no public comments. No action was taken.

IX. Update on future governance/JPA/interim cost sharing and long-term funding for EMA expenses

Mr. Buelow provided an update on member agencies staff efforts toward future governance, JPA, interim cost sharing and long-term funding for EMA expenses. Discussion followed and public comments were received. No action was taken.

Mr. Buelow also reported that DWR combined the Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 grant funds into one grant funds account so the Proposition 1 grant retention funds cannot be released until all filing requirements for the Proposition 68 grant including finalization of the AEM reports are completed.

X. Update on change of GSA Financial Institution

Ms. Thompson provided an update on the EMA GSA banking account of which some funds had been moved to a new bank. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

XI. Next Regular EMA GSA Meeting, Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Buelow announced the next regular EMA GSA meeting will be Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., either in person at the Santa Ynez Community Services District Conference Room or via Zoom. The details will be determined closer to the meeting date based on continuing health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

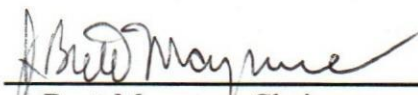
GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee suggested the EMA GSA hold a special meeting in June to follow up on the well verification process. Discussion followed and unanimous consensus was to reserve Thursday, June 23, 2022 for a possible special meeting.

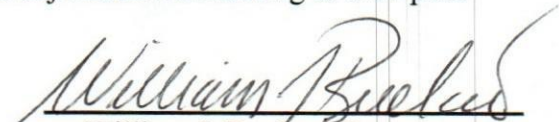
XII. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee asked if there are plans for a July 2022 SGMA newsletter.

XIII. Adjournment

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.


Brett Marymee, Chairman


William J. Buelow, Secretary

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

JANUARY 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1050	01/04/22	Santa Barbara News Press	Legal Notice of January 6, 2022 Public Hearing on GSP (12/17 & 12/24/21 publications) (1/3 of total paid per GSA)	\$ 31.54
1051	01/04/22	Stetson Engineers	November 2021 Engineering Service (Basin Coordination)	\$ 1,534.50
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 1,566.04

FEBRUARY 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1052	02/08/22	GSI Water Solutions	December 2021 Engineering Service (GSP Preparation)	\$ 33,880.27
1053	02/08/22	Santa Ynez CSD	Conference Room Rental (12/9/2021 EMA GSA Meeting)	\$ 30.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 33,910.27

MARCH 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1054	03/09/22	GSI Water Solutions	January 2022 Engineering Service (GSP Preparation & Annual Report)	\$ 28,176.15
1055	03/09/22	Stetson Engineers	January 2022 Engineering Service (Basin Coordination)	\$ 810.50
1056	03/09/22	Valley Bookkeeping	2022 1st Quarter Bookkeeping (January, February, March 2022)	\$ 150.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 29,136.65

TOTAL THIS QUARTER: \$ 64,612.96