

REVISED NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

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

REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD
REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY
AT 06:30 P.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Consider findings under Government Code section 54953(e) to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution EMA-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 comment item.) *Staff recommends any potential new agenda items based on issues raised be held for discussion under Agenda Item “EMA GSA Committee requests and comments” for items to be included on the next Agenda.*
- V. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of August 25, 2022
- VI. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List
- VII. Review Grant Closure letter from DWR
- VIII. Review and summary of Request(s) for EMA GSA Written Verification under Executive Order N-7-22 and other well permits processed by County EHS in the EMA.
- IX. Review and Consider Approval of Request(s) for EMA GSA Written Verification under Executive Order N-7-22 for the following parcel(s):
 - APN: 135-270-015 for WP 0005268 (For Committee Approval)
 - APN: 141-100-033 for WP 0005347(For Staff Approval)
 - APN: 137-070-021 for WP 0005319 (For Staff Approval)
- X. Update and briefing on SGMA round 2 implementation grant funding opportunity and review and consider approval of EMA GSP implementation projects and management actions.
- XI. Review and consider approving Resolution EMA 2022-004 authorizing the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District to submit a Proposition 68 Grant application for implementation of SGMA on behalf of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin.
- XII. Next Special EMA GSA Meeting, Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
- XIII. EMA GSA Committee reports and requests for future agenda items
- XIV. Adjournment

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SANTA YNEZ WATER GROUP

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SANTA YNEZ, CALIFORNIA 93460

October 24, 2022

Eastern Management Area GSA
c/o J. Brett Marymee, Chair
P.O. Box 719
Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Central Management Area GSA
c/o Art Hibbits, Acting Chair
P.O. Box 719
Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Western Management Area GSA
c/o Chris Brooks, Chair
P.O. Box 719
Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Re: Governance of Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

Gentlemen:

On August 5, 2022, we wrote the Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, the Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and the Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (collectively, the GSAs) regarding the future governance of the GSAs and the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin), as a whole. Specifically, we requested that the GSAs dedicate a position on their ultimate governing body to an agricultural landowner who relies on groundwater from within the Basin (Agricultural Representative). The purpose of this letter is to build on that initial request.

We appreciate the GSAs' consideration and support for this Agricultural Representative position thus far. As the GSAs continue to develop this requested position, we ask that the GSAs consider the following:

Qualifications¹

The Agricultural Representative should be an individual or a designated representative of an entity (1) owning land overlying the Basin farmed for a commercial agricultural business; and (2) producing groundwater from the Basin for use on that land.

Appointment²

The GSAs' ultimate governing body (Governing Body) should appoint the Agricultural Representative based on the recommendation of the Santa Ynez Water Group (Group). Upon request from the Governing Body, and as otherwise necessary, the Group would provide the Governing Body with a list of one or more qualified individuals. The Governing Body would then consider and appoint an individual from that list. If the Governing Body does not approve of the

¹ Support for this request is based on the following GSA: Mound Basin GSA

² Support for this request is based on the following GSAs: Mound Basin GSA; Fillmore & Piru Basins GSA

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Group's recommendation, then the Governing Body would request another list of recommendations from the Group until an appointment is made.

Term³

The Agricultural Representative should have a term of three years. There should not be a limit on the number of terms a qualified individual can serve as the Agricultural Representative.

These requests were developed after analyzing numerous other GSAs and groundwater management agencies (GMAs) throughout the State. Please refer to our August letter, enclosed, for a more detailed analysis of those other GSAs and GMAs.

Finally, if there is to be an Agricultural Representative on the Governing Body, we ask to participate in the GSAs' ongoing discussions regarding the Basin's governance. It could be helpful for any concerns of the Agricultural Representative to be resolved in the development process rather than after any organizational documents are finalized.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 714-742-1444 or by e-mail at doug@circlevision.com.

Respectfully,



Douglas Circle, President

cc: EMA GSA Board of Directors
CMA GSA Board of Directors
WMA GSA Board of Directors
Kevin Walsh, General Manager, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
William J. Buelow, PG, Groundwater Program Manager, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
Johannah Hartley, Counsel of the County of Santa Barbara
Dave Fleishman, Counsel for the City of Solvang
Steve Anderson, Counsel for the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, ID No. 1
Brett Stroud, Counsel for the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District

³ Support for this request is based on the following GSAs: Mound Basin GSA; Fillmore & Piru Basins GSA; Upper Ventura Groundwater Agency

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin August 25, 2022

A regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Eastern Management Area (EMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting occurred solely by video and teleconference in accordance with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Social Distance Recommendation and as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361, and Resolution EMA-2021-001 (passed on 10/21/2021, reaffirmed 7/21/2022).

EMA GSA Committee Members Present: Joan Hartmann, Mark Infanti, Brad Joos, and Brett Marymee

EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present: Cynthia Allen

Member Agency Staff Present: Jose Acosta, Paeter Garcia, Amber Thompson, Kevin Walsh, and Matt Young

Others Present: Steve Anderson, Russell Chamberlin, Doug Circle, Alex Dominguez, Elizabeth Farnum, Tim Gotham, Gay Infanti, Ray Shady, and Bruce Wales

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

EMA GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and asked Mr. Garcia to call roll. Four EMA GSA Committee Members were present providing a quorum plus one EMA GSA Alternate Committee Member. At 6:37 p.m., due to “zoom-bomb” disruptions, the meeting was adjourned to reestablish a Zoom meeting link and the meeting was closed.

EMA GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. and asked Mr. Garcia to call roll. Four EMA GSA Committee Members were present providing a quorum plus one EMA GSA Alternate Committee Member.

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

Mr. Garcia explained Assembly Bill 361, the Santa Barbara County Public Health recommendation, and adoption of Resolution EMA-2021-001, passed on October 21, 2021 and reaffirmed on July 21, 2022, which authorize public meetings to be conducted remotely via video and/or teleconference and that such conditions continue to exist.

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EMA GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann made a MOTION in consideration of current circumstances to continue meeting remotely under Resolution EMA-2021-001. EMA GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment was received. Mr. Garcia and Ms. Thompson announced that no public comments were received in advance of the meeting.

V. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of May 26, June 30, and July 21, 2022

The minutes of the GSA Committee meetings on May 26, June 30, and July 21, 2022 were presented for GSA Committee approval. There was no discussion.

EMA GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann made a MOTION to approve the minutes of May 26, 2022, June 30, 2022 and July 21, 2022, as presented. GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and it 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 10 through 12 (through June 30, 2022) and the Warrant Lists for April, May, and June 2022. Discussion followed.

EMA GSA Committee Member Mark Infanti made a MOTION to approve the financial reports and the April, May, and June 2022 Warrant Lists (Mechanics Bank Check Nos. 1057-1060 and Five Star Bank Check Nos. 2000-2009) totaling \$103,342.08, as presented. GSA Committee Member Brad Joos seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VII. Biennial Review of EMA GSA Conflict of Interest Code

The GSA Committee reviewed the EMA GSA Conflict of Interest Code. Mr. Garcia explained the biennial review process and that no amendment is required. Discussion followed.

EMA GSA Committee Member Joan Hartman made a MOTION to file the 2022 Local Agency Biennial Notice designating “no amendment is required” with the Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. GSA Committee Member Brad Joos seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VIII. Update on Executive Order N-7-22

Mr. Garcia provided an update on EMA GSA compliance with Executive Order N-7-22. Two complete well verification applications have been received to date. However, no work can be done until an executed contract with GSI Water Solutions is in place.

Mr. Garcia reported that at the last EMA GSA meeting, the Committee requested Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) consider entering a contract with GSI Water Solutions on behalf of the EMA GSA. Since that time, the SYRWCD has indicated that the contract on behalf of the EMA GSA should be addressed by more than just one member agency. Member agency staff considered alternatives and recommended executing a multi-party contract with GSI Water Solutions by the EMA GSA member agencies SYRWCD, City of Solvang, and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 (ID No. 1) on behalf of the EMA GSA.

Discussion followed. Mr. Young reported that the County of Santa Barbara is supportive of executing a multi-party contract and is not included in this multi-party contract solely due to timing issues. Ms. Thompson reported that the EMA GSA has received two complete well verification applications with deposits, to date.

EMA GSA Committee Member Joan Hartman made a MOTION to request the SYRWCD, City of Solvang, and ID No. 1 execute a multi-party contract with GSI Water Solutions on behalf of the EMA GSA to evaluate well verification requests. GSA Committee Member Mark Infanti seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

IX. Update on Governance for EMA GSA

Mr. Garcia advised that establishing the EMA GSA future governance was recently put on hold temporarily to focus on compliance with Executive Order N-7-22. Member agency staff and attorneys plan to restart the EMA GSA future governance process again to finalize a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for the EMA. He introduced a letter the EMA GSA received from the Santa Ynez Water Group, dated August 5, 2022, regarding governance issues in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin. He encouraged Committee Members take the letter to their respective Boards and Council. Mr. Doug Circle provided public comment. Discussion followed.

EMA GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee requested that each Committee Member take the letter received from the Santa Ynez Water Group to their respective Boards and Council.

X. Next Regular EMA GSA Meeting, Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

EMA GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee announced the next regular EMA GSA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., either hybrid, with in person at the Santa Ynez Community Services District Conference Room, or via Zoom. The

details will be determined closer to the meeting date based on continuing health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

XI. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments

EMA GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee requested staff discuss and determine how to avoid disruptions in future zoom meetings.

EMA GSA Committee Member Brad Joos and Chair Brett Marymee thanked Mr. Garcia for running a productive meeting and Ms. Thompson for providing reports with the absence of Mr. Buelow. Mr. Garcia responded with thanks to all member agencies staff for working together to proceed with the meeting and acknowledged Mr. Buelow for his efforts in advance of the meeting.

XII. Adjournment

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Brett Marymee, Chairman

William J. Buelow, Secretary

SYRWCD EMA
BALANCE SHEET
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Assets

Current Assets

Five Star Checking #5951	\$4,363.87	

TOTAL Current Assets		4,363.87

TOTAL Assets		\$4,363.87
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Liabilities AND Equity

Current Liabilities

Deposits - Well Verification	3,600.00	

TOTAL Current Liabilities		3,600.00

TOTAL Liabilities		3,600.00

Net Position

RETAINED EARNINGS - PRIOR	2,425.67	
Retained Earnings-Current Year	(1,661.80)	

TOTAL Net Position		763.87

TOTAL Liabilities AND Equity		\$4,363.87
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SYRWCD EMA
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE 3 PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	QUARTER TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE	
	ACTUAL	PERCENT	ACTUAL	PERCENT
Revenue:				
Revenue				
Interest Income	\$2.54	100.0 %	2.54	100.0
TOTAL Revenue	2.54	100.0	2.54	100.0
TOTAL Revenue	2.54	100.0	2.54	100.0
Gross Profit	2.54	100.0	2.54	100.0
Expenses:				
Operating Expenses				
Outside Staff Support	300.00	*****	300.00	*****
Public Relations	164.34	*****	164.34	*****
TOTAL Operating Expenses	464.34	*****	464.34	*****
Consultants				
Annual Report	1,200.00	*****	1,200.00	*****
TOTAL Consultants	1,200.00	*****	1,200.00	*****
TOTAL Expenses	1,664.34	*****	1,664.34	*****
Net Income from Operations	(1,661.80)	*****	(1,661.80)	*****
Earnings before Income Tax	(1,661.80)	*****	(1,661.80)	*****
Net Income (Loss)	\$(1,661.80)	*****	(1,661.80)	*****

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

JULY 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

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

AUGUST 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

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

SEPTEMBER 2022 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2010	09/14/22	GSI Water Solutions	Engineering Service: July 2022 Annual Report Data Upload	\$ 1,200.00
2011	09/14/22	Onsite Computers	Office 365 Basic License (email) - ema@SantaYnezWater.org	\$ 72.00
2012	09/14/22	Santa Barbara News Press	Legal Notices of July 21, 2022 Meeting to Establish Fee Publication dates: 7/7/22 and 7/14/2022	\$ 92.34
2013	09/14/22	Valley Bookkeeping	2022 3rd Quarter Bookkeeping (July, August, September 2022)	\$ 300.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 1,664.34

TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 1,664.34

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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October 31, 2022

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
P.O. Box 719
Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Subject: Grant Closure - Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Santa Ynez River Valley Basin - GSPs Planning and Preparation, Agreement 4600012741, Grant Closure

Dear Bill Buelow:

This letter acknowledges that the CA Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released retention in the amount of \$129,599.99 for the subject grant agreement. Please provide us notice when you receive your retention payments.

This letter serves as notification that contractual obligations for the above referenced grant agreement between Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and DWR have been fulfilled. Therefore, no further reporting for the grant is required by DWR.

Please be mindful that the Grantee is obligated to continue records retention as there is a potential for a post completion audit of the Grant.

Thank you for your interest in the 2017 Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program and your effort to manage water resources in your area. If you have any questions, please contact Kelley List at kelley.list@water.ca.gov or (916) 902-7303.

Sincerely,

Carmel Brown

Carmel Brown, Manager
Financial Assistance Branch
Division of Regional Assistance

MEMORANDUM

Re: EMA GSA Staff Memo for Santa Ynez River Valley Basin Well Verification Process

On July 21, 2022, the Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EMA GSA) Committee approved a document entitled *Process and Criteria for Administering Written Verifications* per Executive Order N-7-22 and established a fee and deposit to cover the costs of evaluating verification requests. Subsequently, three well verification requests have been submitted to the GSA, two for replacement wells (Ullman, Husak) and one for a new well (Piazza), as shown on the attached table. Additionally, three other well permit applications have been submitted to and processed by Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Services that are exempt from GSA review.

As part of its policy, the EMA GSA Committee delegated approval of verification requests for replacement wells to staff of the member agencies. Staff and the EMA GSA consultant (GSI Water Solutions) have reviewed the two replacement well requests (Ullman, Husak), and staff is prepared to issue verification letters for each, included as part of this packet.

Staff and the consultant have also reviewed the proposed new well (Piazza), and determined that the findings required by N-7-22 can be made. Staff recommends that the GSA Committee approve issuance of a verification letter for the Piazza well.

As stated in the *Process and Criteria for Administering Written Verifications* adopted by the EMA GSA Committee, an indicator of whether undesirable results exist is the actual or imminent exceedance of Minimum Thresholds as defined in the EMA Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Because Minimum Thresholds are directly tied to prevailing groundwater conditions, the presence or absence of undesirable results is subject to change and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. Precipitation in the EMA and basin wide has been significantly below average in all but two years since 2011. As a result of these prolonged dry conditions, water levels in most of the designated Representative Wells in the EMA have been declining, in some cases below Minimum Thresholds established in the EMA GSP. If the dry trend continues this winter, staff anticipates that more wells will likely fall below the Minimum Threshold, which may require a reevaluation of the process, criteria, and policy used by the EMA GSA in determining whether to issue written verifications for new wells, assuming Executive Order N-7-22 remains in place. Staff will continue to closely monitor water level trends in the EMA and report back to the Committee as additional information becomes available for use in publishing the Second Annual Report in April 2023.

EMA GSA - Summary of Well Verifications and Other Wells

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>APN</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Well Owner Name</u>	<u>Proj. Coordinator Name</u>	<u>Well Type</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Note</u>
8/16/2022	137-070-021	1685 Still Meadow Rd., Ballard	Ullman	Angel Renteria D&D Pumps	Replacement	Verification issued/Expedited	2-10 AFY
8/26/2022	141-100-033	1727 N. Refugio Rd., Santa Ynez	Husak	Angel Renteria D&D Pumps	Replacement	Verification issued/Expedited	5-15 AFY
9/20/2022	135-270-015	2825 Tapadero Rd., Solvang	Piazza	All American Drilling	New	Verification pending GSA approval	89 AFY
9/30/2022	137-680-015	1141 Fredensborg Cyn, Solvang	The Shay Family Trust	Angel Renteria D&D Pumps	New Small Public	Exempt from EO N-7- 22, Domestic Water System	<2AFY
10/24/2022	139-040-029	Janin Acres	Rancho Marcellino	Angel Renteria D&D Pumps	New Small Public	Exempt from EO N-7- 22, Domestic Water System	160 AFY
11/10/2022	135-300-020	4465 White Pine, Woodstock Ranch, Santa Ynez	Moms Trust	John McCalip A&A Pumps	New Domestic	Exempt from EO N-7- 22, Domestic Well	<2AFY



Review of New Well Application in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, Eastern Management Area (EMA) APN: 135-270-015 (WP 0005268)

To: Santa Ynez River Valley EMA GSA Parties
From: Tim Nicely, PG, CHg and Andy Lapostol, GSI Water Solutions, Inc.
Date: October 31, 2022

This memorandum presents our review of an application to drill a new well within the Eastern Management Area (EMA). Our review was conducted on behalf of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). Under Paragraph 9 of Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-7-22 and the County Board of Supervisors Urgency Ordinance No. 5158 dated May 24, 2022, EHS shall not approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a medium or high-priority basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) without first obtaining written verification from the GSA that groundwater extraction by the proposed well:¹

1. would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established by the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Plan) adopted by the GSA, and
2. would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by the Plan.

Paragraph 9 of Executive Order N-7-22 does not apply to permits for wells that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, or that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code. The application being reviewed is for the proposed installation of a new 8-inch diameter irrigation supply well completed to a depth of 600 feet. The anticipated water production reported by the applicant is 89 acre-feet per year (AFY). This production exceeds the 2 AFY definition of an exempt well.

Summary of Findings

The proposed replacement well has the following properties:

- Well location:
 - The proposed well is located on Assessor's Parcel Number 135-270-015, at 2825 Tapadero Road, Solvang, California, which is within the Santa Ynez Upland area of the EMA.

¹ New wells are those resulting in new or additional groundwater production from the EMA portion of the Basin, or those resulting in new or additional production capacity. Replacement wells are those not resulting in new or additional groundwater production or production capacity in the EMA portion of the Basin.

- The parcel is located within the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, and covers 20.4 acres, zoned AG-1. The SYRWCD records indicate that the applicant has two other wells located on adjacent properties.
- Proposed well construction and use information:
 - The proposed well would be 600 feet deep, with perforations located between 300 and 600 feet below the ground surface.
 - Based on its depth and location, the proposed well will likely be completed primarily within the Paso Robles Formation, and perhaps the upper portion of the underlying Careaga Sand, both of which are principal aquifers within the EMA that are managed by the GSA.
 - The well will be used for irrigation purposes on the owner's property, which includes the 20-acre parcel number 135-270-015. The planned pumping rate is 80 gallons per minute, which when pumped for a total of 8 hours per day as proposed, would produce roughly 107 AFY. This calculated production amount is greater than the anticipated/approximate water production indicated on the application of 89 AFY.
 - The well permit application indicates that the parcel is not connected to a public water system.
- Assess groundwater and related conditions:
 - There are no representative groundwater level wells (as defined in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan) within reasonable proximity to the proposed new well location, and therefore it is not possible to characterize the current groundwater conditions at this location. Throughout the EMA groundwater conditions within the two principal aquifers have been declining. Within the Paso Robles Formation, groundwater elevations have dropped an average of 5 feet in the representative wells between the spring of 2019 and 2020 and an additional 2 feet in the spring of 2021 (refer the EMA First Annual Report dated April 2022).
 - Based on the cumulative departure from mean annual precipitation², climatic conditions in the vicinity of the proposed well site and the EMA have been dry since 2012, including water year 2022. Thus, continued groundwater level declines can be expected at the current rate of groundwater extraction within the EMA.
- The proposed use of the well is consistent with the proposed location and design capacity. The proposed production of 89 AFY is greater than the usual irrigation water demand associated with an approximately 20-acre parcel. This volume of water would provide 4.45 acre-feet of water per acre of irrigated land on parcel 135-270-015, where the well is located. Please note that the proposed production of 89 AFY is less than the 107 AFY that GSI calculated using the flow rate of 200 gallons per minute and duration of daily pumping of 8 hours per day stated in the well permit application.
- Would the well increase production within the EMA?
 - As the proposed well is a new well, it is determined that the new well would increase production from the Paso Robles Formation.

² Precipitation measured at the Santa Ynez Fire Station #32 (Santa Barbara County Station No. 218 gauge).

- The proposed well would not contribute to significant and unreasonable conditions leading to undesirable results for any of the sustainability indicators:
 - Chronic water level decline
 - Reduction of groundwater in storage
 - Degradation of water quality
 - Subsidence
 - Depletion of interconnected surface water and impacts to GDEs

Summary

Based upon the planned production of this new well, the proposed well would NOT be “inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program” established by the GSA and would NOT decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin. Notably, this well remains subject to regulation by the GSA in accordance with SGMA and the EMA’s Plan. It may be necessary to limit production from this well in the future if the GSA finds that undesirable results as defined in the Plan are occurring in the basin.

In our opinion, the GSA should provide a written verification to the County of Santa Barbara Department of Environmental Health for this application.

Indemnification and Limitations of Liability

GSI does not warrant or guarantee that the new or replacement well will produce the expected amount of water nor that the GSA will not require that the extraction from the well be reduced in the future in accordance with its authority to manage the EMA within the sustainability goal presented in Section 5.2 of the EMA’s Plan.

GSI is not responsible for or otherwise liable for any costs, investments, lost revenue, or payments related to any groundwater well permitted or not permitted by the County, including well drilling costs, pumping fees, extraction limits, costs related to well failure, well deepening, increased maintenance, replacement, or operational costs.

The GSA’s issuance of a written verification and the County’s issuance of a well permit to Applicant does not guarantee the extraction of any specific amount of water now or in the future or any defined water level or water quality.



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November 11, 2022

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RE: Written Verification Request for 135-270-015 and WP#0005268

Dear Mr. Piazza:

The Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EMA GSA) has reviewed the written verification request and well permit application for the above referenced property. Consideration by the EMA GSA was conducted in accordance with Paragraph 9 of Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-7-22, which provides that a permit shall not be approved for a new groundwater well or alteration of an existing well within a medium or high-priority basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) without first obtaining a certain written verification from the applicable GSA where the well is proposed to be located. The EMA GSA is the sole GSA for the Eastern Management Area of the Basin.

Based on information currently before the EMA GSA, including documentation and representations provided by the Applicant for the above-referenced well, the EMA GSA issues this written verification that groundwater extraction by the proposed well: 1) would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) adopted by the EMA GSA on January 6, 2022, and 2) would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the EMA as provided in the EMA GSP. Information supporting the issuance of this written verification can be found in the attached technical memorandum prepared by GSI Water Solutions, Inc. Please be advised that nothing provided herein or in the attached analysis limits the EMA GSA's authority to regulate this well in accordance with SGMA and the EMA GSP.

Should you have any questions, please contact Bill Buelow of the EMA GSA at (805) 693-1156, ext. 403 or via email at ema@SantaYnezWater.org.

Sincerely,
Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Brett Marymee
Committee Chair



Review of Replacement Well Application in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, Eastern Management Area (EMA) APN: 137-070-021 (WP 0005319)

To: Santa Ynez River Valley EMA GSA Parties
From: Tim Nicely, PG, CHg and Andy Lapostol, GSI Water Solutions, Inc.
Date: November 11, 2022

This memorandum presents our review, of an application to install a replacement well within the Eastern Management Area (EMA). Our review was conducted on behalf of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), Under Paragraph 9 of Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-7-22 and the County Board of Supervisors Urgency Ordinance No. 5158 dated May 24, 2022, EHS shall not approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a medium or high-priority basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) without first obtaining written verification from the GSA that groundwater extraction by the proposed well¹

1. would not be “inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program” established by the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Plan) adopted by that GSA, and
2. would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by the Plan.

Paragraph 9 of Executive Order N-7-22 does not apply to permits for wells that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, or that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code.

The application being reviewed is for proposed installation of a new well to replace an 8-inch diameter irrigation well completed to a depth of 445 feet. The production rate of the existing well is approximately 8 AFY and was used to irrigate pasture, a hobby vineyard, and residential landscaping on a 10-acre property. The existing well casing was damaged. The new replacement well is also going to be used for irrigation with a diameter of 8 inches and total depth of 500 feet. The anticipated water production reported by the applicant is 2 to 10 acre-feet per year (AFY). This production exceeds the 2 AFY definition of an exempt well.

¹ New wells are those resulting in new or additional groundwater production from the EMA portion of the Basin, or those resulting in new or additional production capacity. Replacement wells are those not resulting in new or additional groundwater production or production capacity in the EMA portion of the Basin.

Summary of Findings

The proposed replacement well has the following properties:

- Well location:
 - The proposed well is located on Assessor's Parcel Number 137-070-021, at 1685 Still Meadow Road in Ballard, California, which is within the Santa Ynez Upland area of the EMA.
 - The parcel is located within the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, and covers 9.8 acres, zoned AG-1 and according to the property owner, receives domestic water from ID No 1.
- Proposed well construction information:
 - The proposed well depth would be 500 feet deep, which is 55 feet deeper than the original well (445 feet) that will be destroyed.
 - The well will be used for irrigation purposes on a 9.8-acre parcel. The planned pumping rate of 60 to 80 gallons per minute for 4 hours per day equates to roughly 16 to 20 AFY. However, the estimated use indicated on the application is only 2 to 10 AFY.
 - The proposed well be completed within the Paso Robles Formation, which is a principal aquifer within the EMA.
 - Based on the geologic setting at the site, the proposed replacement well would be completed within the same Paso Robles Formation as the well it replaces, which is managed by the GSA.
- Assess groundwater conditions:
 - The nearest representative monitoring well defined in the EMA's Plan is well -02K01, which is 2,000 feet east-northeast of the replacement well. Groundwater levels in well -02K01 have been below the Measurable Objective described in the EMA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan since 2012 but have remained above the Minimum Threshold since 1966 (refer to PDF page 83 of the EMA First Annual Report dated April 2022).
 - Based on the cumulative departure from mean annual precipitation², climatic conditions in the vicinity of the proposed well site and the EMA have been dry since 2012, including water year 2022. Thus, continued groundwater level declines can be expected at the current rate of groundwater extraction within the EMA.
 - Water levels within several representative monitoring wells in the EMA have gone below respective minimum thresholds established in the GSP.
- The proposed use of the well is consistent with the proposed location and design capacity. The proposed production of 2 to 10 AFY per year is consistent with the approximately 10-acre size of the parcel. Please note that this production is less than the 16 to 20 AFY that GSI calculated using the flow rate and duration stated in the well permit application. There are no previous pumping records available for this parcel. The original well was never registered with the SYRWCD.
- Would the well increase production within the EMA?
 - The proposed replacement well is the same diameter as the original well and is not significantly deeper. It is therefore determined that the replacement well would not likely increase production from the Paso Robles Formation relative to the original well. For these

² Precipitation measured at the Santa Ynez Fire Station #32 (Santa Barbara County Station No. 218 gauge).

reasons, the replacement well would not cause an exceedance of minimum thresholds and cause undesirable results measured at representative wells as defined in the Plan relative to the original well, because the replacement well would produce a similar quantity of water as the original well.

- The replacement well would not contribute to significant and unreasonable conditions leading to undesirable results related to the sustainability indicators:
 - Chronic water level decline.
 - Reduction of groundwater in storage
 - Degradation of water quality
 - Subsidence
 - Depletion of interconnected surface water and impacts to GDEs
- While the production capacity of the original well is not known, the new well replaces the existing well and has a similar production volume relative to the original well based on the following:
 - The area irrigated is the same parcel,
 - The diameter of the original and replacement well are the same (8-inches), and
 - the depth of the replacement well is similar to the original well
 - the pump for the replacement well has the same capacity as the original well

Summary

Based on the planned production, the new well is a replacement for the original well. The planned production from the proposed new well would NOT be “inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program” established by the GSA and would NOT decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin based upon conditions observed at the present time. It may be necessary to limit production from this well in the future if the GSA finds that undesirable results as defined in the Plan are occurring in the basin.

In our opinion, the GSA should provide a written verification to the County of Santa Barbara Department of Environmental Health for this application.

Indemnification and Limitations of Liability

GSI does not warrant or guarantee that the new or replacement well will produce the expected amount of water nor that the GSA will not require that the extraction from the well be reduced in the future in accordance with its authority to manage the EMA within the sustainability goal presented in Section 5.2 of the EMA's Plan.

GSI is not responsible for or otherwise liable for any costs, investments, lost revenue, or payments related to any groundwater well permitted or not permitted by the County, including well drilling costs, pumping fees, extraction limits, costs related to well failure, well deepening, increased maintenance, replacement, or operational costs.

The GSA's issuance of a written verification and the County's issuance of a well permit to Applicant does not guarantee the extraction of any specific amount of water now or in the future or any defined water level or water quality.



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RE: Written Verification Request for 137-070-021 and WP#0005319

Dear Mr. Ullman:

The Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EMA GSA) has reviewed the written verification request and well permit application for the above referenced property. Consideration by the EMA GSA was conducted in accordance with Paragraph 9 of Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-7-22, which provides that a permit shall not be approved for a new groundwater well or alteration of an existing well within a medium or high-priority basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) without first obtaining a certain written verification from the applicable GSA where the well is proposed to be located. The EMA GSA is the sole GSA for the Eastern Management Area of the Basin.

Based on information currently before the EMA GSA, including documentation and representations provided by the Applicant for the above-referenced well, the EMA GSA issues this written verification that groundwater extraction by the proposed well: 1) would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) adopted by the EMA GSA on January 6, 2022, and 2) would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the EMA as provided in the EMA GSP. Information supporting the issuance of this written verification can be found in the attached technical memorandum prepared by GSI Water Solutions, Inc. Please be advised that nothing provided herein or in the attached analysis limits the EMA GSA's authority to regulate this well in accordance with SGMA and the EMA GSP.

Should you have any questions, please contact Bill Buelow of the EMA GSA at (805) 693-1156, ext. 403 or via email at ema@SantaYnezWater.org.

Sincerely,
Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Brett Marymee
Committee Chair



Review of Well Application in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, Eastern Management Area (EMA) APN: 141-100-033 (WP 0005347)

To: Santa Ynez River Valley EMA GSA Parties
From: Tim Nicely, PG, CHg and Andy Lapostol, GSI Water Solutions, Inc.
Date: November 11, 2022

This memorandum presents our review of an application to install a replacement well within the Eastern Management Area (EMA). Our review was conducted on behalf of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). Under Paragraph 9 of Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-7-22 and the County Board of Supervisors Urgency Ordinance No. 5158 dated May 24, 2022, EHS shall not approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a medium or high-priority basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) without first obtaining written verification from the GSA that groundwater extraction by the proposed well:

1. would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established by the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Plan) adopted by the GSA, and
2. would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by the Plan.

Paragraph 9 of Executive Order N-7-22 does not apply to permits for wells that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, or that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code.

The application being reviewed is for the proposed installation of a new well to replace a 6-inch diameter domestic supply well (permit #103180) completed to a depth of 260 feet. The production rate of this existing well is 20-40 gallons per minute. The replacement¹ well is planned for domestic and irrigation use with a diameter of 6 inches and total depth of 500 feet and the same or less production rate. The anticipated water production reported by the applicant is 5 acre-feet per year (AFY) but may be as much as 15 AFY. This production exceeds the 2 AFY definition of an exempt well.

Summary of Findings

The proposed well has the following properties:

- Well location:
 - The proposed well is located on Assessor's Parcel Number 141-100-033, at 1727 N Refugio Road in Santa Ynez, California, which is within the Santa Ynez Upland area of the EMA.
 - The parcel is located within the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, and covers 5.1 acres, zoned AG-1.

- Proposed well construction and use information:
 - The proposed well will be completed within the Paso Robles Aquifer, which is one of two principal aquifers within the EMA.
 - The well will be used for domestic and irrigation purposes on a 5.1-acre parcel. The planned pumping rate is 40 gallons per minute for 4 hours per day, which equates to 8 to 10 AFY. This calculated production amount is greater than the estimated use indicated on the well permit application of only 5 AFY. A well of this size could produce significantly more water than stated on this permit application.
 - The proposed well depth (500 feet) is 240 feet deeper than the original well (260 feet), which according to the County Urgency order must be destroyed for the new well to qualify as a replacement well.
 - The well permit application indicates that the parcel is not connected to a public water system.
- Based on the geologic setting at the site, the well would be completed within the same principal aquifer as the well it replaces (Paso Robles Formation), which is managed by the GSA.
- Assess groundwater and related conditions:
 - The nearest representative monitoring well for the EMA is well -01P03, which is 2,800 feet south of the proposed well. Groundwater levels in well -01P03 have been below the Measurable Objective described in the EMA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan since 2012, but have remained above the Minimum Threshold since 1993 (refer to PDF page 82 of the EMA's First Annual Report dated April 2022).
 - Based on the cumulative departure from mean annual precipitation¹, climatic conditions in the vicinity of the proposed well site and the EMA have been dry since 2012, including water year 2022. Thus, continued groundwater level declines can be expected at the current rate of groundwater extraction within the EMA.
 - Water levels within several representative monitoring wells in the EMA have gone below respective minimum thresholds established in the Plan
- Would the well increase production within the EMA?
 - The proposed well is 240 feet deeper than the original well and could potentially produce more water than the existing well. Aerial imagery suggests that the entire parcel has been and continues to be regularly irrigated from private well water. This assumption could change if irrigation practices on the parcel are substantially altered. It is therefore determined that the well would not likely significantly increase production from the Paso Robles Formation relative to the original well.
 - For these reasons, the proposed replacement well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established by the Plan adopted by the EMA GSA because production from the well would not cause an exceedance of minimum thresholds and cause undesirable results measured at representative wells as defined in the Plan relative to the original well, because the replacement well would produce a similar quantity of water as the original well.

¹ Precipitation measured at the Santa Ynez Fire Station #32 (Santa Barbara County Station No. 218 gauge).

- In our opinion, the replacement well would not likely cause significant and unreasonable conditions leading to undesirable results for the Plan’s sustainability indicators:
 - Chronic water level decline.
 - Reduction of groundwater in storage
 - Degradation of water quality
 - Subsidence
 - Depletion of interconnected surface water and impacts to GDEs
- While the production capacity of the original well is not known, the new well replaces the existing well and has a similar production volume relative to the original well based on the following:
 - The area irrigated is the same parcel,
 - The diameter of the original and replacement well are the same (6-inches)
 - the depth of the replacement well is similar to the original well, and
 - the pump for the replacement well has the same capacity as the original well
- The proposed use of the well is consistent with the proposed location and design capacity. The proposed production of 5 AFY is less than the 8 to 10 AFY that GSI calculated using the flow rate and duration stated in the well permit application. We suggest checking to see if there are records on file at the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District for past/current water use.

Summary

Based upon planned production from this proposed well, the proposed well would NOT be “inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program” established by the GSA and would NOT decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin. Notably, this well remains subject to regulation by the GSA in accordance with SGMA and the EMA Plan. It may be necessary to limit production from this well in the future if the GSA finds that undesirable results as defined in the Plan are occurring in the basin.

In our opinion, the GSA should provide a written verification to the County of Santa Barbara Department of Environmental Health for this application.

Indemnification and Limitations of Liability

GSI does not warrant or guarantee that the replacement well will produce the expected amount of water nor that the GSA will not require that extraction from the well be reduced in the future in accordance with its authority to manage the EMA within the sustainability goal presented in Section 5.2 of the EMA’s Plan.

GSI is not responsible for or otherwise liable for any costs, investments, lost revenue, or payments related to any groundwater well permitted or not permitted by the County, including well drilling costs, pumping fees, extraction limits, costs related to well failure, well deepening, increased maintenance, replacement, or operational costs.

The GSA’s issuance of a written verification and the County’s issuance of a well permit to Applicant does not guarantee the extraction of any specific amount of water now or in the future or any defined water level or water quality.



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RE: Written Verification Request for 141-100-033 and WP#0005347

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Husak:

The Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EMA GSA) has reviewed the written verification request and well permit application for the above referenced property. Consideration by the EMA GSA was conducted in accordance with Paragraph 9 of Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-7-22, which provides that a permit shall not be approved for a new groundwater well or alteration of an existing well within a medium or high-priority basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) without first obtaining a certain written verification from the applicable GSA where the well is proposed to be located. The EMA GSA is the sole GSA for the Eastern Management Area of the Basin.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Bill Buelow of the EMA GSA at (805) 693-1156, ext. 403 or via email at ema@SantaYnezWater.org.

Sincerely,
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Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Brett Marymee
Committee Chair

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

RESOLUTION EMA-2022-004

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO OBTAIN A GRANT UNDER THE 2021 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM SGMA IMPLEMENTATION ROUND 2 GRANT PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68) AND THE CALIFORNIA BUDGET ACT OF 2021, AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR THE PROJECT:
SGMA IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER BASIN**

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) requires that each groundwater basin in the state be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”), or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (“EMA GSA”), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated April 27, 2017 (“EMA MOA”), is the exclusive GSA for the Eastern Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-015) (“Basin”); and

WHEREAS, the EMA MOA names the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) as the point of contact with the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”); and

WHEREAS, the EMA GSA, together with the other two GSAs in the Basin, has entered into the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement (“Coordination Agreement”), effective January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the EMA GSA has adopted a GSP for the EMA; and

WHEREAS, SYRWCD coordinated the development and submittal of three approved GSPs for the Basin that are well coordinated and fully comply with SGMA and the SGMA regulations and are approvable by DWR, one GSP for each of the Central, Eastern, and Western Management

Areas, and submitted a Coordination Agreement, as appropriate for the Basin, prior to January 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, funds are limited locally to implement the EMA GSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, the EMA GSA hereby resolves that the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors, on behalf of the EMA GSA and the other GSAs in the Basin, make an application to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Round 2 Grant pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resource Code, § 80000 et seq.) and the California Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240, § 80), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the: **SGMA Implementation in the Santa Ynez River Basin.**

The EMA GSA hereby authorizes and directs SYRWCD, as the Plan Manager designated under the Coordination Agreement as defined in SGMA Regulations section 351(z), to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement and any future amendments (if required), submit invoices, and submit any reporting requirements with the California Department of Water Resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Committee of the EMA GSA on November 17, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

ATTEST:

Brett Marymee, Chairman

William J. Buelow, Secretary