

MEETING MINUTES

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency February 26, 2024

A regular meeting of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CMA GSA) was held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

Directors Present: Larry Lahr, and John Sanchez

Non-Voting Directors Present: Meighan Dietenhofer (Non-voting Acting Alternate)

Others Present (In Person): Bill Buelow, Rose Hess, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers), and Amber Thompson

Others Present (Teleconference): Doug Circle, Len Fleckenstein, Paeter Garcia, Deby Laranjo, Scarlet Tovar (DWR), Matt Young, and Legal Counsel Steve Torigiani

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Buelow reported that per the CMA GSA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA), made and entered into on November 28, 2023, the representative from the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District will act as Chair Pro Tem until a Chair is duly elected.

CMA GSA Chair Pro Tem Larry Lahr called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Ms. Thompson called roll. Two Directors and one non-voting Acting Alternate Director were present providing a quorum.

Chair Pro Tem Larry Lahr requested to add the Pledge of Allegiance to the agenda for this meeting and future meetings. There was unanimous agreement by the Board. Chair Pro Tem Larry Lahr led the flag salute.

2. Officer Elections

Mr. Bill Buelow reviewed the officer positions listed in the JPA. Chair Pro Tem Larry Lahr requested nominations for officers. Discussion followed. There were no public comments.

a. Chair

Director John Sanchez nominated Director Larry Lahr as Chair. Director Larry Lahr seconded the nomination. By unanimous voice vote, Director Larry Lahr was elected to serve as Chair of the CMA GSA and assumed office immediately.

b. Vice-Chair

Director Larry Lahr nominated Director John Sanchez as Vice-Chair. Director John Sanchez seconded the nomination. By unanimous voice vote, Director John Sanchez was elected to serve as Vice-Chair of the CMA GSA and assumed office immediately.

c. Secretary

The Board discussed options. Director Larry Lahr nominated Ms. Amber Thompson as Secretary. Director John Sanchez seconded the nomination. By unanimous voice vote, Ms. Amber Thompson was elected to serve as Secretary of the CMA GSA and assumed office immediately.

d. Treasurer

The Board discussed options. Director Larry Lahr nominated Mr. William Buelow as Treasurer. Director John Sanchez seconded the nomination. By unanimous voice vote, Mr. William Buelow was elected to serve as Treasurer of the CMA GSA and assumed office immediately.

3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

During Agenda Item No. 1, Chair Pro Tem Larry Lahr requested to add the flag salute to the agenda. There was unanimous agreement by the Board. The flag salute was added and included with Agenda Item No. 1.

There were no other additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

5. Review and consider approval of CMA GSA Committee meeting minutes of November 13, 2023, and Joint GSAs meeting minutes of January 5, 2024

The minutes of the CMA GSA Committee meeting on November 13, 2023, and the Joint GSAs meeting on January 5, 2024, were presented for Board consideration. There was no discussion or public comment.

Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the CMA GSA Committee meeting on November 13, 2023, and the Joint GSAs meeting on January 5, 2024, as presented. Director Larry Lahr seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Review and Consider Approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List

The CMA GSA Committee considered the financial reports of FY 2023-24 Periods 4 through 6 (through December 31, 2023) and the Warrant Lists for October, November, and December 2023. There was no discussion or public comment.

Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to approve the Warrant Lists for October, November, and December 2023 (Check Nos. 1022-1024) totaling \$1,341.19, as presented. Director Larry Lahr seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Receive Update on change of DWR Point of Contact for the Santa Ynez Basin

Mr. Buelow announced that due to the recent promotion of Anita Regmi the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has assigned Ms. Scarlett Tovar as the DWR Point of Contact for the Santa Ynez Basin. He introduced Ms. Tovar and added that she will also serve as the Grant Manager for the SGMA Implementation Grant of which Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District is the grantee on behalf of the Santa Ynez Basin. There was no discussion, public comment, or action.

8. Receive update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the CMA GSA

Mr. Buelow announced that all three Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin were approved by DWR according to the Statement of Findings Regarding the Approval of the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan by Karla Nemeth, Director, DWR, which was attached to the January 18, 2024, letter received from Paul Gosselin, Deputy Director, Sustainable Groundwater Management, DWR.

Mr. Buelow reviewed the Recommended Corrective Actions listed in the State of California Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Groundwater Sustainability Plan Assessment Staff Report, for Santa Ynez River Valley Basin (No. 3-015), dated January 18, 2024. The Submitting Agencies listed are Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency; Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency; Eastern Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Submittal Type listed as Initial GSP Submission. Submittal Date listed as January 18-19, 2022. Recommendation is Approved. He reported that the Recommended Corrective Actions will need to be addressed with the planned five-year update to the GSPs. He commended Stetson Engineering and GSI Water Solutions for successfully coordinating on preparing the three GSPs.

There was discussion during and following the presentation. There was no public comment and no action.

9. Receive update on DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant

Mr. Buelow spoke about the DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant. He reminded everyone that the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, at the request and approval of the three GSAs, applied for and was awarded a \$5.5M grant from DWR for the benefit of the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin GSAs and specific GSP Implementation projects. He reported that a sub-grant agreement between the GSAs and SYRWCD is being created so that GSAs as well as SYRWCD maintain compliance with the rules and regulations put forth in the grant agreement. The sub-grant agreement will be presented for consideration to the three GSAs at a future meeting. Discussion followed. There was no public comment and no action.

Ms. Thompson briefly reviewed the grant reimbursement invoicing process and reported that the first invoice to DWR is due by April 30, 2024, and will include all invoices for grant reimbursable work done between October 2022 and December 2023. Mr. Buelow added that Component 1 of the grant is specifically to reimburse costs for Grant Management and

can be used to credit SYRWCD back for the grant management efforts they are undertaking on behalf of the GSAs. There was no discussion, public comment or action.

10. Receive Draft Report and Consider approving the Third Annual Report for the CMA GSA

Mr. Buelow introduced Mr. Curtis Lawler and Mr. Miles McCammon of Stetson Engineers. Mr. Lawler provided a presentation about the Third Annual Report Water Year 2023 for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-15, Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, dated February 26, 2024 (Third Annual Report), which was prepared by Stetson Engineers. There was discussion during and following the presentation. Public comment was received.

By unanimous consensus, the Directors decided to table consideration of approval of the Third Annual Report until the CMA GSA special meeting scheduled for March 25, 2024, in order to provide additional time for public review and comment.

11. Receive update on the following CMA GSA Joint Powers Agreement items:

a. Joint Powers Agreement Administration

- i. Notice of a Joint Powers Agreement to CA Secretary of State**
- ii. Registry of Public Agencies to CA Secretary of State and County of Santa Barbara**
- iii. EIN Assigned by Internal Revenue Service**

Ms. Thompson reviewed the documents required for creating a new entity which were submitted on behalf of the CMA GSA JPA which are listed above. She reported that a revised Registry of Public Agencies will be submitted, as required, to reflect the changes based on the election of officers held earlier in this meeting. There was no discussion, public comment, or action.

b. Discuss selecting a Plan Manager and other CMA GSA staffing.

Director Larry Lahr commended Mr. Buelow for his managing efforts and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District staff for administrative efforts on behalf of the CMA GSA, to date, and made a MOTION to nominate William Buelow as Plan Manager for the CMA GSA. Director John Sanchez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to approve Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District providing administrative services for the CMA GSA. Director Larry Lahr seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

c. Discuss selecting a Certified Public Accounting firm for the CMA GSA

Mr. Buelow advised that, as a JPA, the CMA GSA is required to have a financial audit completed and will need to select a Certified Public Accounting firm to do the audit. Discussion followed.

The Board directed staff to request quotes for completing an annual audit from at least two CPA firms and return to the Board for a decision. They recommended contacting at least Bartlett, Pringle, & Wolf and Moss Levy.

d. Consider approval of Conflict-of-Interest Code and open 45-day public comment period

Ms. Thompson presented the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Conflict of Interest Code for consideration and approval. She reported on the differences from the current CMA GSA Conflict of Interest Code, the requirement to file a new Conflict of Interest Code as the JPA entity, and the process necessary to do so. Discussion followed. Director Larry Lahr reported a possible error on page 3, that Category 3 is listed under Assigned Disclosure Categories for Secretary/Treasurer but no such category is listed on page 4 of the Conflict of Interest Code. Ms. Thompson confirmed it is a typographical error and will make the correction by removing the “3” from the Assigned Disclosure Categories for Secretary/Treasurer, as well as properly lining up the Assigned Disclosure Categories for Plan Manager.

Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to approve Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Conflict of Interest Code, with the stated corrections to page 3, and open a 45-day public comment period. Director Larry Lahr seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

e. Receive briefing on required Conflict-of-Interest Form 700 Filings

Ms. Thompson reported that the Conflict-of-Interest Form 700 filings for the designated filers are required and due by April 2, 2024.

12. Consider the following CMA GSA banking and finance items:

a. Consider approval of financial institution and adoption of Resolution No. CMA-2024-01 “Authorizing the Opening of Account at Five Star Bank.”

Ms. Thompson presented Resolution No. CMA-2024-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF AN ACCOUNT AT FIVE STAR BANK. She reported that the existing bank account used for the CMA GSA is an account owned by the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) for the benefit of the CMA GSA, since the CMA GSA did not have its own Taxpayer or Employer Identification Number (EIN) and could not open a bank account, until recently. However, now that the CMA GSA has an EIN issued by the Internal Revenue Service, it is eligible to open its own bank account. To move the current Interest-Bearing Checking Account being used on behalf of the CMA GSA from SYRWCD’s ownership to the CMA GSA’s ownership, Five Star Bank requires a Resolution from the Board authorizing the opening of an account and a signed contract.

Director Larry Lahr MOTION to approve Resolution No. CMA-2024-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF AN ACCOUNT AT FIVE STAR BANK with the names of CMA GSA Directors and Plan Manager added to the resolution as the authorized signers on the account and authorized William Buelow, Plan Manger to sign the contract

with Five Star Bank. Director John Sanchez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

b. Discuss financial services support and authorize Plan Manager to contract for same

Mr. Buelow reported that Valley Bookkeeping Services has been providing bookkeeping and financial services support for the CMA GSA and requested if the Board would like to contract with Valley Bookkeeping Services to continue providing such services.

Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to approve Valley Bookkeeping Services to provide bookkeeping and financial services support for the CMA GSA and authorized William Buelow, Plan Manager, to secure and sign such contract. Director Larry Lahr seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

13. Consider Steve Torigiani of Young Wooldridge, LLP as General Counsel for the CMA GSA and consider authorizing Plan Manager to contract with same

Mr. Buelow introduced Steve Torigiani of Young Wooldridge, LLP as a candidate for General Counsel for the CMA GSA and reported that Mr. Torigiani is the General Counsel for the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) and as such has been providing legal services on behalf of the CMA GSA through the SYRWCD. Discussion followed.

The Directors unanimously preferred to keep Mr. Torigiani as General Counsel for the CMA GSA with the understanding that if a conflict of interest were to arise due to Mr. Torigiani being General Counsel for SYRWCD, then the General Counsel for the City of Buellton or the General Counsel for the Western Management Area GSA should then be retained on behalf of the CMA GSA.

Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to contract with Steve Torigiani of Young Wooldridge, LLP as General Counsel for the CMA GSA and authorized William Buelow, Plan Manager, to secure and sign such contract. Director Larry Lahr seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

14. Discuss and consider the firm Raftelis to perform a Rate Study for the CMA GSA and consider authorizing Plan Manager to contract with same

Mr. Buelow reported on the need for a Rate Study and recommended the firm Raftelis to perform a Rate Study for the CMA GSA. Discussion followed.

Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to contract with Raftelis to perform a Rate Study for the CMA GSA and authorized William Buelow, Plan Manager, to secure and sign such contract. Director Larry Lahr seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

15. Receive briefing and consider taking action on the following Liability Insurance items:

a. Discuss liability insurance options

Ms. Thompson reported on the efforts to secure liability insurance for the CMA GSA. Ten companies were contacted to provide quotes for liability insurance with

only one returning with a quote. The others declined or could not provide a quote at this time for various reasons.

Ms. Thompson presented the Golden State Risk Management Authority (GSRMA) Indication of Coverage - Central management Area GSA, dated February 1, 2024, which included the 2023-24 Coverage Summary and Limits, Contribution Indication, Contribution Comparison, and Disclosures/Disclaimers; the “GSRMA Bylaws”; and the “Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Providing Liability, Workers Compensation, Property and Other Coverages entered into by Public Agencies within and without the State of California”. She reported that SYRWCD, on behalf of the CMA GSA, submitted a No Known Loss letter and that an Agreement for Admission of New Member to the Golden State Risk Management Authority is also required for liability coverage to be bound by GSRMA. Discussion followed. The Board requested Ms. Thompson to verify with GSRMA that JPA members can be added as Additional Insureds to the liability policy.

The Board tabled Item No. 15 so Ms. Thompson could leave the room and contact GSRMA. Ms. Thompson returned to the meeting after Agenda Item No. 19.

The Board resumed discussion. Ms. Thompson reported that GSRMA verified that JPA members can be added as Additional Insureds to the liability policy if required by a contract, at no extra cost and that they required an updated No Known Loss letter dated February 26, 2024. Ms. Thompson will send the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to GSRMA to confirm this request is backed by the contract.

b. Consider authorizing Plan Manager to submit applications for Golden State Risk Management Authority (GSRMA) PRISM Insurance and GSRMA Membership

Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to authorize William Buelow, Plan Manager, to sign the Agreement for Admission of New Member to the Golden State Risk Management Authority, send a No Known Loss letter, request liability coverage to be bound through GSRMA PRISM Insurance, effective February 26, 2024 (or as soon as possible), and requested Additional Insured endorsements be added to the policy for the members of the CMA GSA JPA. Director Larry Lahr seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Director Larry Lahr requested that General Counsel Steve Torigiani review all the GSRMA liability insurance coverage documents and return to the Board if he has any concerns.

16. Discuss and consider adoption of CMA GSA Board of Directors Regular Meeting schedule, place, and time

The Board discussed Regular Meeting schedule, place and time.

Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to schedule Regular Meetings for the CMA GSA Board of Directors on the fourth Monday of the second month of each calendar quarter at the City of Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California, beginning at 10:00 am. Director Larry Lahr seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

17. Review and discuss CMA GSA Board Meeting schedule for the next two months:

The Board discussed the potential meetings listed. They noted a correction on the weekday for meetings listed on the agenda should Mondays not Wednesdays.

a. CMA GSA Board Special meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024

The next scheduled CMA GSA Board meeting will be a Special Meeting held on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

b. Tentative CMA GSA Board Special meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024

The need to schedule a CMA GSA Board special meeting for Monday, April 22, 2024, is yet to be determined.

c. Tentative CMA GSA Board Regular meeting on Monday, May 20, 2024

The next scheduled CMA GSA Board Regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

18. DWR Groundwater Awareness Week, March 10-16, 2024

The Board discussed the DWR Groundwater Awareness Week flyer. Director Larry Lahr requested that Ms. Thompson forward the registration links for the online events to the Directors.

Ms. Dietenhofer added that on March 12, 2024, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors will present a Resolution, authored by Supervisor Hartmann, recognizing March 10th through March 16th as National Groundwater Awareness Week in Santa Barbara County.


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

There were no reports or requests.

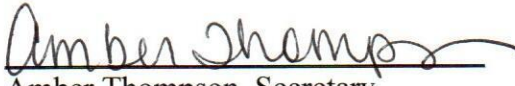
The Board took a break from 11:42 am until 11:48 am. They reconvened at 11:48 am and revisited Agenda Item No. 15.

20. Adjournment

Chair Larry Lahr adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.



Larry Lahr, Chair



Amber Thompson, Secretary

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

OCTOBER 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>PAYEE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | | | NONE | \$ - |
| MONTH TOTAL | | | | \$ - |

NOVEMBER 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>PAYEE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|--|------------------|
| 1022 | 11/13/23 | Stetson Engineers | September 2023 Engineering Service (GSP Implementation Support) | \$ 154.44 |
| MONTH TOTAL | | | | \$ 154.44 |

DECEMBER 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>PAYEE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1023 | 12/14/23 | Stetson Engineers | October 2023 Engineering Service (GSP Implementation Support) | \$ 886.75 |
| 1024 | 12/31/23 | Valley Bookkeeping | 2023 4th Quarter Bookkeeping (October, November, December 2023) | \$ 300.00 |
| MONTH TOTAL | | | | \$ 1,186.75 |

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| TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 1,341.19 |
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**SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN
CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code of Regs. Sec. 18730) that contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, which can be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing, the standard code may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendix, designating positions and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of the **Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency)**.

Designated individuals may file their statements online using eDisclosure, which will submit the Form 700 to the County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor. Statements will be made available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Section 81008). The Agency's filing official can provide access to designated individuals.

Designated individuals who file using a paper Form 700 shall file with the Agency. Upon receipt of the Statement filed by a designated individual, the Agency shall retain a copy and forward the original to the County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO MANAGE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

The following positions are not covered by the conflict of interest code because they must file statements under Section 87200 and therefore are listed for informational purposes only: Members of the Board of Directors.

An individual holding one of the above-listed positions may contact the Fair Political Practices Commission for assistance or written advice regarding their filing obligation if they believe that their position has been categorized incorrectly. The Fair Political Practices Commission makes the final determination whether a position is covered by Section 87200.

**APPENDIX
DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND
DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES**

| I. <u>Designated Position</u> | <u>Assigned Disclosure Category</u> |
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| Directors | 1, 2 |
| Alternate Directors | 1, 2 |
| Secretary/Treasurer | 1, 2 |
| Plan Manager | 1, 2 |
| General Counsel | 1, 2 |
| Groundwater Sustainability Agency Staff | 1, 2 |
| Consultants/New Positions | * |

Note: The positions of Auditor and General Counsel are filled by outside consultants who serve in a staff capacity.

*Consultants/New positions shall be included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code, subject to the following limitation:

The Board may determine that a particular consultant or new position, although a “designated position,” is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements in this section. Such determination shall include a description of the consultant’s or new position’s duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The Board’s determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this conflict of interest code (Gov. Code Section 81008).

Officials Who Manage Public Investments

The following positions are not covered by the conflict of interest code because they must file a statement of economic interests pursuant to Government Code Section 87200 and, therefore, are listed for information purposes only:

Members of the Board of Directors

An individual holding one of the above-listed positions may contact the Fair Political Practices Commission for assistance or written advice regarding their filing obligation if they believe that their position has been categorized incorrectly. The Fair Political Practices Commission makes the final determination whether a position is covered by Section 87200.

II. Disclosure Categories:

Category 1

Designated positions in this category shall disclose income from any source, interests in real property, investments and all business positions in which the designated individual is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holds any position of management.

Category 2

Designated positions in this category shall disclose investments; business positions in business entities; and income (including gifts, loans, and travel payments), from sources engaged in providing services (e.g. accounting, auditing, engineering and environmental consulting), supplies, materials, machinery, or equipment of the type utilized by the agency.

RESOLUTION NO. CMA-2024-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN
CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF AN ACCOUNT
AT FIVE STAR BANK**

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (“CMA GSA”), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated January 11, 2017, is the exclusive GSA for the Central Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-015) (“Basin”);

WHEREAS, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 710 authorizing creation of an interest-bearing checking account specified for benefit of the CMA GSA at Five Star Bank on March 9, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District opened an interest-bearing checking account specified for benefit of the CMA GSA at Five Star Bank on March 15, 2022;

WHEREAS, Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (herein “CMA GSA”), is a local agency reformed and currently existing as a separate entity pursuant to a Joint Exercise Powers Agreement entered into effective November 28, 2023, by and between member agencies, the City of Buellton, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, and the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, and authorized to serve as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency within its jurisdiction pursuant to SGMA, Water Code section 10720, et seq.;

WHEREAS, as the CMA GSA is now a separate entity, Member Agency staff recommends the opening of a bank account at Five Star Bank by the WMA GSA under its own Employer Identification Number;

WHEREAS, Member Agency staff recommends the interest-bearing checking account opened by the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District for benefit of the CMA GSA and funds therein be transferred to the CMA GSA as the holder of the account at Five Star Bank;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency resolves as follows:

1. The Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency authorizes the following:
 - a. The creation of an interest-bearing checking account at Five Star Bank in the name of the CMA GSA;
 - b. The transfer of the account number and funds from the interest-bearing checking account specified for benefit of the CMA GSA to the same specified checking account type at Five Star Bank in the name of the CMA GSA;

c. The Plan Manager is authorized to execute the Contract for Deposit of monies.

2. The following persons and their successors are authorized to sign on the account:

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| Larry Lahr | President | |
| John Sanchez | Vice President | |
| William J. Buelow | Treasurer | |
| William J. Buelow | Plan Manager | |

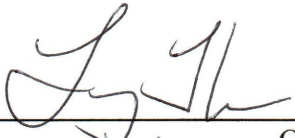
WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, being the duly qualified and acting President and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Directors of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. CMA-2024-001 was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting duly held on the 26th day of February 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Larry Lahr, John Sanchez

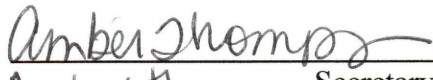
NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ATTEST:



Larry Lahr Chair



Amber Thompson Secretary