

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin November 13, 2023

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 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

CMA GSA Committee Members Present: Cynthia Allen, Acting Alternate David Silva, and Non-voting Acting Alternate Meighan Dietenhofer

CMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present: Larry Lahr

Member Agency Staff Present (In Person): Bill Buelow and Amber Thompson

Member Agency Staff Present (Remote): Rose Hess and Matt Young

Others Present (In Person): Len Fleckenstein

Others Present (Remote): Paeter Garcia, Sharyne Merritt, Carol Redhead, Anita Regmi (DWR), and Matthew Scrudato

1. Call to Order

CMA GSA Committee Chair Cynthia Allen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Update on agency representatives on the CMA GSA Committee

Mr. Bill Buelow reported that the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District appointed Director Larry Lahr as the alternate representative to the CMA GSA Committee.

3. Roll Call

Mr. Buelow called roll. One CMA GSA Committee Member, one Acting Alternate Committee Member, and one non-voting Acting Alternate Committee Member were present providing a quorum. In addition, one Alternate Committee Member was present.

4. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

5. Public Comment

Ms. Sharyne Merritt requested an update on discussion about SWRCB's comment made to DWR regarding the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and the determination of water in the river alluvium should be considered groundwater or surface water.

Mr. Buelow announced that no public comments were received in advance of the meeting.

6. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of September 25, 2023

The minutes of the CMA GSA Committee meetings on September 25, 2023, were presented for GSA Committee approval. There was no discussion or public comment.

CMA GSA Acting Alternate Committee Member David Silva made a MOTION to approve the minutes of September 25, 2023, as presented. GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

The CMA GSA Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2023-24 Periods 1 through 3 (through September 30, 2023) and the Warrant Lists for July, August, and September 2023. There was no discussion.

CMA GSA Acting Alternate Committee Member David Silva made a MOTION to approve the Warrant Lists of July, August, and September 2023 (Check Nos. 1015-1021) totaling \$4,301.75, as presented. GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. Receive Update on Joint Powers Agreement for the CMA

Mr. Buelow announced that the City of Buellton City Council and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors both approved the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for the CMA, as endorsed by the CMA GSA Committee. The County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors is expected to consider the JPA on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. There was no discussion or public comment.

9. Receive Presentation on Proposition 68 Grant Award

Mr. Buelow presented Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Proposition 68 Grant for SGMA Implementation, Stakeholder Outreach, November – December 2023 slides prepared by EKI Environment and Water. There was discussion during and following the presentation. There was no public comment and no action.

10. Receive Draft Schedule of Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin GSA meetings for 2024 and consider returning to quarterly regular meetings with special meetings, as needed

Mr. Buelow presented the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin 2024 Regular GSA Meetings calendar with staff recommendation to return to quarterly regular meetings and change the other months to save the dates for special meetings, if needed. Discussion followed.

CMA GSA Acting Alternate Committee Member David Silva made a MOTION to adopt the quarterly regular meeting schedule with monthly save-the-dates for special meetings, if needed, as presented. GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed 2-0 by voice vote.

11. Next CMA GSA Regular Meeting, Monday, December 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Buellton City Council Chambers


The next scheduled CMA GSA regular meeting will be Monday, December 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

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

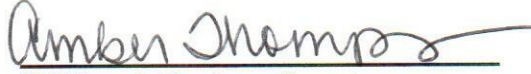
There were no reports or requests.

13. Adjournment

GSA Committee Chair Cynthia Allen adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.



Larry Lahr Chair



William J. Buelow, Secretary
Amber Thompson

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

JULY 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1015	07/13/23	Stetson Engineers	May 2023 Engineering Service (GSP Implementation Support)	\$ 1,094.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 1,094.00

AUGUST 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1016	08/18/23	GSI Water Solutions	July 2023 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 1,160.00
1017	08/18/23	Stetson Engineers	June 2023 Engineering Service (GSP Implementation Support)	\$ 832.50
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 1,992.50

SEPTEMBER 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1018	09/29/23	GSI Water Solutions	September 2023 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 40.00
1019	09/29/23	Onsite Computers	Office 365 Basic License (email) - cma@SantaYnezWater.org	\$ 72.00
1020	09/29/23	Stetson Engineers	July and August 2023 Engineering Service (GSP Implementation Support)	\$ 803.25
1021	09/29/23	Valley Bookkeeping	2023 3rd Quarter Bookkeeping (July, August, September 2023)	\$ 300.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 1,215.25

TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 4,301.75