

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin February 22, 2021

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, 22 February 2021. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and Governor Newsom's Executive Orders to protect public health by issuing shelter-in-home standards, limiting public gatherings, and requiring social distancing, this meeting occurred solely via teleconference as authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Order Nos. N-29-20 and N-33-20.

GSA Committee Directors Present: Ed Andrisek, Art Hibbits

Alternate GSA Committee Director Present: Cynthia Allen

Staff Present: Bill Buelow, Rose Hess, Amber Thompson, Matt Young

Others Present: Bryan Bondy, Doug Circle, Sean Diggins, Len Fleckenstein, Paeter Garcia, Larry Lahr, Deby Laranjo, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Jean Moran (Stetson Engineers), Anita Regmi (DWR), Steve Slack (CDFW), and one member of the public whose name was not registered.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

GSA Committee Director Andrisek called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m., welcomed all in attendance and asked Mr. Bill Buelow to do roll call. A quorum was met.

II. Introductions and Review of SGMA in Santa Ynez River Valley Basin

Mr. Buelow announced names of phone and video attendees.

Mr. Buelow reviewed history of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements and what has been completed so far in the Santa Ynez River Basin including: the creation of the three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Basin (EMA, CMA, WMA), coordinating efforts between the eight agencies participating in the three GSAs, establishing a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) in each of the Management Areas of the Basin and Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development milestones. The GSPs are due in January 2022. The CMA GSA Committee has so far prepared a Stakeholder Engagement Plan, a Data Management Plan, a Draft Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model, and a Groundwater Conditions Technical Memorandum, which is currently open for public review and comment. Documents are available on SantaYnezWater.org.

III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Review and Approve Minutes

Mr. Buelow submitted the minutes of the meetings of November 16, 2020 and January 25, 2021 for GSA Committee approval.

GSA Committee Director Hibbits made a MOTION to approve both sets of the minutes as submitted. GSA Committee Director Andrisek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. Receive CMA GSA Financial Update and Consider approval of CMA Warrant List

Mr. Buelow presented the financial reports of FY 2020-21 Periods 4 through 6 (through December 31, 2020) and the Warrant Lists for October, November, and December 2020 for GSA Committee review. There were no comments.

GSA Committee Director Hibbits made a MOTION to approve the October, November, and December 2020 Warrant Lists as presented (Nos. 1021-1025 plus two wire transfers) totaling \$163,351.91 and financial reports as submitted. GSA Committee Director Andrisek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VII. Receive update on Aerial Electro-Magnetic Survey of CMA

Mr. Bill Buelow provided update on the Aerial Electro-Magnetic Survey of the CMA conducted by SkyTEM. He reported that flights were successful, the survey has been completed and the raw data has been delivered to Ramboll for processing and interpretation. Ramboll will work with the Stetson team to integrate the final data into the existing Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model. No Discussion followed.

VIII. Discuss Candidates for CMA Citizen Advisory Group positions

Mr. Buelow presented five applications that were received to fill the two open positions on the CMA Citizens Advisory Group (CAG). The applicants are Mr. Michael Anderson (vineyard grower), Mr. Richard Barton (thoroughbred horse rancher), Ms. Lindsay Cokeley (representative for cannabis growers), Mr. Len Fleckenstein (Buellton resident), and Ms. Deby Laranjo (rancher/landowner). Discussion followed including a public comment from Mr. Doug Circle stating that he felt Agricultural representation is needed on the CMA CAG.

GSA Committee Director Hibbits made a MOTION to establish an Ad-Hoc Committee led by Director Hibbits and include Mr. Bill Buelow, Ms. Rose Hess and Mr. Matt Young to review CMA CAG applications, interview candidates, as needed, and present a

recommendation at the March 22, 2021 CMA GSA Committee Special Meeting. GSA Committee Director Andrisek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IX. Receive Presentation from Stetson Team on Groundwater Conditions Public Comment Demonstration, Water Budget, and Numerical Groundwater Model Updates

Ms. Amber Thompson (SYRWCD) presented a live demonstration on providing Public Comments to open GSP documents via SantaYnezWater.org.

Mr. Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers) and Ms. Jean Moran (Stetson Engineers) presented a discussion on Water Budget, Sustainable Yield, Safe Yield, Overdraft and provided an update on the Numerical Groundwater Model. Discussion followed.

- Director Hibbits asked for clarification of colored map layers on pages 45-46 (slides 19-20) and expressed concern that those with color-blindness may not be able to distinguish the different layers. Ms. Moran explained the figures represent 3D subsurface geology modeling and noted his concern for future variation of the model.
- Mr. Bryan Bondy asked how the water budget accounts for Orcutt Sand in upper and lower aquifers. Mr. Lawler confirmed that the Numeric Groundwater Model will be updated to reflect the Orcutt Sand as part of the lower aquifer.
- Mr. Bondy asked when memos will be released to the public for review and comment. Mr. Lawler stated the goal for releasing the Numeric Groundwater Technical Memorandum is early March.

X. Consider holding monthly “Special” CMA GSA Meetings through August 2021

Mr. Buelow presented a proposed monthly schedule of Special and Regular Meetings for the CMA GSA Committee. Mr. Buelow suggested the Special Meetings consist mostly of technical content to address specific topics and be treated more like a workshop while Regular Meetings continue to conduct regular quarterly business of the CMA GSA. All meetings would be held on a Monday at 10:00 am via online video or phone conference until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Discussion followed.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting Type</u>
03/22/2021	Special
04/26/2021	Special
05/24/2021	Regular
06/28/2021	Special
07/26/2021	Special
08/23/2021	Regular

GSA Committee Director Hibbits made a MOTION to approve the monthly meeting schedule as presented. GSA Committee Director Andrisek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

XI. Next Regular CMA GSA Meeting: Monday, May 24, 2021, 10:00 AM

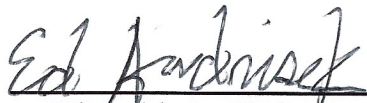
Mr. Buelow announced that the next CMA GSA Committee Meeting will be a Special meeting on Monday, March 22, 2021, 10:00 am and the next Regular meeting is planned for May 24, 2021, 10:00 am, location of each meeting TBD. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, they may be held via video/teleconference call.

XII. CMA GSA Committee requests and comments

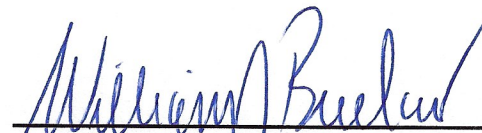
GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits requested in person meetings as soon as we can do so. GSA Committee Director Ed Andrisek thanked staff for developing the increased meeting schedule.

XIII. Adjournment

GSA Committee Director Andrisek adjourned the meeting at 11:41 am.



Ed Andrisek, Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary

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

OCTOBER 2020 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
WIRE TRANSFER	10/13/20	SkyTEM Canada (thru SYRWCD)	AEM Survey of CMA/WMA (50% of Inv #1 of 3)	\$ 36,624.00
BANK FEE	10/13/20	Mechanics Bank (thru SYRWCD)	50% of International Wire Transfer Bank Fee (actually charged \$15/GSA. \$5 used toward Dec. fee)	\$ 20.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 36,644.00

NOVEMBER 2020 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1021	11/23/20	Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf	Consulting - Grant Financial	\$ 22.50
1022	11/23/20	Stetson Engineers	August & September 2020 Engineering Service (Task Order #2)	\$ 55,080.05
1023	11/23/20	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	50% of costs for Legal Counsel & Public Notice regarding AEM Survey of CMA/WMA paid by SYRWCD	\$ 440.75
1024	11/23/20	Valley Bookkeeping	FY 2020-21 1st Quarter Bookkeeping (July, August, September 2020)	\$ 150.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 55,693.30

DECEMBER 2020 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
WIRE TRANSFER	¹² 02/02/20	SkyTEM Canada (thru SYRWCD)	AEM Survey of CMA/WMA (50% of Inv #2 of 3)	\$ 36,624.00
BANK FEE	¹² 02/02/20	Mechanics Bank (thru SYRWCD)	50% of International Wire Transfer Bank Fee (actually charged \$15/GSA. \$5 paid from Oct. fee)	\$ 10.00
1025	12/17/20	Stetson Engineers	October 2020 Engineering Service (Task Order #2)	\$ 34,380.61
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 71,014.61

TOTAL THIS QUARTER: \$ 163,351.91