

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER GROUNDWATER BASIN

HELD AT
BUELLTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
140 WEST HIGHWAY 246, BUELLTON, CALIFORNIA

AT 10:00 A.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

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AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Update on agency representatives on the CMA GSA Committee
3. Roll Call
4. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
5. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the Committee relating to any non-agenda matter within the Committee’s jurisdiction. The total time for all public comment shall not exceed fifteen minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes. No action will be taken by the Committee at this meeting on any public comment item.)
6. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of September 25, 2023
7. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List
8. Receive update on Joint Powers Agreement for the CMA
9. Receive presentation on Proposition 68 Grant Award
10. Receive Draft Schedule of Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin GSA meetings for 2024 and consider returning to quarterly regular meetings with special meetings as needed.
11. Next CMA GSA Regular Meeting, Monday, December 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California
12. CMA GSA Committee reports and requests for future agenda items
13. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin September 25, 2023

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, September 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

CMA GSA Committee Members Present: Cynthia Allen, John Sanchez, and
Non-voting Acting Alternate Meighan Dietenhofer

CMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present: Steve Jordan

Member Agency Staff Present (In Person): Bill Buelow, Rose Hess and Amber Thompson

Member Agency Staff Present (Remote): Matt Young

Others Present (In Person): Doug Circle

Others Present (Remote): Leonard Fleckenstein, Deby Laranjo, and Anita Regmi (DWR)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

CMA GSA Committee Chair Cynthia Allen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to call roll. Two CMA GSA Committee Member and one non-voting Acting Alternate Committee Member were present providing a quorum. In addition, one Alternate Committee Member was present.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

3. Public Comment

Mr. Doug Circle, on behalf of the Santa Ynez Water Group, requested that the CMA GSA governance structure establish equitable representation, including agriculture representation in the CMA JPA and requested the topic be added to a future agenda for discussion. Ms. Thompson announced that no public comments were received prior to the meeting.

4. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of August 21, 2023

The minutes of the CMA GSA Committee meetings on August 21, 2023, were presented for GSA Committee approval. There was no discussion or public comment.

CMA GSA Committee Member John Sanchez made a MOTION to approve the minutes of August 21, 2023, as presented. GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment, The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Review and Consider Endorsing Draft Joint Powers Agreement for the CMA

Mr. Buelow distributed the Staff Memorandum dated September 25, 2023, regarding Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for CMA and presented the memo along with the Draft JPA. He explained that the existing Memorandum of Agreement is being converted to a JPA through a joint effort of member agencies staff and legal counsels over the last two years. A “Joint Powers Agreement” is an agreement between two or more government agencies to combine their powers and resources for some common project. It may also create a separate legal entity, commonly known as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), to work on common problem(s), in this case SGMA compliance and GSP implementation. A JPA, formed as a legal entity separate from its members, would shield the general funds of its members.

Discussion followed. Mr. Buelow advised that the CMA GSA action would be to endorse the JPA and the governing boards of each member agency would need to review and individually vote to approve the JPA. .

CMA GSA Committee Member John Sanchez made a MOTION that the CMA GSA Committee endorse the CMA’s draft Joint Powers Agreement for consideration by each of the CMA GSA member agencies’ board. GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Review and Discuss Items for Cost Share

a. Annual Report

Mr. Buelow reported that the GSP Annual Report is due by April 1, 2024. Member agencies’ staff recommended that the member agencies consider providing a loan to the CMA GSA to cover the cost of the Annual Report with a plan to be reimbursed by the approved grant funds. The cost share agreement still needs to be developed. Discussion followed. There was no public comment and no action.

b. Rate Study

Mr. Buelow reported on the process to complete a Rate Study which first needs a Well Registration official policy to be in place, so that GSA is aware of registered users in the CMA. Discussion followed. Public comment was received.

By consensus, the CMA GSA Committee directed member agencies’ staff to develop a Cost Share Agreement for committee consideration.

7. Update on SGMA Implementation Grant

Mr. Buelow reported that the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin was awarded \$5,534,000 from Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGM Grant Program's SGMA Implementation, Round 2 and provided the DWR's award list showing the SGMA implementation components and recommended awards. He reported that Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District will enter into a Grant Agreement with DWR on behalf of the three GSAs. He advised that this grant does not have a matching funds requirement but does require the GSAs to spend money on implementation efforts. The GSAs will need to submit reimbursement requests to receive the grant funds and anticipates a retention of funds held by DWR, as was the process for the last grant. The grant period is through July 2026. He thanked the City of Lompoc for their tremendous involvement and help with the grant application to secure funding for 100% of the requested amount to benefit the basin.

Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

8. Next CMA GSA Regular Meeting, Monday, October 23, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Buellton City Council Chambers

The next scheduled CMA GSA regular meeting will be Monday, October 23, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California. Mr. Buelow advised that if there were no well verifications or other business, then the meeting may be cancelled with at least a week's notice.

9. CMA GSA Committee reports and requests for future agenda items

There were no reports or requests.

10. Adjournment

GSA Committee Chair Cynthia Allen adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Cynthia Allen, Chair

William J. Buelow, Secretary

CMA GSA
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2023

	<u>Sep 30, 23</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1150 · Five Star Bank Checking #5943	28,487.26
Total Checking/Savings	<u>28,487.26</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>28,487.26</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>28,487.26</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 · Ret Earnings	32,373.47
32000 · Retained Earnings	-792.43
Net Income	-3,093.78
Total Equity	<u>28,487.26</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>28,487.26</u></u>

CMA GSA
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison
July through September 2023

	<u>Jul - Sep 23</u>	<u>Jul - Sep 23</u>
Income		
4600 · Interest Income	7.97	7.97
Total Income	<u>7.97</u>	<u>7.97</u>
Gross Profit	7.97	7.97
Expense		
5330 · Outside Staff Support	300.00	300.00
5350 · Public Relations	72.00	72.00
6500 · GSP Implementation	2,729.75	2,729.75
Total Expense	<u>3,101.75</u>	<u>3,101.75</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-3,093.78</u></u>	<u><u>-3,093.78</u></u>

CMA GSA
Transaction Detail by Account
 July through September 2023

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Clr</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2300 · Deposits - Well Verification									
	General Journal	07/12/2023	Deposit	River N Ranch LLC	APN 137-250-067		1150 · Five Star Bank Checking #5943	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Bill	08/14/2023	02024.001-5	GSI Water Solutions			2000 · Accounts Payable	-1,160.00	40.00
	Bill	09/30/2023	02024.001-6	GSI Water Solutions			2000 · Accounts Payable	-40.00	0.00
Total 2300 · Deposits - Well Verification								<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL								<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

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JULY 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1015	07/13/23	Stetson Engineers	May 2023 Engineering Service (GSP Implementation Support)	\$ 1,094.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 1,094.00

AUGUST 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1016	08/18/23	GSI Water Solutions	July 2023 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 1,160.00
1017	08/18/23	Stetson Engineers	June 2023 Engineering Service (GSP Implementation Support)	\$ 832.50
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 1,992.50

SEPTEMBER 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1018	09/29/23	GSI Water Solutions	September 2023 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 40.00
1019	09/29/23	Onsite Computers	Office 365 Basic License (email) - cma@SantaYnezWater.org	\$ 72.00
1020	09/29/23	Stetson Engineers	July and August 2023 Engineering Service (GSP Implementation Support)	\$ 803.25
1021	09/29/23	Valley Bookkeeping	2023 3rd Quarter Bookkeeping (July, August, September 2023)	\$ 300.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 1,215.25

TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 4,301.75

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
2024 Regular GSA Meetings

CMA GSA Committee

Mondays, 10:00 am
 Buellton City Council Chambers

January 22	Meeting
February 26	Regular Meeting (Quarterly Business)
March 25	Meeting
April 22	Meeting
May 20 *	Regular Meeting (Quarterly Business)
June 24	Meeting
July 22	Meeting
August 26	Regular Meeting (Quarterly Business)
September 23	Meeting
October 28	Meeting
November 18 *	Regular Meeting (Quarterly Business)
December 16 *	Meeting

EMA GSA Committee

Thursday, 6:30 pm
 Santa Ynez CSD Meeting Room

January 25	Meeting
February 22	Regular Meeting (Quarterly Business)
March 28	Meeting
April 25	Meeting
May 23	Regular Meeting (Quarterly Business)
June 27	Meeting
July 25	Meeting
August 22	Regular Meeting (Quarterly Business)
September 26	Meeting
October 24	Meeting
November 21 *	Regular Meeting (Quarterly Business)
December 19 *	Meeting

WMA GSA Committee

Wednesday, 10:00 am
 Vandenberg Village CSD Meeting Room

January 24	Meeting
February 28	Regular Meeting (Quarterly Business)
March 27	Meeting
April 24	Meeting
May 22	Regular Meeting (Quarterly Business)
June 26	Meeting
July 24	Meeting
August 28	Regular Meeting (Quarterly Business)
September 25	Meeting
October 23	Meeting
November 20 *	Regular Meeting (Quarterly Business)
December 18 *	Meeting

* Meeting to be held early due to holidays