

# MEETING MINUTES

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin May 18, 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, 18 May 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

Staff Present: Bill Buelow, Rose Hess, Amber Thompson, Kevin Walsh, Matt Young

Others Present: Zoe Carlson (Dudek), Maygan Cline (GeoSyntec), Lindsey Coakley, Larry Lahr, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Jeannette Lombardo, Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers), Jeff Newton, Tim Nicely (GSI), Anita Regmi (DWR)

### **I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

GSA Committee Director Andrisek called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

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

Mr. Buelow announced names of all phone attendees.

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, coordinating efforts between the eight agencies participating in the three GSAs, and establishing a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) in each of the Management Areas of the Basin.

### **III. Additions or Deletions, if any, to the Agenda**

No additions or deletions were made.

### **IV. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**V. Review and Approve Minutes**

GSA Committee Director Andrisek submitted the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2020 for GSA Committee approval.

GSA Committee Director Hibbits made a MOTION to approve the minutes. GSA Committee Director Andrisek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by Roll Call vote.

**VI. Receive CMA GSA financial update and approve CMA Warrant Lists**

Mr. Buelow presented the financial reports of FY 2019-20 Periods 7 through 9 (through March 31, 2020) and the Warrant Lists for January, February and March 2020 for GSA Committee review. There were no comments.

The GSA Committee unanimously approved the January, February and March 2020 Warrant Lists as presented (Nos. 1010 – 1012). GSA Committee Director Hibbits made a MOTION to approve the warrant lists and financial reports as submitted. GSA Committee Director Andrisek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by Roll Call vote.

**VII. Receive update on Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement**

Mr. Buelow gave an update on the Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement for Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Agreement) stating that it had been endorsed by all three GSAs and adopted by all eight GSA Member Agencies in the Basin and is now effective. Discussion followed.

**VIII. Receive update on GSP activities in the CMA and Basin**

Ms. Cline, Geosytec Consultants, along with Curtis Lawler and Miles McCammon, Stetson Engineers, and Zoe Carlson, Dudek, presented an update on the consultants GSP activities in the CMA GSA. The presentation included an update of consultant team activities since the last GSA Committee meeting in February 2020. The presentation included a SGMA overview, GSP milestones timeline, community outreach, review of Draft Technical Memorandum of Data Compilation and Management and review of Draft Technical Memorandum of 3D Geologic Model for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin. The consultants reviewed newly initiated work, ongoing activities and the next steps to create a SGMA compliant GSP for the CMA GSA.

There was public comment, GSA Committee Member, consultant and staff discussion throughout the presentation.

- Ms. Lombardo, American Agri-Women, asked about the reliability of data provided by SkyTEM survey and cost for this basin. Mr. Tim Nicely, GSI, commented that his company has been involved with SkyTEM in other areas of California with positive results in imaging geology including confirmation that SkyTEM data matched existing data. Mr. Buelow replied that this approach will give more widespread data for close

to cost of installing only a couple monitoring wells with receiving grant covering almost \$300,000.

- Ms. Lombardo asked about outreach to landowners regarding the SkyTEM survey. Ms. Cline replied that a Newsletter has been developed to be sent to public on municipal water service or having a registered well.
- Mr. Jeff Newton asked about field crews working to collect water level data. Ms. Cline advised that field crews are not measuring water levels but are focusing on groundwater well locations, surveying measurement point and ground surface.

**a. Draft Technical Memorandum of Data Compilation and Management**

Mr. Buelow presented the Draft Technical Memorandum of Data Compilation and Management. He reported that it is intended as a contractual document to document technical tasks completed by the consultant and includes very technical terms.

**b. Draft Technical Memorandum of 3D Geologic Model for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin**

Mr. Buelow presented the Draft Technical Memorandum of 3D Geologic Model for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin. He reported it has very technical terms and is not intended for the public. It is intended as a contractual document to document technical tasks completed by the consultant.

GSA Committee Director Hibbits made a MOTION to forward both Memorandums to the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) to review and report back to the CMA GSA Committee. Director Andrisek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**IX. Receive update on Proposition 68 Grand Award for Aerial Electro-Magnetic Survey of CMA**

Mr. Buelow announced Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, on behalf of the CMA and WMA portions of the Basin, was awarded a \$296,000 grant with requirement of about \$100,000 to be spent by the CMA and WMA GSAs toward SkyTEM survey of the CMA and WMA. The flight path will be a planned route and notification will be made to landowners as well as presentations and outreach made to the public. There was no public comment.

**X. Receive update of CMA Outreach Efforts**

Mr. Buelow announced that based on community outreach discussions by the CMA GSA CAG and feedback from public, consultants, with staff input, created a Quarterly Newsletter. The first edition contains a basic SGMA overview for those members of the public not familiar with SGMA. The newsletter will be translated into Spanish and will be distributed by participating agencies in the Basin this summer.

GSA Committee Director Hibbits made a MOTION to forward the newsletter and SkyTEM information on **SantaYnezWater.org** website to the Citizen Advisory Group

(CAG) to review before publication and report back to the CMA GSA Committee. Director Andrisek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**XI. Next CMA Meeting: Monday, August 24, 2020, 10:00 AM, location TBD**

Mr. Buelow announced that the next CMA GSA Committee Meeting will be Monday, August 24, 2020, 10:00 AM, location TBD. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it may be held via teleconference call.

**XII. CMA GSA Committee requests and comments**

GSA Committee Director Andrisek thanked Ms. Cline for the presentation and easy to understand presentation.


GSA Committee Director Hibbits thanked staff for adding page numbers to the entire committee meeting packet.

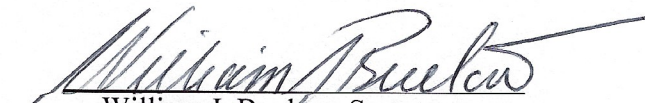
GSA Committee Director Hibbits asked with current COVID-19 restrictions are we on track with timelines in place or do we need to request Governor to extend the deadline. Ms. Anita Regmi, DWR, reported there are discussions internally but making changes to the Act is a legislative process and the California Legislature needs to change deadlines. However, DWR can accept plans after deadlines but cannot change dates. Mr. Buelow stated a group of GSAs are lobbying legislation for a change to the SGMA statute. However, at this point the GSAs in the Santa Ynez Basin are moving forward with the timeline as if no changes will be made.

GSA Committee Director Hibbits requested that earthquake fault lines in Basin be added to the next agenda to address any concerns as there have not been any discussions on this matter to date.

**XIII. Adjournment**

GSA Committee Director Hibbits MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. GSA Committee Director Andrisek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

  
Ed Andrisek, Chairman

  
William J. Buelow, Secretary

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA (CMA)  
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

**JANUARY 2020 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>PAYEE</u>       | <u>DESCRIPTION</u>   | <u>AMOUNT</u>      |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1010          | 01/30/20    | Valley Bookkeeping | FY 2019-20 1st-2nd Quarter Bookkeeping<br>(July, Aug., Sept. 2019 and Oct., Nov., Dec. 2019) | \$ 300.00          |
| 1011          | 01/30/20    | Stetson Engineers  | Oct., Nov., Dec. 2019 Engineering Service<br>(Task Order #2)                                 | \$ 44,034.79       |
|               |             |                    |  | TOTAL \$ 44,334.79 |

**FEBRUARY 2020 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>PAYEE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
|               |             |              |                    | TOTAL \$ -    |

**MARCH 2020 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>PAYEE</u>      | <u>DESCRIPTION</u>                               | <u>AMOUNT</u>      |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1012          | 03/25/20    | Stetson Engineers | Jan. 2020 Engineering Service<br>(Task Order #2) | \$ 11,295.88       |
|               |             |                   |  | TOTAL \$ 11,295.88 |

**TOTAL THIS QUARTER: \$ 55,630.67**