NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN
WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
will be held on **Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.**
at Vandenberg Village Community Services District, Meeting Room, 3745 Constellation Rd, Lompoc, California

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WMA GSA Alternate Director Meighan Dietenhofer will be attending the meeting via teleconference from the following location:
1745 Mission Drive, Solvang, CA 93463
Members of the public may join Director Dietenhofer at that location.

WMA GSA Director Steve Jordan will be attending the meeting via teleconference from the following location:
46250 East Eldorado Drive, Indian Wells, CA 92210
Members of the public may join Director Jordan at that location.

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AGENDA OF MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any non-agenda matter within the Board's jurisdiction. The time for public comment allotted for each individual shall not exceed three minutes. No action will be taken by the Board at this meeting on any public comment item)
4. Consent agenda - Routine Items for approval or rejected in single motion without separate discussion. Consent items can be removed and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion and possible action upon request by a Director
    a. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 2, 2026 p. 3
    b. Review and consider approval of Monthly Financial Reports p. 8
5. Action Items
    a. Review and consider adoption of the WMA GSP 5-Year Evaluation and consider authorization for submittal to California Department of Water Resources p. 21
    b. Review and consider for approval Stetson Engineers Scope of Work for Water Year 2026 GSP Annual Report p. 23
    c. Review and consider for approval amendment to Conflict of Interest Code and Resolution No. 2026-02, announcing intent to adopt an amended Conflict of Interest Code and establishing a comment period p. 32
    d. Review and consider approval of 2027 WMA GSA Board of Directors Meetings Schedule p. 43
6. Informational Items
    a. Receive updates on Proposition 68 Grant Projects from EKI

b. Receive update on Draft Nomination Policy for Potential Addition of Director(s) to WMA GSA Board.

c. WMA GSA Legal Counsel Updates

7. Consider Date/Time and Need for Future Meetings of the WMA GSA

a. Next Basin-Wide Joint Special Meeting Friday, ~~September~~ December 11, 2026, 9:00 AM at Buellton City Council Chambers

b. Next WMA GSA Regular Board Meeting~~: TBD~~ Thursday, February 18, 2027, 10:00 AM at VVCSD, pending 5.d.

8. WMA GSA Board of Director Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

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SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (WMA GSA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Agenda Item 4.a: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 2, 2026

The following is a summary of the actions taken at the WMA GSA Board of Directors Meeting. The official record for the meeting is the recording that can be found at:
wma-santaynezwater.org/wma-gsa-jpa-board-meetings

Agenda Item	Discussion or Action
1. Call to Order and Roll Call	Acting Chair Stassi called the meeting to order at approximately 2:05 PM. Executive Director Daniel Heimel called roll to begin the meeting. Alternate Director Worthley, Director Stassi (acting chair), Director Jordan, Alternate Director Garner, and non-voting Alternate Director Dietenhofer (ONLINE) were present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance	
3. Public Comment	None
4. Consent Agenda **a. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 27, 2026** **b. Review and consider approval of Monthly Financial Reports**	**Introduction of the Item** Acting Chair Stassi stated the items on the Consent Agenda. **Board Discussion** Director Stassi appreciates the newer more detailed version of meeting minutes. **Public Comment** None. **Board Action** The Board moved to approve Consent Agenda. **Motion:** Director Jordan **Second:** Director Garner **Ayes:** 4 **Nays:** 0 **Abstains:** N/A **Passes:** 4/0
5. Action Items	
5.a. Review and consider approval of 1-Year Audit Cycle for the duration of the Prop 68 Grant and consider for approval of the Engagement Letter for GSA Audit for FY ended June 30, 2026	**Introduction of the Item** Executive Director Heimel explained that the previous plan was to do a biennial audit, but the auditor, Executive Director, and staff recommend doing annual audits during the duration of the Prop 68 Grant period. Staff also recommends approving the annual audit proposal for $15,400 for 2025-2026 audit, and to use surplus and contingency funding from last year's and this year's budget to pay for the audit. **Board Discussion** The Board agrees that the annual audit is a good plan. **Public Comment** None.

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	Board Action The Board moved to approve Item 5.a. **Motion:** Director Jordan **Second:** Director Garner **Ayes:** 4 **Nays:** 0 **Abstains:** N/A **Passes:** 4/0
5.b. Review and consider the WMA GSP 5-Year Evaluation Public Draft and consider for approval staff recommendation to not complete a GSP Amendment concurrently with the GSP 5-Year Evaluation	**Introduction of the Item** Staff member Mr. Nate Page stated item 5.b. and introduced Curtis Lawler with Stetson Engineers, who gave a summary of the periodic evaluation. The purpose is to evaluate the sustainability implementation progress and is required by SGMA (Sustainable Groundwater Management Act). Mr. Lawler stated the basin and the WMA remain sustainable. There are no undesirable results and the GSP is working as intended. No GSP amendment is recommended at this time. The basin is sustainable and the existing GSP remains effective. The recommended board action is to receive this 5-Year Evaluation and then submit it in January 2027 to DWR (Department of Water Resources) and to continue data collection, monitoring and model development and then revisit potential amendments when the additional data justifies changes. Additional data will help refine future management decisions. Mr. Heimel stated Staff does not believe a GSP Amendment is now warranted in the WMA and is not recommended. **Board Discussion** Director Jordan asked if the report is complete and available. Mr. Page said it is available through the link that was given and is very lengthy. Dir. Stassi asked for Mr. Lawler to share the presentation slides. Dir. Jordan also asked what the cost was, and Mr. Page stated $300,000 and that the grant covers it. **Public Comment** None. **Board Action** The Board moved to approve Item 5.b. **Motion:** Director Garner **Second:** Director Jordan **Ayes:** 4 **Nays:** 0 **Abstains:** N/A **Passes:** 4/0
5.c. Review and consider for approval Public Works Contract with low-bid Drilling Contractor for Prop 68 Grant Component 5 Monitoring Program Improvements and scope modifications to existing EKI contract	**Introduction of the Item** Staff member Mr. Nate Page stated item 5.c. He explained there was a bidding process for the monitoring well drilling contract, and staff analyzed the bidders and the lowest bid of $207,366 from Gregg Drilling. Documents are in the bid packet. Staff identified $118,500 in the scope from the EKI contract to partially cover cost and hope to find grant funding to cover the rest but need more time to investigate. Staff recommendation is to award this public works contract to Gregg Drilling, so that we can get the drillers in the field and complete this work within the term of the Prop 68 Grant and to concurrently approve the EKI scope modifications.

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	Board Discussion None. **Public Comment** None. **Board Action** The Board moved to approve Item 5.c. **Motion:** Director Garner **Second:** Director Jordan **Ayes:** 4 **Nays:** 0 **Abstains:** N/A **Passes:** 4/0
5.d. Review and consider for approval Stetson Engineers Scope of Work for GSP on-call implementation support	**Introduction of the Item** Mr. Heimel introduced the item and explained that staff identified that the WMA GSA could benefit from additional technical support from Stetson Engineers that would fall outside of the current specific tasks they are scoped with, including, for example, the 5-Year eval. or the annual report. Staff has asked them to assist in several technical questions and analyses, and staff anticipates that these will continue to occur. Staff is requesting that the Board approve an on-call implementation support contract in an amount not to exceed $10,000 and authorize the Executive Director to request technical support from Stetson Engineers on an as-needed basis. Mr. Page and Mr. Lawler brought up examples of current items and issues. **Board Discussion** Director Jordan asked if the Board is allowed to reach out to Stetson Engineers directly, because he had something he wanted to discuss. Mr. Heimel asked to be made aware of calls, so they do not exceed the agreed scope of work. **Public Comment** None. **Board Action** The Board moved to approve Item 5.d. **Motion:** Director Jordan **Second:** Director Garner **Ayes:** 4 **Nays:** 0 **Abstains:** N/A **Passes:** 4/0
6. Informational Items	
6.a. Receive updates on Proposition 68 Grant Projects from EKI. 6.a.i. Receive update on Proposition 68 Grant funds.	**Introduction of the Item** John Fio with EKI Environment & Water gave an update and presentation on the Prop 68 Grant project status. He showed a chart for the Well Extraction and Measurement and different tasks. Tasks are getting completed and submitted and the goal is to have everything completed by the end of this year. Then a graph for Monitoring Improvement

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	and Expansion and that component's tasks and hopes to be getting these items out between now and December. Mr. Fio also showed a graph for WMA Prop 68 Status with all components, and that we are currently under budget but will get closer to projected expenditures with the completion of the monitoring well. Mr. Heimel said their biggest concern was the monitor well drilling and cost but now feels comfortable that we will get the work done by the deadline. He also stated how important it is to plan for inflation when it comes to future grant funding. **Board Discussion** Director Jordan asked about the sea water, and Mr. Fio explained it's sampled from ground water samples and assessing seawater intrusion. Director Dietenhofer asked about outreach and engagement submitted in December and what that would involve. Mr. Fio stated that materials are provided to the DWR. **Public Comment** None.
6.b. Receive verbal update on Potential Addition of Agricultural Representative.	**Introduction of the Item** Mr. Page explained that staff created a cover letter and attached to the draft JPA amendment and submitted that to some member agencies. Consideration of the draft JPA amendment was first taken up by the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District as they had a board meeting and it was considered by their board, but it was not approved due to the language in the document about cost share. Staff has paused to wait for further instruction from the board. Mr. Heimel also explained further that there was a concern about voting percentage. **Board Discussion** There was discussion of voting and potential future cash calls, as well as a discussion on the City of Lompoc's position of not being in support of this action. Dir. Jordan explained the importance of an Ag. Rep. and Director Worthley explained that the City wants to make sure the position isn't simply given to one person rather than open to other contenders with board approval and with specific requirements. The board directed Legal counsel to draft a nomination policy to accommodate potential addition of director(s) to the board to be considered at a future meeting. **Public Comment** None.
6.c. WMA GSA Legal Counsel Updates.	**Introduction of the Item** Mr. St. Lawrence, legal counsel, reported there were no legal updates. The GSA plan is progressing smoothly. **Board Discussion** None. **Public Comment** None.
7. Consider Date/Time for Next Regular and/or Special Meetings of the WMA GSA.	
7.a. Next Basin-Wide Joint Special Meeting Friday, September 11, 2026, 9:00	**Introduction of the Item** Mr. Heimel explained that staff doesn't believe it's needed and would be difficult to hold due to staffing issues.

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AM at Buellton City Council Chambers	**Board Discussion** Board agreed. **Public Comment** None.
7.b. Next WMA GSA Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 2:00 PM at VVCSD	**Introduction of the Item** Mr. Heimel stated that staff feels there is a need to finalize the evaluation and give updates on the Prop 68 Grant. **Board Discussion** Board agreed. **Public Comment** None.
8. WMA GSA Board of Director Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items.	**Introduction of the Item** Dir. Stassi asked Mr. Page about the 5-Year Evaluation possibly finishing early and submitting early at the November meeting. Mr. Page responded that this is a good possibility. **Board Discussion** None. **Public Comment** None.
9. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:22 PM.

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Charlotte Arnao, Board Secretary

WMA GSA
Balance Sheet
As of Aug 31, 2026

	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1150 Five Star Bank Ckg	125,454.08
Total for Bank Accounts	**$125,454.08**
Accounts Receivable	
1200 Accounts Receivable	0.00
1500 Grants Receivable	525,906.45
Total for Accounts Receivable	**$525,906.45**
Other Current Assets	
1400 Prepaid Expense	0.00
Total for Other Current Assets	**$0.00**
Total for Current Assets	**$651,360.53**
Total for Assets	**$651,360.53**
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 Accounts Payable	345,932.64
Total for Accounts Payable	**$345,932.64**
Other Current Liabilities	
2300 Deposits - Well Verification	0.00
2501 Loan from SYRWCD	275,000.00
2503 Loan from City of Lompoc	125,000.00
2504 Loan from MHCSD	102,500.00
2505 Loan from VVCSD	102,500.00
Total for Other Current Liabilities	**$605,000.00**
Total for Current Liabilities	**$950,932.64**
Total for Liabilities	**$950,932.64**
Equity	
3000 Retained Earnings	27,450.40
32000 Unrestricted Net Assets	-309,017.91
Net Income	-18,004.60
Total for Equity	**-$299,572.11**
Total for Liabilities and Equity	**$651,360.53**

WMA GSA
Profit and Loss
July-August, 2026

	Total
Income	
4600 Interest Income	39.47
Total for Income	**$39.47**
Gross Profit	**$39.47**
Expenses	
5360 Insurance	5,018.00
5800 Legal Services	352.00
6503 GSP Impl - GSP 5-yr Update	12,552.27
7000 Misc Expense	121.80
Total for Expenses	**$18,044.07**
Net Operating Income	**-$18,004.60**
Net Income	**-$18,004.60**

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Check Detail Report

August 2026

Transaction date	Transaction type	Num	Name	Description	Cleared	Amount
1150 Five Star Bank Ckg						
08/01/2026	Expense	11316	Onsite Computers and Design		Uncleared	-121.80
08/01/2026	Expense	11316	Onsite Computers and Design	Office 365 1yr & Sophos Central Email Advanced		121.80

WMA GSA
General Ledger
August 2026

	Distribution account	Transaction date	Transaction type	Num	Name	Description	Split	Amount	Balance
1150 Five Star Bank Ckg									
	Beginning Balance								125,556.28
	1150 Five Star Bank Ckg	08/01/2026	Expense	11316	Onsite Computers and Design		7000 Misc Expense	-121.80	125,434.48
	1150 Five Star Bank Ckg	08/31/2026	Deposit		Five Star Bank	Interest Deposit	4600 Interest Income	19.60	125,454.08
Total for 1150 Five Star Bank Ckg								**-$102.20**	
1500 Grants Receivable									
	Beginning Balance								525,906.45
Total for 1500 Grants Receivable								**$0.00**	
2000 Accounts Payable									
	Beginning Balance								345,580.64
	2000 Accounts Payable	08/03/2026	Bill	073126	McMurtrey Hartsock Worth & St. Lawrence	Legal Services Jul 2026	5800 Legal Services	352.00	345,932.64
Total for 2000 Accounts Payable								**$352.00**	
2501 Loan from SYRWCD									
	Beginning Balance								275,000.00
Total for 2501 Loan from SYRWCD								**$0.00**	
2503 Loan from City of Lompoc									
	Beginning Balance								125,000.00
Total for 2503 Loan from City of Lompoc								**$0.00**	
2504 Loan from MHCSD									
	Beginning Balance								102,500.00
Total for 2504 Loan from MHCSD								**$0.00**	
2505 Loan from VVCSD									
	Beginning Balance								102,500.00
Total for 2505 Loan from VVCSD								**$0.00**	
3000 Retained Earnings									
	Beginning Balance								27,450.40
Total for 3000 Retained Earnings								**$0.00**	
Retained Earnings									
	Beginning Balance								-309,017.91
Total for Retained Earnings								**$0.00**	
4600 Interest Income									
	Beginning Balance								19.87
	4600 Interest Income	08/31/2026	Deposit		Five Star Bank	Interest Deposit	1150 Five Star Bank Ckg	19.60	39.47
Total for 4600 Interest Income								**$19.60**	
5360 Insurance									
	Beginning Balance								5,018.00
Total for 5360 Insurance								**$0.00**	
5800 Legal Services									
	5800 Legal Services	08/03/2026	Bill	073126	McMurtrey Hartsock Worth & St. Lawrence	Legal Services Jul 2026	2000 Accounts Payable	352.00	352.00
Total for 5800 Legal Services								**$352.00**	

WMA GSA
General Ledger
August 2026

	Distribution account	Transaction date	Transaction type	Num	Name	Description	Split	Amount	Balance
6503 GSP Impl - GSP 5-yr Update									
	Beginning Balance								12,552.27
Total for 6503 GSP Impl - GSP 5-yr Update								**$0.00**	
7000 Misc Expense									
	7000 Misc Expense	08/01/2026	Expense	11316	Onsite Computers and Design	Office 365 1yr & Sophos Central Email Advanced	1150 Five Star Bank Ckg	121.80	121.80
Total for 7000 Misc Expense								**$121.80**	

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WMA GSA
Balance Sheet
As of Sep 30, 2026

	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1150 Five Star Bank Ckg	125,469.39
Total for Bank Accounts	**$125,469.39**
Accounts Receivable	
1200 Accounts Receivable	0.00
1500 Grants Receivable	525,906.45
Total for Accounts Receivable	**$525,906.45**
Other Current Assets	
1400 Prepaid Expense	0.00
Total for Other Current Assets	**$0.00**
Total for Current Assets	**$651,375.84**
Total for Assets	**$651,375.84**
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 Accounts Payable	488,138.92
Total for Accounts Payable	**$488,138.92**
Other Current Liabilities	
2300 Deposits - Well Verification	0.00
2501 Loan from SYRWCD	275,000.00
2503 Loan from City of Lompoc	125,000.00
2504 Loan from MHCSD	102,500.00
2505 Loan from VVCSD	102,500.00
Total for Other Current Liabilities	**$605,000.00**
Total for Current Liabilities	**$1,093,138.92**
Total for Liabilities	**$1,093,138.92**
Equity	
3000 Retained Earnings	27,450.40
32000 Unrestricted Net Assets	-310,744.44
Net Income	-158,469.04
Total for Equity	**-$441,763.08**
Total for Liabilities and Equity	**$651,375.84**

WMA GSA
Profit and Loss
July-September, 2026

	Total
Income	
4300 Groundwater Extraction Fee	-3,703.31
4600 Interest Income	58.43
Total for Income	**-$3,644.88**
Gross Profit	**-$3,644.88**
Expenses	
5360 Insurance	5,018.00
5800 Legal Services	3,696.00
6501 GSP Well Extract/Measure	10,470.50
6503 GSP Impl - GSP 5-yr Update	12,552.27
6504 GSP Impl - Monitoring Network	11,565.11
6505 GSP Impl - Storm Water Capture	44,598.46
6506 GSP Impl - Water Use Effic Plan	41,228.12
6507 GSP Impl - Recycled Water	25,570.25
7000 Misc Expense	125.45
Total for Expenses	**$154,824.16**
Net Operating Income	**-$158,469.04**
Net Income	**-$158,469.04**

WMA GSA
General Ledger
September 2026

	Distribution account	Transaction date	Transaction type	Num	Name	Description	Split	Amount	Balance
1150 Five Star Bank Ckg									
	Beginning Balance								125,450.43
	1150 Five Star Bank Ckg	09/30/2026	Deposit		Five Star Bank	Interest Deposit	4600 Interest Income	18.96	125,469.39
Total for 1150 Five Star Bank Ckg								**$18.96**	
1200 Accounts Receivable									
	Beginning Balance								$0.00
Total for 1200 Accounts Receivable								**$0.00**	
1500 Grants Receivable									
	Beginning Balance								525,906.45
Total for 1500 Grants Receivable								**$0.00**	
1400 Prepaid Expense									
	Beginning Balance								$0.00
Total for 1400 Prepaid Expense								**$0.00**	
2000 Accounts Payable									
	Beginning Balance								484,794.92
	2000 Accounts Payable	09/01/2026	Bill	083126	McMurtrey Hartsock Worth & St. Lawrence	Legal Services Aug 2026	5800 Legal Services	3,344.00	488,138.92
Total for 2000 Accounts Payable								**$3,344.00**	
2300 Deposits - Well Verification									
	Beginning Balance								$0.00
Total for 2300 Deposits - Well Verification								**$0.00**	
2501 Loan from SYRWCD									
	Beginning Balance								275,000.00
Total for 2501 Loan from SYRWCD								**$0.00**	
2503 Loan from City of Lompoc									
	Beginning Balance								125,000.00
Total for 2503 Loan from City of Lompoc								**$0.00**	
2504 Loan from MHCSD									
	Beginning Balance								102,500.00
Total for 2504 Loan from MHCSD								**$0.00**	
2505 Loan from VVCSD									
	Beginning Balance								102,500.00
Total for 2505 Loan from VVCSD								**$0.00**	
3000 Retained Earnings									
	Beginning Balance								27,450.40
Total for 3000 Retained Earnings								**$0.00**	
Retained Earnings									
	Beginning Balance								-310,744.44
Total for Retained Earnings								**$0.00**	
4300 Groundwater Extraction Fee									

WMA GSA
General Ledger
September 2026

	Distribution account	Transaction date	Transaction type	Num	Name	Description	Split	Amount	Balance
	Beginning Balance								-3,703.31
Total for 4300 Groundwater Extraction Fee								**$0.00**	
4600 Interest Income									
	Beginning Balance								39.47
	4600 Interest Income	09/30/2026	Deposit		Five Star Bank	Interest Deposit	1150 Five Star Bank Ckg	18.96	58.43
Total for 4600 Interest Income								**$18.96**	
5360 Insurance									
	Beginning Balance								5,018.00
Total for 5360 Insurance								**$0.00**	
5800 Legal Services									
	Beginning Balance								352.00
	5800 Legal Services	09/01/2026	Bill	083126	McMurtrey Hartsock Worth & St. Lawrence	Legal Services Aug 2026	2000 Accounts Payable	3,344.00	3,696.00
Total for 5800 Legal Services								**$3,344.00**	
6501 GSP Well Extract/Measure									
	Beginning Balance								10,470.50
Total for 6501 GSP Well Extract/Measure								**$0.00**	
6503 GSP Impl - GSP 5-yr Update									
	Beginning Balance								12,552.27
Total for 6503 GSP Impl - GSP 5-yr Update								**$0.00**	
6504 GSP Impl - Monitoring Network									
	Beginning Balance								11,565.11
Total for 6504 GSP Impl - Monitoring Network								**$0.00**	
6505 GSP Impl - Storm Water Capture									
	Beginning Balance								44,598.46
Total for 6505 GSP Impl - Storm Water Capture								**$0.00**	
6506 GSP Impl - Water Use Effic Plan									
	Beginning Balance								41,228.12
Total for 6506 GSP Impl - Water Use Effic Plan								**$0.00**	
6507 GSP Impl - Recycled Water									
	Beginning Balance								25,570.25
Total for 6507 GSP Impl - Recycled Water								**$0.00**	
7000 Misc Expense									
	Beginning Balance								125.45
Total for 7000 Misc Expense								**$0.00**	

WMA GSA
Balance Sheet
As of Oct 31, 2026

	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1150 Five Star Bank Ckg	129,350.50
Total Bank Accounts	**$129,350.50**
Accounts Receivable	
1200 Accounts Receivable	0.00
1500 Grants Receivable	525,906.45
Total Accounts Receivable	**$525,906.45**
Other Current Assets	
1400 Prepaid Expense	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	**$0.00**
Total Current Assets	**$655,256.95**
Total Assets	**$655,256.95**
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 Accounts Payable	532,995.85
Total Accounts Payable	**$532,995.85**
Other Current Liabilities	
2300 Deposits - Well Verification	0.00
2501 Loan from SYRWCD	275,000.00
2503 Loan from City of Lompoc	125,000.00
2504 Loan from MHCSD	102,500.00
2505 Loan from VVCSD	102,500.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	**$605,000.00**
Total Current Liabilities	**$1,137,995.85**
Total Liabilities	**$1,137,995.85**
Equity	
3000 Retained Earnings	27,450.40
32000 Unrestricted Net Assets	-310,744.44
Net Income	-199,444.86
Total Equity	**-$482,738.90**
Total Liabilities and Equity	**$655,256.95**

WMA GSA

Profit and Loss

July-October, 2026

	Total
Income	
4300 Groundwater Extraction Fee	0.00
4600 Interest Income	236.23
Total Income	**$236.23**
Gross Profit	**$236.23**
Expenses	
5360 Insurance	5,018.00
5800 Legal Services	3,696.00
6501 GSP Well Extract/Measure	18,272.00
6503 GSP Impl - GSP 5-yr Update	12,552.27
6504 GSP Impl - Monitoring Network	13,523.36
6505 GSP Impl - Storm Water Capture	52,780.21
6506 GSP Impl - Water Use Effic Plan	65,914.80
6507 GSP Impl - Recycled Water	27,799.00
7000 Misc Expense	125.45
Total Expenses	**$199,681.09**
Net Operating Income	**-$199,444.86**
Net Income	**-$199,444.86**

WMA GSA
General Ledger
October 2026

	Distribution account	Transaction date	Transaction type	Num	Name	Description	Split	Amount	Balance
1150 Five Star Bank Ckg									
	Beginning Balance								125,469.39
	1150 Five Star Bank Ckg	10/30/2026	Deposit		Santa Barbara County	Santa Barbara Coaut Trace Sy Riv Santa Barbara Coaut Trace Sy River Valley Gsa		3,861.50	129,330.89
	1150 Five Star Bank Ckg	10/31/2026	Deposit		Five Star Bank	Interest Deposit	4600 Interest Income	19.61	129,350.50
Total for 1150 Five Star Bank Ckg								**$3,881.11**	
1500 Grants Receivable									
	Beginning Balance								525,906.45
Total for 1500 Grants Receivable								**$0.00**	
2000 Accounts Payable									
	Beginning Balance								532,995.85
Total for 2000 Accounts Payable								**$0.00**	
2501 Loan from SYRWCD									
	Beginning Balance								275,000.00
Total for 2501 Loan from SYRWCD								**$0.00**	
2503 Loan from City of Lompoc									
	Beginning Balance								125,000.00
Total for 2503 Loan from City of Lompoc								**$0.00**	
2504 Loan from MHCSD									
	Beginning Balance								102,500.00
Total for 2504 Loan from MHCSD								**$0.00**	
2505 Loan from VVCSD									
	Beginning Balance								102,500.00
Total for 2505 Loan from VVCSD								**$0.00**	
3000 Retained Earnings									
	Beginning Balance								27,450.40
Total for 3000 Retained Earnings								**$0.00**	
Retained Earnings									
	Beginning Balance								-310,744.44
Total for Retained Earnings								**$0.00**	
4300 Groundwater Extraction Fee									
	Beginning Balance								-3,703.31
	4300 Groundwater Extraction Fee	10/30/2026	Deposit		Santa Barbara County	Santa Barbara Coaut Trace Sy Riv Santa Barbara Coaut Trace Sy River Valley Gsa	1150 Five Star Bank Ckg	3,703.31	$0.00
Total for 4300 Groundwater Extraction Fee								**$3,703.31**	
4600 Interest Income									
	Beginning Balance								58.43
	4600 Interest Income	10/30/2026	Deposit		Santa Barbara County	Santa Barbara Coaut Trace Sy Riv Santa Barbara Coaut Trace Sy River Valley Gsa	1150 Five Star Bank Ckg	158.19	216.62
	4600 Interest Income	10/31/2026	Deposit		Five Star Bank	Interest Deposit	1150 Five Star Bank Ckg	19.61	236.23

WMA GSA
General Ledger
October 2026

	Distribution account	Transaction date	Transaction type	Num	Name	Description	Split	Amount	Balance
Total for 4600 Interest Income								**$177.80**	
5360 Insurance									
	Beginning Balance								5,018.00
Total for 5360 Insurance								**$0.00**	
5800 Legal Services									
	Beginning Balance								3,696.00
Total for 5800 Legal Services								**$0.00**	
6501 GSP Well Extract/Measure									
	Beginning Balance								18,272.00
Total for 6501 GSP Well Extract/Measure								**$0.00**	
6503 GSP Impl - GSP 5-yr Update									
	Beginning Balance								12,552.27
Total for 6503 GSP Impl - GSP 5-yr Update								**$0.00**	
6504 GSP Impl - Monitoring Network									
	Beginning Balance								13,523.36
Total for 6504 GSP Impl - Monitoring Network								**$0.00**	
6505 GSP Impl - Storm Water Capture									
	Beginning Balance								52,780.21
Total for 6505 GSP Impl - Storm Water Capture								**$0.00**	
6506 GSP Impl - Water Use Effic Plan									
	Beginning Balance								65,914.80
Total for 6506 GSP Impl - Water Use Effic Plan								**$0.00**	
6507 GSP Impl - Recycled Water									
	Beginning Balance								27,799.00
Total for 6507 GSP Impl - Recycled Water								**$0.00**	
7000 Misc Expense									
	Beginning Balance								125.45
Total for 7000 Misc Expense								**$0.00**	

Accrual Basis Monday, November 16, 2026 10:07 AM GMT-08:00

TO: **SYRVGB WMA GSA Board of Directors**

FROM: **Dan Heimel, Executive Director**

DATE: **November 18, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Item 5a – Review and consider adoption of the WMA GSP 5-Year Evaluation and consider authorization for submittal to California Department of Water Resources**

Background

Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"), each Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") is required to evaluate its Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") at least every five years and to provide a written assessment to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR"). The Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin ("SYRVGB" or "Basin") Western Management Area ("WMA") GSA adopted its GSP on January 5, 2022, and DWR approved the GSP on January 18, 2024. The WMA GSA's first Periodic Evaluation covers Water Years ("WY") 2019 through 2024 and will be submitted to DWR in 2027. The Public Draft Periodic Review and Assessment of the WMA GSP ("Public Draft Periodic Evaluation"), dated August 28, 2026, has been prepared and released for public review. To date, there have been no public comments received. It is anticipated that the final document will be prepared following completion of an updated coordination agreement, which will be an agenda item at the upcoming Basin-Wide Joint Special Meeting on December 11, 2026.

Sustainability status. The Public Draft Periodic Evaluation finds that no undesirable results occurred in the WMA during the evaluation period, that groundwater conditions remain above minimum thresholds, and that measurable objectives are generally achieved or exceeded. Conditions in the WMA are expected to remain sustainable through 2042 and beyond.

DWR Recommended Corrective Actions. DWR's review of the WMA GSP included seven proposed Recommended Corrective Actions ("RCAs"), each of which is given due consideration and addressed in the Public Draft Periodic Evaluation. Four RCAs (#1, #3, #5, and #6) are substantially addressed through completed administrative clarifications, evaluations, or implementation measures. The remaining three (#2, #4, and #7) concern filling data gaps and better understanding the principal aquifers, and reevaluating the SMCs for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels and for depletions of interconnected surface water. These RCAs require continued monitoring, data collection, and model development.

Recommendation

Review and consider adoption of the WMA GSP 5-Year Evaluation and consider authorizing the Executive Director to make non-substantive edits and submit to DWR by the January 2027 deadline.

Attachment

WMA GSP 5-Year Evaluation Public Draft (web link)

TO: **SYRVGB WMA GSA Board of Directors**

FROM: **Dan Heimel, Executive Director**

DATE: **November 18, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Item 5b – Review and consider for approval Stetson Engineers Scope of Work for Water Year 2026 GSP Annual Report**

Background

Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"), Groundwater Sustainability Agencies ("GSAs") are required to submit annual reports to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") by April 1 each year following adoption of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"). The Annual Reports convey monitoring and water use data to DWR and to basin stakeholders on an annual basis to gauge performance of the basin relative to the sustainability goals set forth in the GSP. The GSPs for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area ("EMA"), Central Management Area ("CMA"), and Western Management Area ("WMA") GSAs were submitted to DWR in January 2022, and Annual Reports for Water Years[1] 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 have been subsequently submitted for each GSP. Stetson Engineers was contracted to prepare the WMA GSA's GSP and the previous Annual Reports for Water Years 2021 through 2025. Stetson Engineers' Water Year 2026 Annual Report not to exceed fee is $36,000.

Recommendation

Review and consider approval of Task Order for Stetson Engineers to prepare the Water Year 2026 Annual Report under the August 28, 2024 Agreement for Engineering, Geology and Hydrogeology Consulting Services (included as Attachment 1).

Attachment

Attachment 1: Task Order for Stetson Engineers for the Water Year 2026 Annual Report under the August 28, 2024 Agreement for Engineering, Geology and Hydrogeology Consulting Services

[1]The Water Year for the purposes of the WMA GSA GSP includes the time period from October 1st through September 30th of the following year and the year component of the title corresponds to the year that the majority of Water Year resides in (i.e. Water Year 2025 includes data from October – December 2024 and January – September 2025).

TASK ORDER NO. 4
TO THE AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING, GEOLOGY AND HYDROGEOLOGY CONSULTING SERVICES

Effective Date of Task Order: _____, 2026

Pursuant to the AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING, GEOLOGY AND HYDROGEOLOGY CONSULTING SERVICES (Agreement) made August 28, 2024 by and between the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, a Joint Powers Authority (WMA GSA) and Stetson Engineers, Inc. (Consultant), the following additional Task Order for the services to be performed by the Consultant, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, for a fee not to exceed $36,000, paid on a time-and-materials basis, is hereby agreed upon and approved.

The terms of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and are incorporated herein to the extent they are not in direct conflict with this Task Order No. 4.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Task Order at the place and as of the date first written above.

WMA GSA

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency

By:_____
Daniel Heimel,
Executive Director

CONSULTANT

Stetson Engineers, Inc.

By:_____
Allan Richards, Principal

Exhibit A: Consultant Proposal

STETSON ENGINEERS

SCOPE OF WORK AND ESTIMATED COST

Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("WMA GSA")

Water Year 2026 Annual Subreport for SGMA Requirements

Stetson Engineers prepared the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("WMA GSA"), which the WMA GSA Board approved in January 2022, and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) approved in January 2024. This GSP was also the basis for receiving recent Proposition 68 grant funding to implement the Projects and Management Actions in the GSP.

For the past five years (Water Years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025), Stetson Engineers prepared the annual reports for the WMA GSA. Stetson Engineers also prepared at DWR's request the joint annual report for years 2024 and 2025 that incorporated the annual subreports for each GSA (WMA, CMA, and EMA). The scope of work that includes combining and summarizing the subreports is attached separately.

This scope of work for Stetson is to produce a Water Year 2026 Annual Subreport that includes all SGMA reporting requirements for the WMA GSA, but it is intended for inclusion in the one annual report for the entire Basin for Water Year 2026. The subreport will follow prior annual reports, streamlined for incorporation into a single Annual Report for the Basin.. The total not to exceed cost for the WMA subreport is estimated at $36,000. This cost for the annual report does not include separate costs associated with combining the subreports for each GSA into one Basin Annual Report.

The WMA subreport outline will be the same as the previous five years because it meets the statutory requirements under SGMA. In addition, the latest Department of Water Resources (DWR) guidance on annual reports (DWR, October 2023) and comments on the annual reports (DWR, May 2024; August 2025; and August 2026) will be addressed. The critical chapters in the report will be:

- Basin Conditions: This includes the determination of the hydrologic year type.
- Groundwater Hydrographs and Contours: Includes hydrographs for the representative monitoring well network and required groundwater elevation contour maps (seasonal high and low).
- Water Use: This includes both groundwater and surface water used by each sector (domestic, municipal, and agricultural).

- Groundwater Storage: This includes changes in groundwater storage maps and the effects of groundwater use on storage changes.

- Progress on GSP Sustainability Indicators: This includes an evaluation of recent data regarding sustainability for groundwater levels, storage, water quality, seawater intrusion, land subsidence, and interconnected surface water and groundwater dependent ecosystems. The DWR August 2026 letter requested additional information and updates on any monitoring locations with missing data.

- Implementation of Project and Management Actions Since Previous Annual Report: This includes discussing GSA activities in the current water year to achieve sustainability goals.

The 2026 WMA subreport will cover the same organization and content as the 2025 WMA subreport. These sections of the SGMA Annual report will be produced over three tasks, including:

- **Task 1. Data collection and analysis**. Groundwater levels, production, and surface water data will be collected for the reporting period. Groundwater level information will be converted into projected groundwater level contours for the management areas and estimates of updated storage calculations. Additional analyses will estimate surface water quantities. The latest data for the other sustainability indicators (water quality, seawater intrusion, land subsidence, depletions of interconnected surface water) will also be collected and analyzed as described in the GSP.

- **Task 2. Report Preparation**. The text and content of the SGMA annual report are described in the regulations (23 CCR § 356.2. Annual Reports). It includes provisions defining general information summarizing the basin and hydrologic conditions, including groundwater elevations, hydrographs, contour maps, summary of extraction data, surface water quantities, available surface water supplies, total water use, and storage maps. A final section summarizes updates on projects and management actions from the groundwater sustainability plan and how other sustainability indicators are being met. Additional supporting information will be provided in the appendices.

- **Task 3. Project Management and Meetings**. Project management costs are estimated at 8% of total cost. This task also includes calls with the other GSAs in the Basin to coordinate efforts. This task involves coordinating with the preparer of the one annual report for the Basin. This task consists of attending GSA meetings to summarize the subreport if needed.

Project Cost

The total not to exceed cost for the Water Year 2026 Annual subreport for the WMA GSA is **$36,000**. Staff hours for each of the three tasks above are estimated below. All work is on a time and materials basis using the attached rate schedule (Attachment A). Stetson will work as efficiently as possible to lower costs further if possible.

Proposed Costs for 2026 Western Management Area Annual Subreport for SGMA

TASK	Labor Hours	Labor Cost	Expenses	Total
Task 1 - Data Collection and Analysis	122	$20,000	0	$20,000
Task 2 - Report Preparation	83	$13,000	0	$13,000
Task 3 - Project Management and Meetings	14	$3,000	0	$3,000
TOTAL	219	$36,000	0	$36,000

Project Schedule

The SGMA requires annual reports submitted by April 1st for each GSP's previous water year (WY). For this scope of work, the reporting period for the next annual report is WY 2026 (October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026), and the final Basin Annual Report would be due April 1, 2027. Because DWR is requesting that pumping data provided to Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District on January 31, 2027, be incorporated into the 2026 annual report, Stetson will produce a first draft of the annual subreport by January 31, 2027, with placeholders for the water use in the last three months of the water year 2026 (July, August, and September 2026). This early draft will provide the GSAs and the preparer of the One Basin annual report more time to review, edit, and incorporate the information in the annual subreport. Stetson will then produce the final draft of the annual subreport by March 15, 2027, after incorporating the final water use data for the year 2026.

Attachment A

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Standard Billing Rate Schedule

Professional Fees

Principal	**$266.00**	**Per Hour**
Special Project Director	**$266.00**	**Per Hour**
Project Manager, Senior	**$231.00**	**Per Hour**
Supervisor I	**$231.00**	**Per Hour**
Supervising Soil Scientist	**$215.00**	**Per Hour**
Supervisor II	**$215.00**	**Per Hour**
Supervisor III	**$209.00**	**Per Hour**
Senior I	**$187.00**	**Per Hour**
Senior II	**$169.00**	**Per Hour**
Senior III	**$152.00**	**Per Hour**
Construction Manager	**$152.00**	**Per Hour**
Construction Manager / Oversight	**$135.00**	**Per Hour**
Senior Construction Inspector	**$135.00**	**Per Hour**
Senior Field Geologist	**$152.00**	**Per Hour**
Senior Associate	**$146.00**	**Per Hour**
Associate I	**$140.00**	**Per Hour**
Associate II	**$132.00**	**Per Hour**
Associate III	**$125.00**	**Per Hour**
Associate Soil Scientist	**$125.00**	**Per Hour**
Senior Assistant	**$116.00**	**Per Hour**
Assistant I	**$111.00**	**Per Hour**
Assistant II	**$106.00**	**Per Hour**
Assistant Soil Scientist	**$106.00**	**Per Hour**
Assistant III	**$101.00**	**Per Hour**
GIS Manager	**$140.00**	**Per Hour**
GIS Specialist I	**$114.00**	**Per Hour**
GIS Specialist II	**$104.00**	**Per Hour**
Technical Illustrator	**$101.00**	**Per Hour**
AutoCAD Technician	**$101.00**	**Per Hour**
Soil Technician	**$88.00**	**Per Hour**
Aide I	**$81.00**	**Per Hour**
Aide II	**$70.00**	**Per Hour**
Aide III	**$65.00**	**Per Hour**
Project Coordinator I	**$152.00**	**Per Hour**
Project Coordinator II	**$111.00**	**Per Hour**
Project Coordinator III	**$101.00**	**Per Hour**
Contract Management	**$116.00**	**Per Hour**
Administrative I	**$81.00**	**Per Hour**
Administrative II	**$75.00**	**Per Hour**
Administrative III	**$70.00**	**Per Hour**

Effective January 1, 2026

Direct Expense Rates

Expense Description	Billing Rate
Mileage	$* / Mile
Reproduction: Black & White (In-House)	$0.15 / Page
Reproduction: Color - 8.5" x 11" (In-House)	$0.89 / Page
Reproduction: Color - 11" x 17" (In-House)	$1.89 / Page
Plotter Reproduction (In-House)	$1.50 / Sq. Ft.
Survey Equipment	$120.00 / Day

Notes:

1) * Mileage is billed at the current IRS approved mileage rate and may be subject to change.
2) Subcontractor services will be charged at cost plus 10% administration fee.
3) All other project reimbursable expenses (i.e. telephone, commercial transportation, meals, lodging, postage, outside reproduction, etc.) will be billed at cost.
4) Testimony fees are 150% of standard rates and apply to depositions, court time and time spent on stand-by at attorney's request. Travel time and preparation time is charged at standard rates. Stetson Engineers Inc. authorizes only staff at associate classification or higher to testify as expert witnesses.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER

SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

IN THE MATTER OF: RESOLUTION NO. WMA-2026-02

ANNOUNCING A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND AMEND CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AND ESTABLISHING A COMMENT PERIOD

WHEREAS, in accordance with the state law, the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (the "WMA GSA") has reviewed its Conflict of Interest Code; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that review and state law, the WMA GSA determined that the Conflict of Interest Code was in need of modification; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 87200.5 requires WMA GSA Directors and its executive to file statements of economic interests electronically with the Fair Political Practices Commission, and Government Code section 87500(a) requires direct electronic filing by public officials who manage public investments; and

WHEREAS, Government Code sections 87306 and 87311 require appropriate amendment, notice and an opportunity for affected Agency personnel and residents to present their views, and section 87303 requires approval by the code-reviewing body; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law, the WMA GSA has prepared an amended Conflict of Interest Code (Exhibit A hereto) and Notice of Intent to reflect such changes; and

WHEREAS, state law requires that the WMA GSA provide a 45-day comment period before adopting said Code; and

WHEREAS, WMA GSA intends to circulate the proposed code and consider public comments before final adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency does hereby resolve, declare and order as follows:

1. The proposed amended Conflict of Interest Code attached as Exhibit A is approved for public review. This resolution does not finally adopt the amendment or make it effective.

2. The mandatory forty-five (45) day comment period shall begin November 19, 2026, and close January 3, 2027, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific time.

3. Secretary of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency is hereby directed to provide the required "Notice of Intention to Amend a Conflict of Interest Code" to those parties designated by the preliminarily adopted Conflict of Interest Code.

ALL THE FOREGOING, being on motion of Director _____, seconded by Director _____, was hereby authorized by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said Agency as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on the 18th day of November, 2026.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this 18th day of November, 2026.

_____
Chair of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:

_____
Secretary of the Board of Directors

SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (the "WMA GSA") proposes to amend its Conflict of Interest Code ("Code") pursuant to Government Code sections 87300, 87306, and 87311. The proposed amendment updates filing destinations and position classifications and maintains disclosure and disqualification requirements under the Political Reform Act.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

November 19, 2026 through January 3, 2027, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning the proposed amended Code, a copy of which is being concurrently transmitted to you along with this notice, no later than January 3, 2027 to the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency at: P.O. Box 7098, Los Osos, CA 93412., or by email to WMA@SantaYnezWater.org. Mailed comments must be received by the closing deadline. Questions may be directed to the WMA GSA at (805) 430-9709 or the same email address. No public hearing on this matter will be held unless an interested person or his or her representative requests, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period, a public hearing.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The reason for the adoption of this amended Code are the new disclosure requirements established by the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") for public officials responsible for managing public investments and for board of directors and executives of groundwater sustainability agencies. These new requirements stem from Senate Bill 1156, effective January 1, 2025, Government Code section 87200.5, which requires decision-makers of groundwater sustainability agencies to annually disclose their economic or financial interests and file electronically with the FPPC, as well as Senate Bill 852, effective January 1, 2026, which changed the filing officer for public officials who manage public investments, thereby changing the filing location for their Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) to the FPPC. These new requirements necessitate recategorizing Directors, Alternate Directors, and the Treasurer from the Code's Designated Positions to positions that must file Statements of Economic Interest electronically with the FPPC, consisting of (i) directors of groundwater sustainability agencies (Gov. Code, § 87200.5), and (ii) public officials who manage public investments (Gov. Code, § 87200). Other changes include removal of the Secretary as a public official who manages public investments and was instead added as a Designated Position. Groundwater Sustainability Agency Staff was removed as a Designated Position, as it no longer exists. The proposed amended Code, along with all supporting information upon which the proposal is based, is available for review at the WMA GSA's office. The adoption of the Code will not impose a cost savings to the WMA GSA that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with

section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code; will not result in any nondiscretionary cost or savings to local agencies; will not result in any cost or savings in federal funding to the state; will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts; and will not have any potential cost impact on private persons or businesses, including small businesses. No alternative considered by the WMA GSA would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

All inquiries concerning the proposed Code should be directed to the WMA GSA at P.O. Box 7098, Los Osos, CA 93412, or by email to WMA@SantaYnezWater.org.

EXHIBIT A – [Proposed] Amended Conflict of Interest Code

SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN WESTERN 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. § 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 Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency)**.

FILING BY DESIGNATED INDIVIDUALS

Except for individuals required to file directly with the Fair Political Practices Commission as described below, designated individuals may file their statements online using the County of Santa Barbara's eDisclosure system, 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, § 81008). The Agency's filing official can provide access to designated individuals.

To the extent paper filing remains authorized for a designated position, 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. This paragraph does not apply to individuals required to file electronically with the Fair Political Practices Commission.

STATUTORY FILERS

Members of the Board of Directors, including duly appointed Alternate Directors, and the Executive Director/Plan Manager, or other equivalent Agency executive, file statements of economic interests under Government Code section 87200.5 and the applicable provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act. They shall file directly with the Fair Political Practices Commission using its electronic filing system. These positions are listed for information; their statutory disclosure obligations are not limited by the disclosure categories in the Appendix.

Any Agency official, including the Treasurer, who is assigned or retains responsibility for management of public investments within the meaning of 2 California Code of Regulations section 18700.3 shall file under Government Code section 87200, electronically with the Fair Political Practices Commission under Section 87500(a)(2)(O). The Agency shall review classifications following any change in assigned investment duties. A Treasurer who is not a statutory filer for the Agency position but retains decision-making duties remains designated under Appendix I.

An individual holding multiple Agency positions shall identify every applicable position and jurisdiction in the required filing. No duplicate original is required when Government Code section 87500.4(d) applies.

An individual may seek FPPC advice regarding classification or filing duties under Government Code sections 87200 and 87200.5. Nothing in this Code limits statutory disclosure or disqualification requirements.

APPENDIX DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

I. Designated Position	Assigned Disclosure Category
Secretary	1, 2
General Counsel	1, 2
Consultants/New Positions	*

General Counsel is designated whether the position is filled by an employee or an outside consultant serving in a staff capacity. Other consultants, including an auditor, are covered when their duties meet the applicable definition in 2 California Code of Regulations section 18700.3(a).

*Consultants/New Positions subject to disclosure under 2 California Code of Regulations sections 18700.3 and 18734 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, § 81008).

II. DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES:

The disclosure categories below are subject to the definitions, jurisdictional rules, thresholds, reporting periods and exceptions established by the Political Reform Act and applicable FPPC regulations, as amended from time to time. Individuals independently required to file under Government Code sections 87200 or 87200.5 shall satisfy their statutory obligations rather than rely on these categories to limit disclosure.

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.

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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 Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency).**

FILING BY DESIGNATED INDIVIDUALS

Except for individuals required to file directly with the Fair Political Practices Commission as described below, d~~D~~esignated individuals may file their statements online using the County of Santa Barbra's eDisclosure system, 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.

To the extent paper filing remains authorized for a designated position, d~~D~~esignated 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. This paragraph does not apply to individuals required to file electronically with the Fair Political Practices Commission.

STATUTORY FILERS ~~**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.~~

Members of the Board of Directors, including duly appointed Alternate Directors, and the Executive Director / Plan Manager, or other equivalent Agency executive, file statements of economic interests under Government Code Section 87200.5 and the applicable provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act. They shall file directly with the Fair Political Practices Commission using its electronic filing system. These positions are listed for information; their statutory disclosure obligations are not limited by the disclosure categories in the Appendix.

Any Agency official, including the Treasurer, who is assigned or retains responsibility for management of public investments within the meaning of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18700.3 shall file under Government Code Section 87200, electronically with the Fair Political Practices Commission under Section 87500(a)(2)(O). The Agency shall review classifications following any change in assigned investment duties. A Treasurer who is not a statutory filer for the Agency position but retains decision-making duties remains designated under Appendix I.

An individual holding multiple Agency positions shall identify every applicable position and jurisdiction in the required filing. No duplicate original is required when Government Code Section 87500.4(d) applies.

An individual may seek FPPC advice regarding classification or filing duties under Government Code Sections 87200 and 87200.5. Nothing in this Code limits statutory disclosure or disqualification requirements.

APPENDIX DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

I. Designated Position	Assigned Disclosure Category
~~Directors~~Secretary	1, 2
General Counsel ~~Alternate Directors~~	1, 2
Consultants/New Positions~~Secretary/Treasurer~~ ~~1, 2~~	*~~1, 2~~
~~General Counsel~~	~~1, 2~~
~~Groundwater Sustainability Agency Staff~~	~~1, 2~~
~~Consultants/New Positions~~	~~*~~

General Counsel is designated whether the position is filled by an employee or an outside consultant serving in a staff capacity. Other consultants, including an auditor, are covered when their duties meet the applicable definition in 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18700.3(a). ~~**Note:** The positions of Auditor and General Counsel are filled by outside consultants who serve in a staff capacity.~~

*Consultants/New Ppositions subject to disclosure under 2 California Code of Regulations Sections 18700.3 and 18734 ~~hall be included in the list of designated positions and~~ shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the Ceode, 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 § 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:

The disclosure categories below are subject to the definitions, jurisdictional rules, thresholds, reporting periods and exceptions established by the Political Reform Act and applicable FPPC regulations, as amended from time to time. Individuals independently required to file under Government Code section 87200 or 87200.5 shall satisfy their statutory obligations rather than rely on these categories to limit disclosure.

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.

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2027 WMA GSA Board of Directors Meetings

WMA GSA Board regularly meets on the 3rd Thursday of the 2nd month of each quarter (February, May, August, November) at 10:00 am.

Location: Vandenberg Village Community Services District (Meeting Room), 3745 Constellation Rd., Lompoc, CA

February 18	**Regular Meeting**
March – tbd	Special Meeting (Annual Report)
May 20	**Regular Meeting**
August 19	**Regular Meeting**
November 18	**Regular Meeting**

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