

MEETING MINUTES

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency March 25, 2024

A special meeting of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CMA GSA) was held on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

Directors Present: Larry Lahr and John Sanchez

Non-Voting Director Present (teleconference): Meighan Dietenhofer (Non-voting Acting Alternate)

Others Present (In Person): Bill Buelow, Rose Hess, and Amber Thompson

Others Present (Teleconference): Doug Circle, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Scarlet Tovar (DWR), and Legal Counsel Steve Torigiani

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

CMA GSA Chair Larry Lahr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Thompson called roll. Two Directors and one non-voting Acting Alternate Director were present providing a quorum.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Lahr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

There were no other additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

5. **Review and consider approval of CMA GSA Board meeting minutes of February 26, 2024**

The minutes of the CMA GSA Board meeting on February 26, 2024, were presented for Board consideration. There was no discussion or public comment.

Director Sanchez made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the CMA GSA Board meeting on February 26, 2024, as presented. Director Lahr seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Consider approving the Third Annual Report for the CMA GSA and authorizing submittal of same to DWR

Mr. Buelow reported that the Third Annual Report for the Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CMA GSA) was presented at the February 26, 2024, board meeting and no comments were received since the presentation. There was no discussion or public comment.

Director Sanchez made a MOTION to approve the Third Annual Report for the Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as presented, and authorized submittal to DWR. Director Lahr seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Receive update on DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation and consider the firm EKI to support management of grant component projects

Mr. Buelow presented a proposal for Mr. John Fio of EKI to support the management of the DWR GSP Implementation Grant with costs reimbursable to the GSA by the grant components. He reported that Mr. Fio is the geologist and consultant hired by the City of Lompoc who has been providing services for the WMA GSA. Mr. Buelow reviewed the grant components and consultants who have and should continue to provide services to the CMA GSA. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

The Board authorized Mr. Buelow to create a contract for management of the DWR GSP Implementation Grant components with EKI and requested the contract be brought back along with a cost proposal for the Board to review and consider approval.

Mr. Buelow reported that Stetson Engineers is prepared to continue producing the annual report and GSP update.

Mr. Buelow reported on USGS gaging support is needed in the CMA. A location within the CMA has been found but the USGS can not support the gaging efforts in the Santa Ynez Basin any longer. He proposed that other consultants to perform this work be found and a contract developed using the USGS contract standards.

Director Lahr requested that Mr. Buelow provide a summary report with status on GSP Implementation projects at each CMA GSA Board meeting.

Mr. Buelow reviewed the top four projects to be submitted on the GSP Implementation Grant application that were agreed upon by all three GSAs and reimbursement funds were approved based on the application. All three GSAs were given the opportunity to request additional projects to be included in the grant application. However, only the WMA provided two additional projects: recycled water and conservation, and stormwater capture.

Director Sanchez requested information on stormwater capture projects. Mr. Lawler, Stetson Engineers, advised that the Projects and Management section of the GSP includes some ideas to increase stormwater recharge.

Mr. Buelow reported that at least three more sites for possible monitoring wells within the CMA have been located. The Board requested an update on additional monitoring well locations.

8. Consider CMA GSA Board Special Meeting, Monday, April 22, 2024, 10 AM, Buellton City Council Chambers

The Board discussed the potential special meeting. They agreed to schedule a special meeting in April, if needed.

9. Next CMA GSA Board Regular Meeting, Monday, May 20, 2024, 10 AM, Buellton City Council Chambers

Director Lahr announced the next regular meeting of the CMA GSA Board of Directors will be held on Monday, May 20, 2024, 10 AM at the Buellton City Council Chambers.

10. Discuss a proposed Basin-wide GSAs meeting at Buellton City Council Chambers

The Board discussed availability to participate in a basin-wide joint GSAs meeting. They decided a Friday morning meeting would be best for the CMA GSA Board of Directors.

11. CMA GSA Board member reports and requests for future agenda items

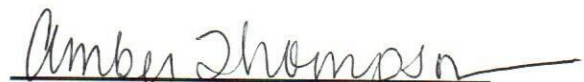
Director Sanchez asked if the CMA could offer any benefits to volunteers of sites for monitoring wells or drilling a new well to be used as a monitoring well.

12. Adjournment

Chair Larry Lahr adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.



Larry Lahr, Chair



Amber Thompson, Secretary