

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin March 27, 2023

A regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Central Management Area (CMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

CMA GSA Committee Directors Present: Art Hibbits, David Silva (Acting Alternate), and Meighan Diethofer (non-voting Acting Alternate)

CMA GSA Committee Directors Present: Cynthia Allen

Member Agency Staff Present: Bill Buelow, Marliez Diaz, Rose Hess, and Amber Thompson

Others Present (in person): Doug Circle and Larry Lahr

Others Present (Video Conference): Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers), and Brett Stroud (Young Wooldridge)

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

CMA GSA Committee Chair Art Hibbits called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to call roll. One CMA GSA Director and one Acting Alternate Director were present providing a quorum. In addition, one Alternate Director and one non-voting Acting Alternate Director (arrived at Agenda Item No. VI) were present.

II. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of February 27, 2023

The minutes of the CMA GSA Committee meeting on February 27, 2023 were presented for GSA Committee approval. There was no discussion or public comment.

CMA GSA Acting Alternate Director David Silva made a MOTION to approve the minutes of February 27, 2023, as presented. GSA Director Art Hibbits seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment, The motion passed unanimously.

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

a. APN 099-240-058 - Hudson River LLC

Mr. Buelow presented the Review of Well Application in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, Central Management Area (CMA) APN: 099-240-058 (WP 0005438) Hudson River, LLC, dated March 21, 2023 and the CMA GSA Verification letter dated March 22, 2023 for a replacement well in the River Alluvium. Mr. Buelow stated that as per the CMA GSA written verification process, a written verification was issued by staff since the well will be located in the River Alluvium. There was no discussion, no public comment and no action.

VI. Consider Approving and Submitting the Second Annual Report for the Central Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin to DWR

Non-voting Acting Alternate Director Meighan Diethofer joined the meeting.

Curtis Lawler, Stetson Engineers, presented information about the Second Annual Report for the Central Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin for submission to DWR. He stated that, as required by DWR, the Second Annual Report includes data from the prior water year of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. He noted that the last data points of water levels in the Report are the measurements of October 2022 before the recent winter storms. He also pointed out that that the Annual Report chapters are organized by SGMA reporting requirements. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

CMA GSA Acting Alternate Director David Silva made a MOTION to approve the Second Annual Report Water Year 2022 for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-15 Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, authorize staff to make any non-substantive edits, if needed, and direct staff to upload document to DWR. GSA Director Art Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VII. Discuss SGMA Governance for the CMA

Mr. Buelow provided and update on staff efforts in creating a JPA for the CMA GSA. Discussion followed and public comments were received. There was no action.

VIII. Update on Required Conflict of interest Form 700 Filings

Ms. Amber Thompson reported that everyone has filed their required Conflict of Interest Form 700s with the County of Santa Barbara prior to the deadline.

IX. Next CMA GSA Regular Meeting, Monday, April 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Buellton City Council Chambers

The next scheduled CMA GSA regular meeting will be Monday, April 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

Mr. Buelow announced that as per the GSA Directors' previous request, if there are no items needing to be addressed, this meeting will be cancelled and notice provided at least one week prior.

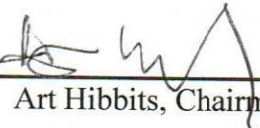
CMA GSA Director Art Hibbits thanked the City of Buellton for the allowing the CMA GSA Committee to use the City Council Chambers.

X. CMA GSA Committee reports and requests for future agenda items


There were no requests or comments.

XI. Adjournment

GSA Committee Chair Art Hibbits adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.



Art Hibbits, Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary