

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

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

REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD
AT **06:30 P.M.**, THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022

Remote participation via ZOOM

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Consider findings under Government Code section 54953(e)(3) 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 participation 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 item.) *Staff recommends any potential new agenda items based on issues raised be held for discussion under Agenda Item “EMA GSA Committee requests and comments” for items to be included on the next Agenda.*
- V. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of May 26, June 30, and July 21, 2022
- VI. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List
- VII. Biennial Review of EMA GSA Conflict of Interest Code
- VIII. Update on Compliance with Executive Order N-7-22
 - a. EMA GSA Verification Requests Received
 - b. Contract with GSI
- IX. Update on Governance for EMA GSA
 - a. Received correspondence from Santa Ynez Water Group
- X. Next Regular EMA GSA Meeting, Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
- XI. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments
- XII. Adjournment

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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

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin June 30, 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 solely by teleconference as recommended by Santa Barbara County Public Health and as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361 and Resolution EMA-2021-001 (passed on 10/21/2021, reaffirmed 5/26/2022).

EMA GSA Committee Members Present: Joan Hartmann, Mark Infanti, Brad Joos, and Brett Marymee

EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present: Cynthia Allen and Meighan Diethofer

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

Others Present: Steve Anderson, Russel Chamberlin, Doug Circle, Finley Farms, Mary Heyden, Gay Infanti, Henry Kitzke, Brian Macy, Kevin Merrill, Chip Wullbrandt, and two members of the public whose names were not registered.

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 May 26, 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 video and/or 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. Receive, and Discuss and Consider Approval of Draft Documents for providing EMA GSA verification of new well permits under Executive Order Number 7-22

Mr. Buelow introduced four documents created by EMA GSA member agencies staff as a response to Executive Order Number 7-22.

a. Draft EMA Process and Criteria for Administering Written Verifications Per EO N-7-22

Paeter Garcia reviewed and explained the draft EMA process and criteria document for administering written verifications per Section 9.a of Executive Order N-7-22, which was drafted by staff and attorneys of the four member agencies of the EMA GSA who worked together in response to the EMA GSA Committee's request at the last EMA GSA Committee meeting. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

b. Draft Indemnification Agreement

Mr. Garcia reviewed and explained the draft Indemnification Agreement that was drafted by staff and attorneys of the four member agencies of the EMA GSA. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

c. Draft Reimbursement Agreement

Mr. Garcia reviewed and explained the draft Deposit and Reimbursement Agreement that was drafted by staff and attorneys of the four member agencies of the EMA GSA. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

d. Draft Well-Permit Acknowledgement

Mr. Kevin Walsh and Mr. Garcia reviewed and explained the draft Well Permit Acknowledgement form that was drafted by staff and attorneys of the four member agencies of the EMA GSA. There was no discussion and no public comments were received.

GSA Committee Member Mark Infanti made a MOTION to approve the draft EMA process and criteria document for administering written verifications per EO N-7-22, draft Indemnification Agreement, draft Deposit and Reimbursement Agreement, and draft Well Permit Acknowledgement form, subject to pending changes and/or legislation with the intent to address existing well permit applications that are pending. The motion failed for lack of a second.

GSA Committee Member Joan Hartman made a MOTION to approve the draft EMA process and criteria document for administering written verifications per EO N-7-22, draft Indemnification Agreement, draft Reimbursement Agreement, and draft Well Permit Acknowledgement form, as submitted, and to consider possible amendments at the next EMA GSA Committee meeting currently scheduled for July 21, 2022. GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote

e. Draft GSI Scope of Work

Mr. Matt Young reviewed and explained the Scope of Work received from GSI Water Solutions. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

GSA Committee Member Joan Hartman made a MOTION to approve the Scope of Work proposal from GSI Water Solutions. GSA Committee Member Brad Joos seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comments received. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote

VI. Update on Publication of Notice Under Government Code Section 6066 and Water Code Section 10730 of Intent to Adopt Fee for Compliance with Executive Order Number 7-22

Mr. Buelow reported that the required legal notices announcing the July 21, 2022 EMA GSA Committee meeting for the EMA GSA Committee to consider adopting a fee will be published in the July 7 and July 14, 2022 editions of the Santa Barbara News Press at a cost of approximately \$100. There was no discussion and no public comments.

VII. Consider approval of additional budget for GSI to upload annual water-level data as required by SGMA

Mr. Buelow reported that DWR's requirement that the GSA upload Spring 2022 water level data to the state database required an additional budget approval for the work to be completed by GSI Water Solutions at a total cost not to exceed \$1,200, including time and materials. Discussion followed.

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee made a MOTION to approve the additional budget expenditure not to exceed \$1,200 for GSI Water Solutions to upload the annual water data as required by SGMA to the DWR online database. GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann seconded the motion. Discussion followed and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VIII. Next Special EMA GSA Meeting, Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Buelow announced the next special EMA GSA meeting will be Thursday, July 21, 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.

IX. 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.

X. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments

GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann suggested that the EMA GSA Committee schedule regular monthly meetings and requested that a schedule be prepared and provided to the Committee members. GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee also requested a monthly meeting schedule be provided for the remainder of 2022.

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee requested a forecasted timeline of EMA GSA financial obligations and grant reimbursements to provide a better financial situational awareness.

GSA Committee Member Brad Joos thanked staff from the member agencies for an excellent job preparing the draft documents in response to Executive Order N-7-22.

XI. Adjournment

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Brett Marymee, Chairman

William J. Buelow, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin July 21, 2022

A special meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Eastern Management Area (EMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Thursday, July 21, 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 6/30/2022).

EMA GSA Committee Members Present: Joan Hartmann, Mark Infanti, Brad Joos, and Brett Marymee

EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present: Cynthia Allen

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

Others Present: Steve Anderson, Mike Burchardi, Doug Circle, Mary Heyden, and Gay Infanti

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

EMA GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to call roll. Four EMA GSA Committee Members were present providing a quorum plus one EMA GSA Alternate Committee Member.

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 June 30, 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 in consideration of current COVID conditions to authorize continuing video and/or 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

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee requested a reorder of agenda items to move item VII discussion prior to item VI. By unanimous consensus, the change in order was approved. No additions or deletions were made.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment was received. Mr. Buelow announced that he received public comment in the form of an EMA Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) memo which will be reviewed under Item V of the agenda.

V. Consider Approval of Final Documents for providing EMA GSA verifications of new well permits under Executive Order N-7-22

a. EMA Process and Criteria for Administering Written Verifications Per Executive Order Number-7-22

Mr. Buelow summarized the changes made in the draft EMA process and criteria for administering written verifications per Executive Order N-7-22. Mr. Garcia advised that the collective member agency staff recommendation is to accept the documents with the amendments, as presented. Discussion followed and public comments were received, including EMA CAG comments by Ms. Mary Heyden.

GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann made a MOTION to approve the Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Process and Criteria for Administering Written Verifications Per Executive Order N-7-22, as presented. GSA Committee Member Brad Joos seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

b. Indemnification Agreement

Mr. Buelow summarized the process taken to amend the draft Indemnification Agreement. Mr. Anderson, legal counsel for ID No. 1 and participant in the member agencies attorney group, further provided clarifications of changes made to the draft Indemnification Agreement resulting in the red line version presented tonight including changes as suggested by the Santa Ynez Water Group and reviewed by the member agencies attorney group. Discussion followed.

GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann made a MOTION to approve the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Written Verification Indemnification Agreement, as presented. GSA Committee Member Mark Infanti seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

c. Reimbursement Agreement

Mr. Anderson provided clarifications of changes made to the draft Deposit/Reimbursement Agreement for Review of Request for Written Verification

resulting in the red line version presented tonight including changes as suggested by the Santa Ynez Water Group and reviewed by the member agencies attorney group. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann made a MOTION to approve the Deposit/Reimbursement Agreement for Review of Request for Written Verification, as presented. GSA Committee Member Mark Infanti seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

d. Well Permit Acknowledgement

Mr. Buelow reported that no changes were made to the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Acknowledgement Form Request for Written Verification under Executive Order N-7-22 which was presented to the Committee in draft form on June 30, 2022. There was no discussion and no public comments received.

GSA Committee Member Brad Joos made a MOTION to approve the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Acknowledgement Form Request for Written Verification under Executive Order N-7-22, as presented. GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VI. Consider Resolution EMA-2022-003 Setting Fee Under Water Code Section 10730 for Written Verifications Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22

Item VI was addressed during the meeting after item VII.

Mr. Buelow read the Resolution which was prepared by Santa Barbara County counsel in coordination with the member agencies attorney group. He reported that the July 21, 2022 meeting was properly noticed in both the July 7, 2022 and July 14, 2022 editions of the Santa Barbara News Press. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

GSA Committee Member Brad Joos made a MOTION to adopt GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN RESOLUTION EMA-2022-003 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEE AND DEPOSIT FOR EMA GSA WELL VERIFICATION AS REQUIRED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22. GSA Committee Member Mark Infanti seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment received. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VII. Consider Requesting the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Contract with GSI Water Solutions to Evaluate Verification Requests

Item VII was addressed during the meeting prior to item VI.

Mr. Bill Buelow and Mr. Young summarized the GSI Water Solutions Scope of Work and reported that the EMA GSA agencies staff met, discussed the Scope of Work and recommends a new task order, based on the provided Scope of Work, be added to the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Contract. The Scope of Work was presented to the EMA GSA Committee on June 30, 2022. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

GSA Committee Member Joan Hartman made a MOTION to request the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District to contract with GSI Water Solutions on behalf of the EMA GSA to evaluate written verification requests. GSA Committee Member Brad Joos seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VIII. Consider Setting Regular Monthly EMA GSA Meetings Through End of 2022

Mr. Buelow presented the proposed monthly Regular Meeting dates for the remainder of 2022. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

By consensus, the EMA GSA Committee agreed with the proposed monthly regular meeting schedule being August 25, 2022, September 22, 2022, October 27, 2022, November 17, 2022, and December 15, 2022.

IX. 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.

X. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee suggested the need to spread the word of the newly adopted written verification process and requested ideas. GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann suggested reaching out to the Santa Barbara Agricultural Committee and issuing a press release. GSA Alternate Committee Member Cynthia Allen suggested notices to SYRWCD producers in semi-annual statements. Discussion followed.

Resulting action items: Mr. Young will contact the Santa Barbara Agricultural Advisory Committee with a request to be added to a meeting agenda; a press release will be made; and an e-newsletter will be created to include information about the newly adopted written verification process as well as announcing future scheduled monthly regular meeting dates and to be e-blasted to both SYRWCD groundwater producers in the EMA and to the EMA Interested Parties registered in the SGMA Communications portal.

GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann requested the proposed regular monthly EMA GSA Committee meeting dates through the end of 2022 be emailed to all EMA GSA Committee Members.

XI. Adjournment

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Brett Marymee, Chairman

William J. Buelow, Secretary

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SYRWCD EMA
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2022

Assets

Current Assets

Five Star Checking #5951 \$2,425.67

TOTAL Current Assets 2,425.67

TOTAL Assets \$2,425.67

Liabilities AND Equity

TOTAL Liabilities .00

Net Position

RETAINED EARNINGS - PRIOR 211,037.93
Retained Earnings-Current Year (208,612.26)

TOTAL Net Position 2,425.67

TOTAL Liabilities AND Equity \$2,425.67

SYRWCD EMA
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE 12 PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	____ QUARTER TO DATE ACTUAL	____ YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL
Revenue:		
Revenue		
Operating Assessments	\$(20,000.00)	.00
Interest Income	38.21	38.21
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TOTAL Revenue	(19,961.79)	38.21
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TOTAL Revenue	(19,961.79)	38.21
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Gross Profit	(19,961.79)	38.21
Expenses:		
Operating Expenses		
Outside Staff Support	150.00	600.00
Public Relations	7.06	650.31
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TOTAL Operating Expenses	157.06	1,250.31
Consultants		
GSP - Projects/Mgt Actions	2,417.00	2,417.00
GSP - GSP Doc	5,822.25	134,695.62
Basin Coordination	366.00	10,166.64
Annual Report	38,327.75	60,030.90
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TOTAL Consultants	46,933.00	207,310.16
Non Operating Expenses		
Misc Expense	30.00	90.00
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TOTAL Non Operating Expenses	30.00	90.00
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TOTAL Expenses	47,120.06	208,650.47
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Net Income from Operations	(67,081.85)	(208,612.26)
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Earnings before Income Tax	(67,081.85)	(208,612.26)
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Net Income (Loss)	\$(67,081.85)	(208,612.26)
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**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE
EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA (EMA)
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

APRIL 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

(Paid through Mechanics Bank)

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1057	04/13/22	VOID	VOID - Damaged check	\$ -
1058	04/13/22	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	Transfer of EMA GSA funds at Mechanics Bank (#5843) to EMA GSA checking account at Five Star Bank (#5951)	\$ 30,000.00
1059	04/25/22	GSI Water Solutions	Engineering Service: February 2022 Annual Report and March 2022 GSP Preparation	\$ 32,285.50
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 62,285.50

MAY 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

(Paid through Five Star Bank)

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2000	05/13/22	GSI Water Solutions	Engineering Service: March 2022 Annual Report	\$ 9,925.25
2001	05/13/22	Stetson Engineers	Engineering Service: March 2022 Basin Coordination	\$ 366.00
2002	05/13/22	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	Reimburse costs for SantaYnezWater.org website domain paid by SYRWCD 3/29/2022 (\$21.17 split 1/3 per GSA)	\$ 7.06
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 10,298.31

JUNE 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

(Paid through Five Star Bank)

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2003	06/14/22	GSI Water Solutions	Engineering Service: April 2022 GSP Preparation	\$ 1,939.25
2004	06/14/22	Santa Ynez CSD	Conference Room Rental (5/26/2022 EMA GSA Meeting)	\$ 30.00
2005	06/17/22	GSI Water Solutions	Engineering Service: May 2022 GSP Preparation	\$ 2,417.00
2006	06/17/22	Valley Bookkeeping	2022 2nd Quarter Bookkeeping (April, May, June 2022)	\$ 150.00
2007	06/30/22	City of Solvang	Refund EMA GSA Cost Share FY 21-22	\$ 5,000.00
2008	06/30/22	SYRWCD, ID No. 1	Refund EMA GSA Cost Share FY 21-22	\$ 5,000.00
2009	06/30/22	SYRWCD	Refund EMA GSA Cost Share FY 21-22	\$ 10,000.00
Month Subtotal - Five Star Bank				\$ 24,536.25

(Paid through Mechanics Bank)

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1060	06/14/22	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	Transfer of EMA GSA funds at Mechanics Bank (#5843) to EMA GSA checking account at Five Star Bank (#5951). Mechanics Bank Account #5843 CLOSED.	\$ 6,222.02
Month Subtotal - Mechanics Bank				\$ 6,222.02
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 30,758.27

TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 103,342.08

Transfers of funds from Mechanics Bank to Five Star Bank: \$ 36,222.02

Total Accounts Payable This Quarter: \$ 67,120.06

2022 Local Agency Biennial Notice

Name of Agency: Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area
in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin

Mailing Address: _____

Department Head or Director

Contact Person

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone No: _____

Phone No: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Accurate disclosure is essential to monitor whether officials have conflicts of interest and to help ensure public trust in government. The biennial review examines current programs to ensure that the agency's code includes disclosure by those agency officials who make or participate in making governmental decisions.

This agency has reviewed its Conflict of Interest Code and has determined that *(Check one box)*:

No amendment is required.

The following amendments are required:

(Check all that apply.)

- Add new positions (including consultants) that must be designated.
- Delete titles of positions that have been abolished and/or positions that no longer make or participate in making governmental decisions.
- Revise based on updates to disclosure categories
- Revise the titles of existing positions.
- Other *(describe)* _____

By signing below, you are attesting to the following:

To the best of my knowledge, the agency's code accurately designates all positions that make or participate in the making of the governmental decisions. The disclosure assigned to those positions accurately requires that all investments, business positions, interests in real property, and sources of income that may foreseeably be affected materially by the decisions made by those holding the designated positions are reported. The code includes all other provisions required by Government Code Section 87302.

I have reviewed the Conflict of Interest Code requirements against the positions within my department and as indicated above, I have either determined the revised Conflict of Interest Code attached meets the filing requirements and I authorize the changes or that no amendment is required.

Signature of Department Head or Director

Date

The code is currently under review by the code reviewing body.

All agencies must complete and return this notice regardless of how recently your code was approved or amended. Please return this notice no later than October 3, 2022 to the following address:

Santa Barbara County
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Attn: Chelsea Lenzi
105 E. Anapamu St., Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FPPC.

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE
EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER
GROUNDWATER BASIN
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code of Regs. Sec. 18730) that contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, which can be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing, the standard code may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730 (hereinafter "Section 18730") and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendix, designating positions and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the Conflict of Interest Code (hereinafter "COI") of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin (EMA).

Designated positions in the attached Appendix (referred to as "designated employees" in Section 18730) may file their statements online which will be submitted to the Santa Barbara County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor. Online statements will be made available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Section 81008).

Designated positions who file using a paper Form 700 shall file with the EMA GSA. Upon receipt of a statement filed by a designated position other than a Consultant, a copy shall be retained with the EMA GSA and the original shall be forwarded to the Santa Barbara County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor (PO Box 61510, Santa Barbara, CA 93160). Statements filed by Consultants shall be retained by the EMA GSA. Paper statements will be made available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Section 81008).

**APPENDIX
DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND
DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES**

I. <u>Designated Position</u>	<u>Assigned Disclosure Category</u>
Committee Member	1, 2, 3
Alternate Committee Member	1, 2, 3
Secretary/Treasurer	1, 2, 3
Groundwater Sustainability Agency Coordinator	1, 2, 3
Consultants/New Positions	*

*Consultants/New Positions shall be included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in this COI, subject to the following limitation:

The EMA GSA may determine in writing that a particular Consultant or New Position, although a “Designated Position,” is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to comply with the full extent of disclosure requirements in this Code. Such written determination shall include a description of the Consultant’s or New Position’s duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The EMA GSA’s determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this COI (Gov. Code Section 81008).

Note: The position of legal counsel may be filled as a Consultant.

II. Disclosure Categories

Category 1

Investments and business positions in business entities, and any sources of income, including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments, if the business entities or sources of income are of the type that might or actually provides, leases, or contracts facilities, services, supplies, materials, or equipment to or for the use of the EMA GSA.

Category 2

Interests in real property located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the EMA GSA or within two miles of the EMA GSA boundaries, including any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest, or option to acquire such interest in real property.

Category 3

Investments and business positions in business entities, and any sources of income, including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments, if the business entities or sources of income are known by the EMA GSA Committee to have filed a claim, or have a claim pending against the EMA GSA.

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August 5, 2022

Eastern Management Area GSA
c/o J. Brett Marymee, Chair
Central Management Area GSA
c/o Ed Andrisek, Chair
Western Management Area GSA
c/o Chris Brooks, Chair
P.O. Box 719
Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Re: Governance of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to express the interests of the Santa Ynez Water Group (Group) to the Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, the Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and the Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (collectively, the GSAs) regarding the future governance of the GSAs and the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin), as a whole.

The Group is a coalition of landowners, farmers, and ranchers advocating on behalf of its members to the GSAs tasked with implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act within the Basin. Even before its formation, the Group's members regularly participated in GSA board meetings and Community Advisory Group meetings. And, in October of 2021, the Group commented on each of the GSA's respective groundwater sustainability plans.

As the GSAs in the Basin discuss restructuring their governance, we ask for a position on each of the ultimate governing bodies (or governing body) to be dedicated to an agricultural landowner who relies on groundwater from within the Basin.

Numerous other GSAs and groundwater management agencies (GMA) throughout the State provide interested parties with official positions on their governing bodies. For example, the Board of Directors of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency consists of five positions. One of those positions is dedicated to an "Agricultural Stakeholder Director." (Mound Basin GSA Joint Powers Agreement, Section 6.1.2.) This director position is limited to an individual who:

“(a) Own[s]. . . land overlying the Basin (at least partially) that is utilized for a commercial agricultural business that produces groundwater from the Basin for its agricultural operation; or

(b) Operate[s] a commercial agricultural business that itself produces groundwater from the Basin for its agricultural operations

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on land overlying the Basin and be an approved stakeholder representative by that property's owner.”
(*Ibid.*)

This “Agricultural Stakeholder Director” is selected unanimously by the other directors from a list of individuals submitted by the Mound Basin Agricultural Water Group (MBAWG), an entity like the Santa Ynez Water Group, or the local county farm bureau if the MBAWG is unwilling or unable to nominate a potential director. (*Id.* at § 6.3.4.) And, if the other directors are unable to unanimously agree on any of the nominated candidates, then those directors can request that MBAWG bring back to the Board another list of candidates. (*Ibid.*)

A number of GSAs and GMAs have adopted a similar governance structure:

- The Board of Directors of Vina GSA consists of five members. Two of those positions are dedicated to “Stakeholder Directors.” The first “Stakeholder Director” is a non-agricultural domestic well user who is appointed by the Butte County Board of Supervisors. And the second “Stakeholder Director” is an agricultural stakeholder who is appointed by the Butte County Board of Supervisors from a list of four representatives provided by the Agricultural Groundwater Users of Butte County, an entity like the Santa Ynez Water Group.
- The Board of Directors of Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA consists of six members. Three of those positions are dedicated to “Stakeholder Directors.” (Joint Powers Agreement Creating the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency, § 6.1.1.) The first “Stakeholder Director” is a Piru Basin pumper. (*Ibid.*) And second “Stakeholder Director” is a Fillmore Basin pumper. (*Ibid.*) These two director positions are nominated by the Piru Basin Pumpers Association and the Fillmore Basin Pumpers Association, respectively, or the local county farm bureau if either association is unable or unwilling to nominate a potential director. (*Id.* at § 6.4.4.) If the non-Stakeholder Directors do not accept a nominated candidate, then those directors can request that the association or the farm bureau bring back to the Board another potential candidate. (*Ibid.*) Finally, the third “Stakeholder Director” is an environmental stakeholder nominated by an identified group of environmental organizations and approved the non-Stakeholder Directors. (*Id.* at §§ 6.1.1, 6.4.4.)
- The Board of Directors of Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency consists of seven members. (Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Creating the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency, § 6.1.) Two of those positions are dedicated to “Stakeholder Directors.” (*Id.* at 6.1.2.) The first “Stakeholder Director” is an Agricultural Stakeholder. (*Id.* at 6.1.2(a).) This Agricultural Stakeholder Director is selected by the non-Stakeholder Directors from a list of three nominees submitted by the local county farm bureau. (*Id.* at 6.3.6(a).) The second “Stakeholder Director” is an Environmental Stakeholder. (*Id.* at 6.1.2(b).) This Environmental Stakeholder Director is selected by the non-Stakeholder

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Directors from a list of nominees submitted by qualifying environmental nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. (*Id.* at § 6.3.6(b).)

We encourage this approach. The Group can identify and nominate one or more qualified agricultural landowners to fill an agricultural landowner position on each of the ultimate governing bodies (or governing body).

We would be happy to discuss this matter further with you and GSA leadership. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 714-742-1444 or by e-mail at doug@circlevision.com.

Respectfully,

DocuSigned by:

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Douglas Circle, President

cc: EMA GSA Board of Directors
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