

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin May 25, 2022

A regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Western Management Area (WMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting occurred solely via teleconference as recommended by Santa Barbara County Public Health, as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361, and Resolution WMA-2021-001 (passed 10/20/2021, reaffirmed 3/23/2022).

GSA Directors Present: Jeremy Ball, Chris Brooks, and Steve Jordan

GSA Committee Directors Present: Ron Stassi, Kristin Worthley

Staff Present: Bill Buelow, Marliez Diaz, Brad Hagemann, Amber Thompson, and Kevin Walsh

Others Present: Doug Circle, Maygan Cline, John Fio (EKI), Paeter Garcia, "BH", Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers), and Tim Nicely (GSI)

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

GSA Chair Chris Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Bill Buelow to call roll. A quorum was met with three Directors in attendance. Two Alternate Directors were also present. The Director and Alternate representing Mission Hills Community Services District were absent.

II. Consider findings under Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution WMA-2021-001

Mr. Buelow explained that the reasonings for State Assembly Bill 361 and adoption of Resolution WMA-2021-001, passed on October 20, 2021, and reaffirmed on March 23, 2022, which authorized teleconference public meetings were still in effect. There was no discussion.

GSA Director Steve Jordan made a MOTION to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution WMA-2021-001. GSA Director Jeremy Ball seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-1 by roll call vote, with both Director and Alternate from Mission Hills Community Services District being absent.

III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of February 23 and March 23, 2022

The minutes of the GSA Committee meetings on February 23 and March 23, 2022, were presented for GSA approval. There was no discussion.

GSA Director Steve Jordan made a MOTION to approve the minutes of February 23 and March 23, 2022, as presented. GSA Director Jeremy Ball seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-1 by roll call vote, with both Director and Alternate from Mission Hills Community Services District being absent.

VI. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List

The GSA reviewed the financial reports of FY 2021-22 Periods 7 through 9 (through March 31, 2022) and the Warrant Lists for January, February, and March 2022. Discussion followed.

GSA Director Steve Jordan made a MOTION to approve the financial reports and the January, February, and March 2022 Warrant Lists (Nos. 1047-1053) totaling \$46,324.76, as presented. GSA Director Jeremy Ball seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-1 by roll call vote, with both Director and Alternate from Mission Hills Community Services District being absent

VII. Update on Executive Order N-7-22

Mr. Buelow explained Executive Order N-7-22, Santa Barbara County Urgency Order passed on May 24, 2022 and the requirements of the GSA listed in Section 9a of the Executive Order N-7-22. He advised that member agencies staff have begun working on a process and documentation to address the requirements. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

Directors, by consensus, requested member agencies staff work on developing the acknowledgement process and draft documents to address the requirements and return to the committee for consideration.

VIII. Update on Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Well Metering Program

Mr. Buelow and Ms. Diaz provided an update on member agencies staff efforts to develop a Well Metering Program. Discussion followed and public comments were received. No action was taken.

IX. Update on future governance/JPA/interim cost sharing and long-term funding for WMA expenses

No update was provided. Discussion followed. There were no public comments. No action was taken.

X. Update on change of GSA Financial Institution

Ms. Thompson provided an update on the WMA GSA banking account of which some funds had been moved to a new bank. There was no discussion. No action was taken.

XI. Next Regular WMA GSA Meeting, Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Buelow announced the next regular WMA GSA meeting will be Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

XII. WMA GSA Committee requests and comments

There were no requests or comments.

XIII. Adjournment

GSA Director Chris Brooks adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.



Chris Brooks, Chair



William J. Buelow, Secretary

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

JANUARY 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>PAYEE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|--|---|---------------------|
| 1047 | 01/04/22 | Santa Barbara News Press | Legal Notice of January 5, 2022 Public Hearing on GSP (12/17 & 12/24/21 publications) (1/3 of total paid per GSA) | \$ 31.54 |
| 1048 | 01/04/22 | Stetson Engineers | November 2021 Engineering Service (Task Order #1) | \$ 17,628.60 |
| 1049 | 01/04/22 | Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District | Stetson Engineers, Engineering Service (October 2021) Technical Memo: Lompoc Upland GW Conditions | \$ 1,528.00 |
| MONTH TOTAL | | | | \$ 19,188.14 |

FEBRUARY 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>PAYEE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1050 | 02/08/22 | Stetson Engineers | December 2021 Engineering Service (Task Order #1 & Annual Report) | \$ 14,927.12 |
| MONTH TOTAL | | | | \$ 14,927.12 |

MARCH 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>PAYEE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|--|---------------------|
| 1051 | | VOID | VOID - printing error | \$ - |
| 1052 | 03/09/22 | Stetson Engineers | January 2022 Engineering Service (Task Order #1 & Annual Report) | \$ 12,059.50 |
| 1053 | 03/09/22 | Valley Bookkeeping | 2022 1st Quarter Bookkeeping (January, February, March 2022) | \$ 150.00 |
| MONTH TOTAL | | | | \$ 12,209.50 |

TOTAL THIS QUARTER: \$ 46,324.76