

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

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

WILL BE HELD
AT **10:00 A.M.**, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022
**VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE MEETING ONLY – NO PHYSICAL MEETING
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GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Consider findings under Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution CMA-2021-001
- III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
- IV. 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 participation 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 item.) *Staff recommends any potential new agenda items based on issues raised be held for discussion under Agenda Item "CMA GSA Committee requests and comments" for items to be included on the next Agenda.*
- V. Discuss and consider appointment of CMA GSA Chair and Vice-Chair
- VI. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of November 15, 2021, and January 3, 2022
- VII. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List
- VIII. Review and consider approval of calendar of Regular GSA meetings for 2022 and location of Regular and Special Meetings
- IX. Consider approval of printing costs for public copies of the CMA GSP
- X. Receive update from CMA CAG Meeting of February 3, 2022
- XI. Receive cost update and presentation from Stetson on the First Annual Report for the CMA
- XII. Update and discussion on future governance, JPA, projects, and funding for CMA expenses
- XIII. Review possible change of GSA Financial Institution
- XIV. Consideration of Special CMA GSA Meeting, March 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
- XV. Next Regular CMA GSA Meeting, Monday, May 23, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
- XVI. CMA GSA Committee requests and comments
- XVII. Adjournment

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Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

RESOLUTION CMA-2021-001

RESOLUTION INITIALLY AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB 361

WHEREAS, meetings of the governing Committee (“Committee”) of the **Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin** (CMA GSA) are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the CMA GSA conduct its business;

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953(e), added by Assembly Bill 361 (2021) (“AB361”), provides for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to certain conditions and requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CMA GSA wishes to invoke the provisions of AB361 to authorize teleconference meetings subject to the provisions of Government Code section 54953(e);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. Findings. The Committee hereby finds as follows:

- (a) As provided by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), a proclaimed state of emergency exists under the California Emergency Services Act, as declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020.
- (b) As provided by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), the County of Santa Barbara Health Department has imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, specifically Santa Barbara County Health Order No. 2021-10.5 (see also Santa Barbara County Public Health Department Health Officials AB 361 Social Distance Recommendation issued September 28, 2021).

Section 2. Procedures for Teleconference Meetings. The CMA GSA shall hold meetings to allow for teleconference participation pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 54953(e).

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 4. Renewal. Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), the CMA GSA may consider findings regarding the state of emergency every 30 days.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Committee of the CMA GSA on October 20, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ed Andrisek, Art Hibbits
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:



William J. Buelow, Secretary



**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2022-10.1
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19
FACE COVERINGS
WITHIN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

**Health Officer Order No. 2022-10 is rescinded by this
Health Officer Order No. 2022-10.1**

Effective Date: February 16, 2022, 12:00 am PT

Nothing in this Health Officer Order supersedes State Executive Orders or State Health Officer Orders or guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx#>

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2022, the California Department of Public Health updated their Guidance for the Use of Face Masks to take effect on February 16, 2022, requiring unvaccinated persons to wear masks in all indoor public settings, requiring universal masking in only specified settings, and recommending continued indoor masking when the risk may be high (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>). Thus, the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer finds Health Officer Order 2022-10 ordering face coverings within Santa Barbara County is no longer necessary for the control of COVID-19 in the County of Santa Barbara.

ACCORDINGLY, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDERS:

1. Order 2022-10 is rescinded effective February 15, 2022 at 11:59 pm (PT). This Order applies in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County ("County").

This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference: the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in the County; the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors ratifying the County Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency regarding COVID-19; the March 13, 2020 Presidential Declaration of a National Emergency due to the national impacts of COVID-19; the March 22, 2020, Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster in California beginning on January 20, 2020 under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Incident DR-4482-CA; CDPH / Cal-OSHA Interim Guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments issued February 26, 2021; the State Public Health Order issued June 11, 2021; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-07-21 of June 11, 2021; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-08-21 of June 11, 2021; the State Public Health Order issued July 26, 2021; the October 15, 2021 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Interim Public Health

Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People; the January 12, 2022 California Department of Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year; the January 13, 2022 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools; the January 21, 2022 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Your Guide to Masks; and the February 7, 2022 California Department of Public Health Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings.

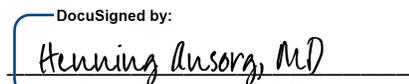
This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 120175; Health and Safety Code sections 101030 et seq., 120100 et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.

If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat to public health. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code sections 101029 and 120295, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. Per Health and Safety Code section 101029, "the sheriff of each county, or city and county, may enforce within the county, or the city and county, all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. Every peace officer of every political subdivision of the county, or city and county, may enforce within the area subject to his or her jurisdiction all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. This section is not a limitation on the authority of peace officers or public officers to enforce orders of the local health officer. When deciding whether to request this assistance in enforcement of its orders, the local health officer may consider whether it would be necessary to advise the enforcement agency of any measures that should be taken to prevent infection of the enforcement officers."

Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Public Health Department; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department's website (publichealthsb.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

DocuSigned by:

Henning Ansorg, M.D.
Health Officer
Santa Barbara County Public Health Department

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin November 15, 2021

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, November 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Buellton, City Council Chambers at 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, participation in this meeting was also available via teleconference as recommended by Santa Barbara County Health Public Health, authorized by State Assembly Bill 361, and Resolution CMA-2021-001 (passed on 10/20/2021).

CMA GSA Committee Directors Present (in person): Ed Andrisek and Art Hibbits

CMA GSA Committee Director Present (remote participation): Cynthia Allen (Alternate)

Member Agency Staff Present (in person): Bill Buelow, Rose Hess, and Amber Thompson

Member Agency Staff Present (remote participation): Matt Young

Others Present (in person): Deby Laranjo

Others Present (remote participation): Len Fleckenstein, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Steve Slack (CDFW), and Brett Stroud (Young Wooldridge)

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

CMA GSA Committee Director Ed Andrisek called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and asked Mr. Bill Buelow to do roll call. CMA GSA Committee Directors Andrisek and Hibbits were present in person. A quorum was met.

II. Consider findings under Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution CMA-2021-001 Introductions and Review of SGMA in Santa Ynez River Valley Basin

Mr. Buelow explained that the reasonings for Resolution CMA-2021-001, passed on October 20, 2021, and State Assembly Bill 361 which authorized teleconference public meetings were still in effect.

GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits made a MOTION to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution CMA-2021-001 finding that State of

Emergency circumstances still exist and local officials continue to recommend social distancing. GSA Committee Director Ed Andrisek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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 October 25, 2021

The minutes of the GSA Committee meeting on October 25, 2021, were presented for GSA Committee approval. Discussion followed. GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits requested an edit to Item VI.

GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits made a MOTION to approve the minutes of October 25, 2021, as amended with an edit to Item VI. GSA Committee Director Ed Andrisek seconded the motion, and the minutes passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

The GSA Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2021-22 Periods 1 through 3 (through September 30, 2021) and the Warrant Lists for July, August, and September 2021 for GSA Committee review. There were no comments.

GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits made a MOTION to approve the Warrant List for July, August, and September 2021 Warrant Lists (Nos. 1037-1038) totaling \$63,898.25, as submitted. GSA Committee Director Ed Andrisek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VII. Review and consider approval of Resolution CMA-2021-002 authorizing the CMA GSA Chairperson to sign the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement

The GSA Committee reviewed the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement and Resolution CMA-2021-002 authorizing the CMA GSA Chairperson to sign the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement. Mr. Buelow explained the requirement of a Coordination Agreement by DWR for basins submitting multiple GSPs.

GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits made a MOTION approve RESOLUTION CMA-2021-002, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON TO SIGN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN COORDINATION AGREEMENT. GSA Committee Director Ed Andrisek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VIII. Update and discussion on Draft EMA GSP and Future Governance Options

Mr. Buelow reviewed steps taken to date on the Draft CMA GSP and on comments received. Mr. Curtis Lawler, Stetson Engineers, advised that he planned to finish a first draft log of the responses to public comments and make all changes to the CMA GSP that are warranted.

Mr. Lawler requested guidance from CMA GSA Committee regarding the possible need for a new surface water gauge in the CMA. Mr. Lawler recommended using an existing USGS gauge known as “the Narrows Gauge” located in the narrows for a cost savings by using that existing gauge instead of purchasing and installing a new gauge. He suggested a commitment to monthly measurement of flow at the Narrows Gauge located at the former Santa Rosa dam site to have a more accurate measurement of the amount of surface water leaving the CMA in the water budget. Currently, the amount of surface water leaving the CMA is only estimated. He recommended a one-year commitment then reevaluate continuing use of this gauge after one year. He provided a cost comparison between a purchasing and installing a new gauge (\$100,000 plus \$20,000-\$30,000 annual operation and maintenance) versus paying USGS to add the Narrows Gauge for monthly monitoring to their monitoring schedule (\$10,000 annually). Discussion followed.

GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits made a MOTION directing staff to request USGS to add monthly monitoring at the Narrows Gauge to their monitoring schedule at a cost of approximately \$10,000 annually, in lieu of installing a new surface water gauge, compare measurements to monthly spot checks of surface water flow near the former dam site and reevaluate in one year. GSA Committee Director Ed Andrisek seconded the motion. Public comment was received. Ms. Deby Laranjo like the idea of using the existing gauge for monitoring with reevaluating in one year. She welcomed entry to the Laranjo Ranch for the spot check of surface water flow. Mr. Doug Circle expressed his support of this motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.

There was no update on future governance options. Mr. Buelow reported that staff will continue to meet and will keep this as a standing item on future agendas.

IX. Review and discuss Scope of Work and Costs for Stetson to prepare CMA Annual Report

The GSA Committee reviewed the Scope of Work and costs for Stetson to prepare the CMA Annual Report. Mr. Buelow explained that the first Annual Report required by CA Department of Water Resources (DWR) will need to include data from 2018 through September 30, 2021. Staff recommended Stetson prepare the CMA Annual Report and request SYRWCD add a separate task order to the existing contract between Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and Stetson for this effort.

GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits made a MOTION to request Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) to add a new task order to the existing contract between SYRWCD and Stetson the prepare the first CMA Annual Report according to the

Scope of Work with costs Not To Exceed \$25,000. GSA Committee Director Ed Andrisek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

X. Next planned “Special” CMA GSA Meeting to consider GSP adoption Monday, January 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Buelow suggested the CMA GSA Committee should schedule a Special Meeting including a Public Hearing to consider adoption of the CMA Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for Monday, January 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Discussion followed. The GSA Committee unanimously agreed to scheduling this CMA GSA Special Meeting including a Public Hearing to consider adoption of the CMA GSP and approved of scheduling a hybrid style meeting in person at the City of Buellton City Council Chambers.

XI. Consideration of additional “Special CMA GSA Meeting” December 6 or 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

The GSA Committee discussed the need for an additional special meeting in December 2021. They unanimously agreed there was no need for a December meeting, at this time.

XII. CMA GSA Committee requests and comments

There were no requests or comments.

XIII. Adjournment

CMA GSA Director Ed Andrisek adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Ed Andrisek, Chairman

William J. Buelow, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin January 3, 2022

A special meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Central Management Area (CMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting occurred solely via teleconference in accordance with the latest Santa Barbara County Health Officer Order, as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361, and Resolution CMA-2021-001 (passed on 10/20/2021, reaffirmed 11/15/2021).

GSA Committee Directors Present: Meighan Diethofer (Acting Alternate), Art Hibbits, and John Sanchez (Acting Alternate)

Alternate GSA Committee Director Present: Cynthia Allen

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

Others Present: Bryan Bondy, Doug Circle, Len Fleckenstein, Larry Lahr, Deby Laranjo, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers), Jeff Newton, Anita Regmi (DWR), and Brett Stroud (Young Wooldridge)

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

CMA GSA Committee Vice Chair Art Hibbits called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Bill Buelow to call roll. A quorum was met.

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

Mr. Buelow explained that the reasonings for adopting Resolution CMA-2021-001, passed on October 20, 2021, and State Assembly Bill 361 which authorized teleconference public meetings were still in effect.

GSA Committee Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution CMA-2021-001. GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Public Hearing on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Central Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (CMA GSP)

CMA GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits opened the public hearing at 10:08 a.m. Mr. Buelow announced the public hearing was properly noticed, gave a brief history of the CMA GSP preparation process and presented verification from member agencies granting GSA Directors authority to vote for adopting the CMA GSP on behalf of the member agency.

Mr. Len Fleckenstein asked for status of governance of and funding for the three GSAs. Mr. Buelow advised member agency staff continue to meet regarding future governance options and a presentation of options was made to GSAs but is not finalized. Discussion followed.

Mr. Len Fleckenstein asked where he could find the responses to comments received on GSP. Mr. Curtis Lawler advised the response to comments can be found in the last appendix of the GSP document.

GSA Committee Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to close the Public Hearing at 10:25 a.m. GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VI. Consider Resolution Number CMA-2022-001 adopting the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Central Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

Mr. Buelow read Resolution CMA-2022-001. He noted a couple typographical errors to be corrected. There was no discussion.

GSA Committee Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to adopt RESOLUTION CMA-2022-001, ADOPTING GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN with corrections for typographical errors. GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VII. Update and discussion on CMA GSP and Future Governance Options

Mr. Buelow and Mr. Lawler, Stetson Engineers, advised the Committee on the GSP upload requirements and that efforts have begun. There was no discussion.

There was no update and no discussion regarding future governance options.

VIII. Update on CMA Annual Report

Mr. Curtis Lawler, Stetson Engineers, provided an update on the CMA First Annual Report. The report will include data from October 2018 through September 2021 and is due to DWR by April 1, 2022. Consultants are expecting to deliver a Draft of First Annual Report to the CMA GSA Committee at the February 28, 2022 regular meeting for review.

IX. Next Regular CMA GSA Meeting, Monday, February 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Buelow announced the next regular CMA GSA meeting will be Monday, February 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., either in person at City of Buellton, City Council Chambers or via remote, to be determined based on continuing health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

X. CMA GSA Committee requests and comments

CMA GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits and Acting Alternate John Sanchez thanked everyone for the hard work completing the GSP document.

XI. Adjournment

WMA GSA Director Art Hibbits adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Art Hibbits, Vice-Chairman

William J. Buelow, Secretary

SYRWCD CMA
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2021

Assets

Current Assets

Mechanics Bank #5472	\$59,043.04	
Other Current Assets	1,000.00	

TOTAL Current Assets		60,043.04

TOTAL Assets		\$60,043.04
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Liabilities AND Equity

TOTAL Liabilities		.00

Net Position

Retained Earnings	148,763.63	
Retained Earnings-Current Year	(88,720.59)	

TOTAL Net Position		60,043.04

TOTAL Liabilities AND Equity		\$60,043.04
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SYRWCD CMA
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE 6 PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	QUARTER TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE	
	ACTUAL	PERCENT	ACTUAL	PERCENT
Revenue:				
Revenue				
Operating Assessments	\$25,200.00	100.0 %	25,200.00	100.0
TOTAL Revenue	25,200.00	100.0	25,200.00	100.0
TOTAL Revenue	25,200.00	100.0	25,200.00	100.0
Gross Profit	25,200.00	100.0	25,200.00	100.0
Expenses:				
Operating Expenses				
Outside Staff Support	300.00	1.2	300.00	1.2
Public Relations	368.73	1.5	368.73	1.5
TOTAL Operating Expenses	668.73	2.7	668.73	2.7
Consultants				
Stakeholder Engagement	3,828.00	15.2	7,175.00	28.5
GSP - HCM	1,003.00	4.0	2,089.50	8.3
GSP - Water Budget, GW Models	3,959.75	15.7	5,262.75	20.9
GSP - Monitor/Measure	.00	.0	3,406.25	13.5
GSP - Sustainable Mgt Criteria	.00	.0	8,995.50	35.7
GSP - Projects/Mgt Actions	5,420.75	21.5	13,015.25	51.6
GSP - GSP Doc	21,635.11	85.9	40,983.11	162.6
GSP-AEM Survey	13,507.00	53.6	32,324.50	128.3
TOTAL Consultants	49,353.61	195.8	113,251.86	449.4
TOTAL Expenses	50,022.34	198.5	113,920.59	452.1
Net Income from Operations	(24,822.34)	(98.5)	(88,720.59)	(352.1)
Earnings before Income Tax	(24,822.34)	(98.5)	(88,720.59)	(352.1)
Net Income (Loss)	\$(24,822.34)	(98.5)%	(88,720.59)	(352.1)

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

OCTOBER 2021 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1039	10/15/21	Inklings	Public Draft CMA GSP printed (Public access to review GSP at Buellton Library)	\$ 112.73
1040	10/15/21	Santa Barbara News Press	Public Draft GSP advertisement (9/26/21: 1 of 2 run dates) (1/3 of total paid per GSA)	\$ 50.00
1041	10/15/21	Santa Maria Times	Public Draft GSP advertisement (9/28/21 SYV News and 9/29/21 Lompoc Record) (1/3 of total paid per GSA)	\$ 156.00
1042	10/15/21	Stetson Engineers	August 2021 Engineering Service (Task Order #2 & AEM work)	\$ 21,092.55
1043	10/15/21	Valley Bookkeeping	2021 3rd Quarter Bookkeeping (July, August, September 2021)	\$ 150.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 21,561.28

NOVEMBER 2021 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1044	11/15/21	Santa Barbara News Press	Public Draft GSP advertisement (10/3/21: 2 of 2 run dates) (1/3 of total paid per GSA)	\$ 50.00
1045	11/15/21	Stetson Engineers	September 2021 Engineering Service (Task Order #2 & AEM work)	\$ 23,027.75
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 23,077.75

DECEMBER 2021 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1046	12/14/21	Stetson Engineers	October 2021 Engineering Service (Task Order #2)	\$ 5,233.31
1047	12/14/21	Valley Bookkeeping	2021 4th Quarter Bookkeeping (October, November, December 2021)	\$ 150.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 5,383.31

TOTAL THIS QUARTER: \$ 50,022.34

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
2022 Regular GSA Meetings

WMA GSA Committee

(Wednesday, 10:00 am; if in person, at Lompoc Water Treatment Plant)

February 23, 2022	Regular Meeting	
May 25, 2022	Regular Meeting	
August 24, 2022	Regular Meeting	
November 16, 2022	Regular Meeting	meeting to be held one week early due to Thanksgiving Holiday

CMA GSA Committee

(Mondays, 10:00 am; if in person, at Buellton City Council Chambers)

February 28, 2022	Regular Meeting	
May 23, 2022	Regular Meeting	
August 22, 2022	Regular Meeting	
November 14, 2022	Regular Meeting	meeting to be held one week early due to Thanksgiving Holiday

EMA GSA Committee

(Thursday, 6:30 pm; if in person, at Solvang City Council Chambers)

February 22, 2022	Regular Meeting	
May 26, 2022	Regular Meeting	
August 25, 2022	Regular Meeting	
November 17, 2022	Regular Meeting	meeting to be held one week early due to Thanksgiving Holiday

**CENTRAL MANAGMENT AREA
CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: February 3, 2022

TO: CMA GSA Committee

FROM: CMA Citizen Advisory Group
(representative Larry Lahr)

SUBJECT: Workshop and Q&A on Future Governance

Attendees

CMA CAG Members in attendance: Sharyne Merritt, Cindy Douglas, Len Fleckenstein; Sean Diggins, and Larry Lahr

Staff in attendance: Bill Buelow (SYRWCD), Rose Hess (City of Buellton) and Matt Young (County Water Agency)

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 a meeting via teleconference. The meeting was held on February 3, 2022. The purpose of the meetings was for the CMA CAG (CAG) to discuss future governance options.

CAG Comments

Each member of the CAG was given the opportunity to ask questions or make comments. Below is a summary of the comments and questions by topic.

Status of the GSP

- The GSP for the CMA GSA has been submitted to the state. Upon its submittal, the GSA is compelled to initiate the implementation of its GSPs, notwithstanding the fact that the state may take up to two years to review and approve the GSP. Furthermore, now that the GSP has been submitted, the GSA has the authority to commence charging fees for the implementation of the GSP. Heretofore, the funding of the GSP has come from the SYRWCD, the city of Buellton, Santa Barbara County and grants.

Governance Alternatives

- Bill Buelow describe the alternative for governance of the GSA
 - Independent Agency – This is where the GSA has its own administrative body that functions independently from other GSAs as it implements its GSP.

- Joint Powers Authority (JPA) – This is where the agencies compromising one or more GSAs agree by contract to form a JPA whereby the administrative work for the participating GSAs are handled by the JPA and its staff. The GSAs still implement their individual GSPs but use the staff and resources of the JPA to do so.
- Discussion of the Pros and Cons of the two alternatives - The CAG discussed both alternatives of participating or not in a JPA with the other GSAs within the Santa Ynez River Basin. The general consensus of the CAG was that a JPA was the preference, subject to certain caveats
 - Advantages of participating in the JPA – The primary advantage of participating in the JPA is cost savings. Rather than having duplicate staff, legal counsel and office administration, the three GSAs could share the cost of these.
 - Disadvantage of participating in the JPA – There were a few concerns raised about participating in the JPA. These concerns would be addressed, or not addressed, in the contract which forms the JPA. These are issues that would need to be considered when a draft of the JPA contract is released. Currently, seven of the eight agencies that comprise the three GSAs in the Santa Ynez River Basin have initiated discussions on the formation of the joint JPA but no terms have been made available to review. The concerns to be considered with the joint JPA agreement are:
 - Since the CMA has only two of the eight agencies involved in forming the JPA, and because the CMA produces only about 7% of the water produced in the Basin, there is concern that the CMA will not have a strong voice in the governance of the JPA. At this point, how the governance of the JPA would function has not been determined.
 - Since the CMA produces only about 7% of the water produced in the Basin, the allocation of the costs of the joint JPA are concerning. At this time it cannot be determined what the cost of implementing the CMA GSP is relative to the other GSA’s GSPs, but that issue would need to be addressed in the JPA contract.
- Stakeholder Representation on the GSA
 - There was a series of discussions amongst the members of the CAG as well as input from a member of the public regarding the inclusion of an agricultural land owners representative on the GSA. Since agricultural landowners produce the majority of the water in the GSA and therefore would be paying the majority of the costs of the implementing the GSP, it was felt that such a representative would be warranted.
 - It was pointed out that the SYRWCD’s current representative on the CMA’s board is an agricultural owner. Concerns were expressed that future representatives from the SYRWCD may not be representative of agricultural land owners.

- A comment was made that if an agricultural land owner representative was appointed to the GSA, there could be demands to include an environmental representative.
- Future of the CMA CAG
 - The discussion was raised about what the future of the CAG would be. It was felt that would be up to the discretion of the GSA, but most CAG members indicated a willingness to continue in this capacity if so deemed.

There was no further discussion, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:24.