

MEETING MINUTES

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency February 28, 2024

A regular meeting of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WMA GSA) was held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Vandenberg Village Community Services District, Meeting Room, 3745 Constellation Road, Lompoc, California. As was properly noticed on the agenda, WMA GSA Director Steve Jordan participated via teleconference from 46250 East El Dorado, Indian Wells, California. No members of the public joined Director Jordan at that location.

Directors Present (In Person): Jeremy Ball, Chris Brooks, Myron Heavin

Directors Present (Teleconference): Steve Jordan

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

Alternate Directors Present (In Person): Ron Stassi and Kristin Worthley

Others Present (In Person): Cynthia Allen, Bill Buelow, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers), Legal Counsel Isaac St. Lawrence, and Amber Thompson

Others Present (Teleconference): Doug Circle, Vanessa DeAnda (EKI), John Fio (EKI), Paeter Garcia, Scarlet Tovar (DWR), and Matt Young

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Mr. Buelow reported that per the WMA 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 ProTem until a Chair is duly elected.

WMA GSA Chair ProTem Steve Jordan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Thompson called roll. Four Directors and one non-voting Acting Alternate Director were present providing a quorum. One Alternate Director was also present.

2. **Officer Elections**

Mr. Bill Buelow reviewed the officer positions listed in the JPA. Chair ProTem Steve Jordan requested nominations for officers. Discussion followed. There were no public comments.

a. **Chair**

Director Chris Brooks nominated and made a MOTION to elect Director Jeremy Ball as Chair for the WMA GSA JPA Board. Director Myron Heavin seconded the

motion. There was no discussion. By unanimous roll call vote, Director Jeremy Ball was elected to serve as Chair of the WMA GSA and assumed office immediately.

b. Vice-Chair

Director Jeremy Ball nominated Director Chris Brooks as Vice-Chair. Discussion followed. Director Myron Heavin seconded the nomination. By unanimous roll call vote, Director Chris Brooks was elected to serve as Vice-Chair of the WMA GSA and assumed office immediately.

c. Secretary

The Board discussed options. Director Chris Brooks nominated Ms. Amber Thompson as Secretary. Director Jeremy Ball seconded the nomination. By unanimous roll call vote, Ms. Amber Thompson was elected to serve as Secretary of the WMA GSA and assumed office immediately.

d. Treasurer

The Board discussed options. Director Chris Brooks nominated Mr. William Buelow as Treasurer. Director Myron Heavin seconded the nomination. By unanimous roll call vote, Mr. William Buelow was elected to serve as Treasurer of the WMA GSA and assumed office immediately.

3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

5. Review and consider approval of WMA GSA Committee meeting minutes of December 20, 2023, and Joint GSAs meeting minutes of January 5, 2024

The minutes of the WMA GSA Committee meeting on December 20, 2023, and the Joint GSAs meeting on January 5, 2024, were presented for Board consideration. There was no discussion or public comment.

Director Chris Brooks made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the WMA GSA Committee meeting on December 20, 2023, and the Joint GSAs meeting on January 5, 2024, as presented. Director Jeremy Ball seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Ms. Thompson presented 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 for WMA GSA consideration. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

- Director Jeremy Ball requested that expenses for GSP Implementation be provided based on Implementation Projects, versus one bucket of expenses, in the future.
- Director Jordan asked about cost share contributions possibly needed from member agencies. Director Jeremy Ball requested that cost share contribution requests for next fiscal year be made to the member agencies as soon as possible as they are working on next years budgets.
- Director Jeremy Ball requested a budget and timeline for anticipated expenditures.

Director Myron Heavin made a MOTION to approve the Warrant Lists for October, November, and December 2023 (Check Nos. 1019-1023) totaling \$3,106.75, as presented. Director Chris Brooks seconded the motion. Discussion continued. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously by roll call 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. Ms. Tovar addressed the Board. 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.

- Mr. Buelow reported that before the GSPs were approved, as a response to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff comment letter regarding the GSPs, an Action Plan was developed between meetings with DWR and SWRCB, attorneys, consultants, and staff working groups. The Action Plan was approved to be added to the GSPs by all three GSAs on January 5, 2024, and was accepted by DWR as part of the GSPs prior to the approval of the GSPs. Alternate Kristin Worthley added that the Action Plan referenced in Recommended Corrective Action 1 was created and now needs to be implemented.
- Director Jeremy Ball requested staff to provide updates to the Board regarding Data Gaps referenced in Recommended Corrective Action 2.
- Director Jeremy Ball recommended that the governing bodies of the three GSAs have meetings to address the inconsistencies in Recommended Corrective Action 3. Mr. Buelow responded that the three GSPs were well coordinated and that he will discuss Recommended Corrective Action 3 with DWR to get more information and guidance.
- Mr. Buelow reported that staff will review all the Recommended Corrective Actions with DWR to get more clarity and guidance before proceeding with corrective actions and submitting the required 5-year update to the GSPs.
- Director Jeremy Ball requested staff keep the Board apprised of what is happening with the Recommended Corrective Actions especially with what may need more work provided by staff.

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. He reported on the different grant reimbursable projects and differing reimbursements to each GSA based on the project components and costs per GSA. Discussion followed. There was no public comment and no action.

- Alternate Kristin Worthley added that the grant is for specific projects and some of those projects are for the entire one-basin so the GSAs should be working and coordinating with each other on those one-basin projects. She recommended that the sub-grant agreement should be for the one basin.
- Director Jeremy Ball requested that regular basin-wide GSAs meeting should be scheduled because of basin-wide projects, especially with those projects reimbursable by this grant.

- Alternate Ron Stassi recommended that projects across the 3 GSAs are submitted together as package showing consistency in basin.

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 WMA 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, Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, dated February 28, 2024 (Third Annual Report), which was prepared by Stetson Engineers. There was discussion during and following the presentation. There were no public comments.

Director Myron Heavin made a MOTION to approve the Third Annual Report Water Year 2023 for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-15, Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, dated February 28, 2024, prepared by Stetson Engineers, as presented, and directed staff to submit to DWR. Director Chris Brooks seconded the motion. Discussion followed. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Receive update on the following WMA 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 WMA 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 WMA GSA staffing

Mr. Buelow reported the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) was requested by the WMA GSA Committee and has been providing GSA coordination and support for administrative efforts on behalf of the WMA GSA from the very beginning of the GSA creation through GSP submittal and the SYRWCD Board of Directors supported SYRWCD staff to continue in those roles (Mr. Buelow acting essentially as Plan Manager and Ms. Thompson as

administrative support) on behalf of the WMA GSA until the JPA establishment, at no cost to the WMA GSA. At this point, services for a Plan Manager and administrative support need to be determined by the Board to provide such support to the new JPA, including to be paid for by the WMA GSA. Discussion followed.

- Director Jeremy Ball recommended John Fio at EKI to be Plan Manager as he has been working for the City of Lompoc on GSP implementation efforts.
- Director Chris Brooks recommended Bill Buelow, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, to be Plan Manager.
- Alternate Ron Stassi requested job descriptions for all the positions and clear cost estimates of a Plan Manager.
- Director Myron Heavin asked for clarification on where funds will come from to pay for these positions and requested a flow chart of events, a project plan including costs, people doing work, and projects.
- Alternate Kristin Worthley requested a graphic Organizational Structure Chart for the WMA GSA and advise of the general pay per positions.
- Director Jeremy Ball requested staff provide clarity on who does what and provide job descriptions. Director Steve Jordan agreed with the need for breakdown on duties with job titles.

Director Jeremy Ball suggested tabling the issue until job descriptions and proposals from candidates can be received in order to choose the best qualified candidate for Plan Manger. Discussion followed.

Director Jeremy Ball made a MOTION to nominate William Buelow as Interim Plan Manager for the WMA GSA and authorize him to sign contracts on behalf of the WMA GSA. Director Myron Heavin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Mr. Buelow advised that, as a JPA, the WMA 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. Recommendations to contact Bartlett, Pringle, & Wolf and Moss Levy were made.

Director Jeremy Ball made a MOTION to authorize the Interim Plan Manger and staff to choose and contract with a CPA firm for conducting a financial audit for the WMA GSA. Director Myron Heavin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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 Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Conflict of Interest Code for consideration and approval. She reported on the differences from the current WMA 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 Jeremy Ball left the meeting and Alternate Director Kristin Worthley stepped into role of Acting Alternate Director and Vice-Chair Chris Brooks took over leading the meeting.

Director Myron Heavin made a MOTION to approve Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Conflict of Interest Code, as presented, and open a 45-day public comment period. Director Chris Brooks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call 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 WMA GSA banking and finance items:

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

Ms. Thompson presented Resolution No. WMA-2024-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN WESTERN 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 WMA GSA is an account owned by the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) for the benefit of the WMA GSA, since the WMA 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 WMA 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 WMA GSA from SYRWCD’s ownership to the WMA GSA’s ownership, Five Star Bank requires a Resolution from the Board authorizing the opening of an account and a signed contract.

Director Myron Heavin MOTION to approve Resolution No. WMA-2024-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF AN ACCOUNT AT FIVE STAR BANK with the names of WMA GSA Directors and Plan Manager added to the resolution as the authorized signers on the account and authorized William Buelow, Interim Plan Manger to sign the contract with Five Star Bank. Director Chris Brooks 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 WMA GSA and requested if the Board would like to contract with Valley Bookkeeping Services to continue providing such services.

Director Myron Heavin made a MOTION to approve Valley Bookkeeping Services to provide bookkeeping and financial services support for the WMA GSA and authorized William Buelow, Plan Manager, to secure and sign such contract. Director Chris Brooks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

13. Consider Isaac St. Lawrence of McMurtrey, Hartsock, Worth & St. Lawrence (MHWS) as General Counsel for the WMA GSA and consider authorizing Plan Manager to contract with same

Mr. Buelow introduced Mr. Isaac St. Lawrence of McMurtrey, Hartsock, Worth & St. Lawrence (MHWS), a Professional Corporation, as a candidate for General Counsel for the WMA GSA. Mr. St. Lawrence addressed the Board. Mr. Buelow reported that both General Counsels for the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) and the City of Lompoc, concurred by the other member agencies, endorsed Mr. St. Lawrence as General Counsel for the WMA GSA. Discussion followed.

Director Myron Heavin made a MOTION to contract with Mr. Isaac St. Lawrence of McMurtrey, Hartsock, Worth & St. Lawrence (MHWS), a Professional Corporation as General Counsel for the WMA GSA and authorized William Buelow, Interim Plan Manager, to secure and sign such contract. Director Chris Brooks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Director Myron Heavin made a MOTION to contract with Raftelis to perform a Rate Study for the WMA GSA and authorized William Buelow, Interim Plan Manager, to secure and sign such contract. Director Chris Brooks seconded the motion. Discussion followed. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

a. Update on WMA GSA membership in ACWA

b. Consider authorizing Plan Manager to submit application for ACWA JPIA Insurance

Mr. Buelow reported that the JPA needs its own liability insurance to cover the activities of the WMA GSA Board. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) may offer liability insurance coverage for GSAs that are both a member of ACWA and have at least one JPA member that is an active current member of the ACWA JPIA liability program. Vandenberg Village Community Services District and

Mission Hills Community Services District are both active current members of the ACWA JPIA liability program so that requirement is met.

Ms. Thompson reported that SYRWCD staff, on behalf of the WMA GSA, submitted the ACWA membership application and on February 2, 2024, the ACWA Board of Directors approved the WMA GSA's membership in ACWA. Ms. Thompson recommended the WMA GSA Board consider and approve joining ACWA and direct staff to submit the dues for membership.

Director Myron Heavin made a MOTION to approve WMA GSA membership in ACWA, direct staff to submit dues for ACWA membership and authorize William Buelow, Interim Plan Manager, to complete and sign the ACWA JPIA Application to obtain liability insurance on behalf of the WMA GSA. Director Chris Brooks seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

The Board discussed Regular Meeting schedule, place and time.

Director Chris Brooks made a MOTION to schedule Regular Meetings for the WMA GSA Board of Directors on the fourth Wednesday of the second month of each calendar quarter at the Vandenberg Village Community Services District, Meeting Room, 3745 Constellation Rd., Lompoc, California, beginning at 10:00 am. Director Myron Heavin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

The Board discussed the potential meetings listed.

a. WMA GSA Board Special meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2024

The majority of Board members directed staff not to schedule a WMA GSA Special Board tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

b. Tentative WMA GSA Board Special meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2024

The need to schedule a WMA GSA Board special meeting for Monday, April 24, 2024, is yet to be determined.

c. Tentative WMA GSA Board Regular meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2024

The next scheduled WMA GSA Board Regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Vandenberg Village Community Services District, Meeting Room, 3745 Constellation Rd., Lompoc, California.

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

The Board discussed the DWR Groundwater Awareness Week flyer. Ms. Thompson offered to forward the registration links for the online events to the Directors and member agency staff.

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

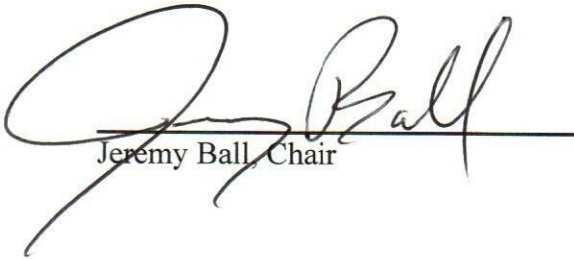
Director Chris Brooks requested a schedule be developed for regular Basin-wide meetings between all governing bodies of the three GSAs and recommended Supervisor Joan Hartmann as the best candidate to chair and lead those meetings.

Director Steve Jordan requested continuing to work on agriculture representation on the JPA Board in the future.

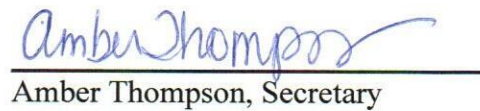
Director Myron Heavin complimented Mr. Buelow, staff, and the Board for handling of the JPA development, structure, and discussions of today.

20. Adjournment

Vice-Chair Chris Brooks adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.



Jeremy Ball, Chair



Amber Thompson, Secretary

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE
WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA)
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>
1019	11/13/23	GSI Water Solutions	August 2023 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 407.50
1020	11/13/23	Stetson Engineers	September 2023 Engineering Service (GSP Implementation Support)	\$ 138.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 545.50

DECEMBER 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1021	12/14/23	GSI Water Solutions	October 2023 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 1,507.50
1022	12/14/23	Stetson Engineers	October 2023 Engineering Service (GSP Implementation Work)	\$ 753.75
1023	12/31/23	Valley Bookkeeping	2023 4th Quarter Bookkeeping (October, November, December 2023)	\$ 300.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 2,561.25

TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 3,106.75

RESOLUTION NO. WMA-2024-01

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

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (“WMA GSA”), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated January 11, 2017, is the exclusive GSA for the Western 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 WMA 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 WMA GSA at Five Star Bank on March 15, 2022;

WHEREAS, Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (herein “WMA 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 Lompoc, Mission Hills Community Services District, Vandenberg Village Community Services District, 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 WMA 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 WMA GSA and funds therein be transferred to the WMA 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 Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency resolves as follows:

1. The Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western 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 WMA GSA;
 - b. The transfer of the account number and funds from the interest-bearing checking account specified for benefit of the WMA GSA to the same specified checking account type at Five Star Bank in the name of the WMA 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:

Jeremy Ball	President	Myron Heavin, Director
Chris Brooks	Vice President	Steve Jordan, Director
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 Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. WMA-2024-001 was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting duly held on the 28th day of February 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Chris Brooks, Myron Heavin, Steve Jordan,
Kristin Worthley (Acting Alternate)

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ATTEST:

Chris Brooks
Chris Brooks, Vice-Chair

Amber M. Thompson
Amber M. Thompson Secretary