

**CENTRAL MANAGEENT AREA  
CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP  
MEMORANDUM**

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DATE: August 24, 2020

TO: CMA GSA Committee

FROM: CMA Citizen Advisory Group  
(representative Mark Preston)

SUBJECT: June Meetings to Discuss Newsletter and Two Technical Memoranda

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**Attendees**

CMA CAG Members in attendance June 4, 2020: Sean Diggins, Jeanette Lombardo, Mark Preston, Jeff Newton, Larr Lahr, Sharyne Merritt

Consultants and Staff in attendance June 4, 2020: Bill Buelow (SYRWCD), Zoe Carlson (Dudek), Rose Hess (City of Buellton), Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Kevin Walsh (SYRWCD) and Matt Young (County of Santa Barbara)

CMA CAG Members in attendance June 18, 2020: Sean Diggins, Jeanette Lombardo, Mark Preston, Jeff Newton, Larr Lahr

Consultants and Staff in attendance June 18, 2020: Bill Buelow (SYRWCD), Maygan Cline (Geosyntec), Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers) and Matt Young (County of Santa Barbara)

**Purpose**

The CMA GSA Committee requested staff for the GSA agencies to coordinate meetings of the CMA CAG. Through a coordinated effort, the CAG held two meetings via teleconference due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The meetings were held on June 4, and June 18, 2020. The purpose of the meetings was for the CMA CAG (CAG) to review the Draft SGMA Newsletter, the Draft Technical Memorandum (TM) for Regional Geology and 3D Geologic Model for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin and the Draft Phase 1 TM for Data Compilation for the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin Data Management System (WMA and CMA). The Newsletter and the two TMs were prepared by the Stetson Engineer's team. A copy of the documents was made available to the CAG prior to the meeting at [www.SantaYnezWater.org](http://www.SantaYnezWater.org).

### **CAG Comments to the Newsletter:**

- The CAG generally accepted the newsletter as proposed, with two comments
- Comment 1 was language inclusion, specifically Spanish
- Comment 2 was the inclusion of a contact phone number

Both comments were addressed in the final product as mailed.

### **CAG Comments on the Draft Data Compilation Technical Memorandum (June 4, 2020):**

- CAG received the Technical Memorandum prepared by Stetson Engineers (Stetson).
- Jenette Lombardo commented on land-owner privacy with certain types of well data
- The CAG asked if the public can submit other known resources to the Library of Reports. Staff agreed this would be helpful and to coordinate with Bill Buelow.
- Jeannette Lombardo advised that the GSA needs to document everything, to substantiate conclusions and be transparent. Ms. Lombardo also questioned the techniques/methods/cost of the AEM survey.
- Jeff Newton commented that the water-level data needs to be reviewed to ensure that the data from individual aquifers are being evaluated together.
- Mark Preston requested a rewrite of Data Collection Goals #6 on page 2. The suggested rewrite was for clarity, not content. Goal 6 is the summarized purpose of the four-year journey. Consultants agreed to review the language and revise for clarity.

### **CAG Comments on the Draft Regional Geology Technical Memorandum (June 18, 2020):**

- Stetson was represented by Curtis Lawler (Stetson) and Maygan Cline (Geosyntec), both of whom reviewed the memo with the CAG.
- The May 12 document from Geosyntec to Stetson Engineering documented the completion of the three-dimensional (3D) visualization model of the CMA geology.
- The memorandum was a technical discussion of the 3D geologic model with context for the entire river basin.
- The question arose regarding the WMA/CMA and the EMA. It was noted that the EMA has a different consultant preparing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Coordination with the CMA is occurring with assistance by SYRWCD and Stetson to ensure boundaries of the two areas match in the models.
- There was discussion that the interface of the CMA and EMA would not interfere with the overall integration of the data from three different Agencies.
- There were some minor inconsistencies on page 4 regarding the Careaga (Tca) formation depth in CMA (800-1300). Ms. Cline said she would revisit page 4 and revise, as necessary.
- The CAG requested that geologic symbols be added for clarity to the maps, cross-sections, and stratigraphic columns.