

MEETING MINUTES
Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management
Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin
October 26, 2020

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, 26 October 2020. 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, Meighan Diethofer

Staff Present: Bill Buelow, Rose Hess, Matt Young

Others Present: Bryan Bondy, Zoe Carlson (Dudek), Doug Circle, Maygan Cline (GeoSyntec), Sean Diggins, Larry Lahr, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers), Sharyne Merrit, Jeff Newton, Mark Preston, Anita Regmi (DWR) and 1 member of the public

I. Call to Order

GSA Committee Director Andrisek called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Buelow called roll. A quorum was met.

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

Mr. Buelow announced names of phone attendees.

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 Received Correspondence from Santa Ynez Water Group

Correspondence dated September 16, 2020 received from the Santa Ynez Water Group was introduced and discussed. Committee Directors unanimously directed staff to provide requested data to Santa Ynez Water Group.

VI. Workshop on CMA Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model

Ms. Cline (Geosytec Consultants), Zoe Carlson (Dudek), Curtis Lawler, (Stetson Engineers) and Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers) presented the October 2020 HCM Stakeholder Workshop. They provided a general overview and update on the CMA Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model (HCM) and requested detailed comments and questions be made via the portal at SantaYnezWater.org. The presentation provided a review of Sections 1-6 of the Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model, Draft Technical Memorandum, upcoming meetings, and SkyTEM Aerial ElectroMagnetic Survey including draft flight plan map.

There was public comment, GSA Committee Member, consultant, and staff discussion following each section of the presentation.

- Sharyne Merritt requested more public engagement especially earlier in the process to look at alternative sustainability goals and strategies.
- Doug Circle asked if primary goal for the HCM Workshop should be educating the public and stakeholders about the basin and understanding. Staff confirmed that is a primary goal.
- Mark Preston asked if the basin map should be annotated to include the location of “The Narrows”. Consultants clarified “The Narrows” is outside the limits of the map as the Santa Rosa Dam site is a natural barrier of the western end of the CMA.
- Sharyne Merritt asked about the practical implications of the Aquifer Base and Extents map. Consultants advised the map is a requirement of SGMA to define the basin bottom.
- Bryan Bondy asked if the Careaga aquifer discharges to the river at the gap west of the Buellton Bend (near Santa Rosa Creek). Consultants responded that the Numeric Groundwater Model will help address that question.
- Mark Preston asked what the contours of the aquifer depth on the Aquifer Base and Extents map refer to. Consultants replied that the contours are elevation.
- Bryan Bondy asked for clarification on the number of springs in the CMA since data gaps for springs was presented as plural but only one is in the CMA. Consultants clarified there is only one spring in the CMA near Nojoqui Creek. Unless the public helps to identify other springs, the reference should be singular.
- Committee Director Hibbits asked why Above Narrows and Below Narrows is not clearly shown on the Surface Water Figure. Consultants responded that it will be added to the figure and explained the information is written narratively in the Technical Memo.
- Jeff Newton asked when the minimum thresholds will be determined. Consultants said it will be a topic in a future workshop meeting.
- Committee Directors, by unanimous decision, directed staff to brief the CMA Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) on the Draft Technical Memorandum, receive CAG comments and open document for at least a 60-day public review and comment period extending to January 20, 2021 or later.

VII. Next Regular CMA GSA Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2020, 10:00 AM, location TBD

Mr. Buelow announced that the next CMA GSA Committee Meeting will be Monday, November 16, 2020, 10:00 AM, location TBD. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it may be held via teleconference call.

VIII. CMA GSA Committee requests and comments

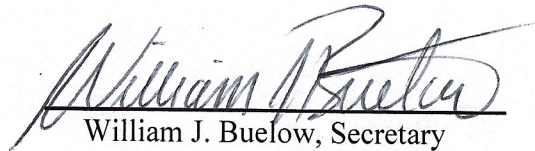
Mr. Buelow announced the SkyTEM AEM Survey of EMA, CMA and WMA is expected to take place for about one week during the middle to end of November 2020. Results of the survey will be added to the HCM.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.



Ed Andrisek, Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary