

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin

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, 28 October 2019, at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

Committee Present:

Art Hibbits (Vice Chair) John Sanchez (Acting as Alternate for Ed Andrisek)

Committee Absent:

Ed Andrisek

Alternates Present:

Cynthia Allen

Staff Present:

Bill Buelow Rose Hess Amber Thompson Kevin Walsh Matt Young

Others Present:

Maygan Cline (Geosyntec) and 8 members of the public

Others Via Phone:

Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers) Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers)

I. Call to Order

Committee Member Sanchez called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Member Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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), securing Department of Water Resources (DWR) Prop. 1 Grant (Grant) funding, hiring Consultants and establishing a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG).

IV. Additions or Deletions, if any, to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Review and Approve Minutes

Mr. Buelow submitted the minutes of the meetings of July 29, 2019 and September 12, 2019 for Committee approval.

Committee Member Sanchez made a MOTION to approve the minutes. Committee Member Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VII. Review and Approve Amended Minutes

Mr. Buelow submitted the amended minutes of previously adopted minutes for the meetings of May 16, 2018; October 22, 2018; January 28, 2019 and April 22, 2019 for Committee approval. The Title of the Agency on all sets of minutes were corrected to match the exact title as listed on the Conflict of Interest Code which was previously adopted by both this committee and the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors.

Committee Member Sanchez made a MOTION to Amend Minutes Previously Adopted for the meetings of May 16, 2018; October 22, 2018; January 28, 2019 and April 22, 2019. Committee Member Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VIII. Receive CMA GSA financial update and approve CMA Warrant Lists

The financial reports of FY 2018-19 Period 12 and FY 2019-20 Periods 1 through 2 (through August 31, 2019) and Warrant Lists for July, August and September 2019 were not available in the Board Packet both online and on paper.

Committee Member Sanchez made a MOTION to table this item until the next regular meeting. Committee Member Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IX. Receive and discuss Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement between three GSAs and consider CMA endorsement/recommendation for all GSA agencies in the Basin to adopt the Agreement

Mr. Buelow reviewed the Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement for Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Agreement). The Agreement will formalize certain administrative matters between the three GSAs such as cost sharing, distribution of grant funds, and coordinating to deliver the three GSPs. A Draft Agreement was reviewed by the Attorney's for all eight GSA Agencies in the Basin. The Agreement is now being distributed to the three GSA Committees for review and endorsement. After endorsement by the three GSA Committees, the Representative for each Agency will take the Agreement to their respective Board/Council of each member Agency for review and approval.

Committee Member Hibbits asked for Public Comment. Public comment and discussion followed. Mr. Preston agreed with Agreement because of the goal for transparency (page 34). Ms. Lombardo asked for clarification of the option to leave clause (page 38, 5C).

Committee Member Sanchez made a MOTION to accept and endorse the Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement for Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin. Committee Member Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

X. CMA Citizen Advisory Group (CAG)

A. Review Sean Diggins CAG application and consider appointment

Mr. Buelow reminded the Committee of its recommendation for the CAG have seven members. However, only six applications were received. All six were appointed at the last meeting. At that time, the Committee requested Agency Staff open the application process again to fill the seventh seat. One additional application was received. Agency Staff reviewed the application and recommends appointing applicant to fill the remaining seventh seat on the CMA CAG. They recommend:

- **Mr. Sean Diggins**, Resident, Representative of a Landowner, Representative of a Business

There was no public comment.

Committee Member Sanchez made a MOTION to appoint Mr. Sean Diggins to the CMA CAG. Committee Member Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Receive report from CMA CAG on Draft Outreach and Engagement Plan

Ms. Douglas presented the CMA CAG Memorandum regarding the Draft Outreach and Engagement Plan and reviewed a few of the bullet points.

There was no public comment.

C. Receive report from CMA CAG on Draft Data Management Plan

Ms. Douglas presented the CMA CAG Memorandum regarding the Draft Data Management Plan and reviewed a few of the bullet points.

Discussion followed regarding data compilation from many public sources and privacy concerns. Ms. Lombardo commented regarding the comment “CAG could not agree on the level of public accessibility to the CMA database” that the Agriculture community does not want specific private information made public.

Mr. Buelow thanked Ms. Douglas for being spokesperson for the CMA CAG.

The 60-day public comment period for the Draft Outreach and Engagement Plan has closed. Since Public Outreach is so important and the public portal

(SantaYnezWater.org) has just been made live and is now available to accept comments and express interest to receive notices, Agency Staff recommended extending the public comment period to the end of November. Presentation of the new website, public comment and discussion followed.

Committee Member Sanchez made a MOTION to extend Public Comment period for both Draft Outreach and Engagement Plan and Draft Data Management Plan to November 30, 2019. Committee Member Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

XI. Receive update on GSP activities in the CMA and Basin

Ms. Cline of Geosytec along with Curtis Lawler and Miles McCammon of Stetson Engineers (via phone) presented an update on deliverables, ongoing activities and next steps to create a SGMA compliant GSP for the CMA GSA.

Public comment and discussion followed. No action was needed or taken by the Committee.

XII. Receive list of regular GSA meetings for 2020. Next CMA Meeting: Monday, February 24, 2020, 10:00 AM, at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 W. Highway 246, Buellton, CA

Mr. Buelow presented for consideration a list of regular CMA GSA Committee meetings for 2020: February 24, May 18, August 24, November 16. As previously discussed, the month was changed to the second month per quarter. There was no public comment.

Committee Member Sanchez made a MOTION to accept the change in the regular schedule to the second month per quarter and accept the list of dates for the 2020 CMA GSA Committee regular meetings. Committee Member Hibbits seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

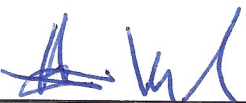
Mr. Buelow announced that the next CMA GSA Committee Meeting will be Monday, February 24, 2020, 10:00 AM, at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 W. Highway 246, Buellton, CA.

XIII. CMA GSA Committee requests and comments

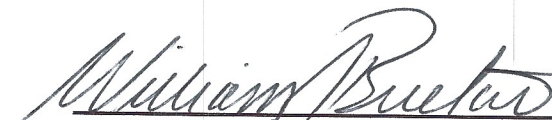
There were no requests or comments.

XIV. Adjournment

Committee Member Hibbits adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.



Art Hibbits, Vice Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary