

## NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

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

WILL BE HELD

AT **10:00 A.M.**, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING ONLY – NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION**

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GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
FOR THE WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA  
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

**AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Consider findings under Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution WMA-2021-001
- III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
- IV. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the Committee relating to any non-agenda matter within the Committee's jurisdiction. The total time for all public participation shall not exceed fifteen minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes. No action will be taken by the Committee at this meeting on any public item.) *Staff recommends any potential new agenda items based on issues raised be held for discussion under Agenda Item "WMA GSA Committee requests and comments" for items to be included on the next Agenda.*
- V. Discuss and consider appointment of WMA GSA Chair and Vice-Chair
- VI. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of November 17, 2021, December 8, 2021, and January 5, 2022
- VII. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List
- VIII. Review and consider approval of calendar of Regular GSA meetings for 2022 and location of Regular and Special Meetings
- IX. Consider approval of printing costs for public copies of the WMA GSP
- X. Receive update from WMA CAG Meeting of February 4, 2022
- XI. Receive cost update and presentation from Stetson on the First Annual Report for the WMA
- XII. Update and discussion on future governance, JPA, projects, and funding for WMA expenses
- XIII. Review possible change of GSA Financial Institution
- XIV. Consideration of Special WMA GSA Meeting, March 23, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
- XV. Next Regular WMA GSA Meeting, Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 10:00 AM
- XVI. WMA GSA Committee requests and comments
- XVII. Adjournment

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

### RESOLUTION WMA-2021-001

#### RESOLUTION INITIALLY AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB 361

WHEREAS, meetings of the governing Committee (“Committee”) of the **Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin** (WMA GSA) are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the WMA GSA conduct its business;

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953(e), added by Assembly Bill 361 (2021) (“AB361”), provides for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to certain conditions and requirements; and

WHEREAS, the WMA GSA wishes to invoke the provisions of AB361 to authorize teleconference meetings subject to the provisions of Government Code section 54953(e);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

. Section 1. Findings. The Committee hereby finds as follows:

- (a) As provided by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), a proclaimed state of emergency exists under the California Emergency Services Act, as declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020.
- (b) As provided by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), the County of Santa Barbara Health Department has imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, specifically Santa Barbara County Health Order No. 2021-10.5 (see also Santa Barbara County Public Health Department Health Officials AB 361 Social Distance Recommendation issued September 28, 2021).

Section 2. Procedures for Teleconference Meetings. The WMA GSA shall hold meetings to allow for teleconference participation pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 54953(e).

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 4. Renewal. Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), the WMA GSA may consider findings regarding the state of emergency every 30 days.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Committee of the WMA GSA on October 20, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Jeremy Ball, Chris Brooks, Myron Heavin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Steve Jordan

ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:



Chris Brooks, Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary

**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2022-10.1  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19  
FACE COVERINGS  
WITHIN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

**Health Officer Order No. 2022-10 is rescinded by this  
Health Officer Order No. 2022-10.1**

**Effective Date: February 16, 2022, 12:00 am PT**

Nothing in this Health Officer Order supersedes State Executive Orders or State Health Officer Orders or guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx#>

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2022, the California Department of Public Health updated their Guidance for the Use of Face Masks to take effect on February 16, 2022, requiring unvaccinated persons to wear masks in all indoor public settings, requiring universal masking in only specified settings, and recommending continued indoor masking when the risk may be high (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>). Thus, the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer finds Health Officer Order 2022-10 ordering face coverings within Santa Barbara County is no longer necessary for the control of COVID-19 in the County of Santa Barbara.

**ACCORDINGLY, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDERS:**

1. Order 2022-10 is rescinded effective February 15, 2022 at 11:59 pm (PT). This Order applies in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County ("County").

This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference: the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in the County; the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors ratifying the County Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency regarding COVID-19; the March 13, 2020 Presidential Declaration of a National Emergency due to the national impacts of COVID-19; the March 22, 2020, Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster in California beginning on January 20, 2020 under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Incident DR-4482-CA; CDPH / Cal-OSHA Interim Guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments issued February 26, 2021; the State Public Health Order issued June 11, 2021; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-07-21 of June 11, 2021; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-08-21 of June 11, 2021; the State Public Health Order issued July 26, 2021; the October 15, 2021 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Interim Public Health

Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People; the January 12, 2022 California Department of Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year; the January 13, 2022 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools; the January 21, 2022 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Your Guide to Masks; and the February 7, 2022 California Department of Public Health Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings.

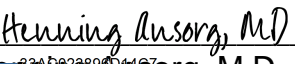
This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 120175; Health and Safety Code sections 101030 et seq., 120100 et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.

If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat to public health. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code sections 101029 and 120295, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. Per Health and Safety Code section 101029, "the sheriff of each county, or city and county, may enforce within the county, or the city and county, all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. Every peace officer of every political subdivision of the county, or city and county, may enforce within the area subject to his or her jurisdiction all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. This section is not a limitation on the authority of peace officers or public officers to enforce orders of the local health officer. When deciding whether to request this assistance in enforcement of its orders, the local health officer may consider whether it would be necessary to advise the enforcement agency of any measures that should be taken to prevent infection of the enforcement officers."

Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Public Health Department; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department's website (publichealthsb.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

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Henning Ansorg, M.D.  
Health Officer  
Santa Barbara County Public Health Department

## MEETING MINUTES

### Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin November 17, 2021

A regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Western Management Area (WMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting occurred solely via teleconference in accordance with the latest Santa Barbara County Health Officer Order, as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361, and Resolution WMA-2021-001 (passed on 10/20/2021).

GSA Committee Directors Present: Jeremy Ball, Chris Brooks, Myron Heavin, Steve Jordan, and Meighan Dietenhofer (Acting Alternate)

Alternate GSA Committee Director Present: Katherine Stewart, Kristin Worthley

Staff Present: Joe Barget, Bill Buelow, Amber Thompson, Matt Young

Others Present: Bryan Bondy, Ken Domako (VSFB), Karen Kistler, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Derek McLeish, and Brett Stroud (Young Woolridge), and Susan Xie

#### **I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

WMA GSA Committee Director Chris Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Bill Buelow to call roll. A quorum was met.

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

Mr. Buelow explained that the reasonings for adopting Resolution WMA-2021-001, passed on October 20, 2021, and State Assembly Bill 361 which authorized teleconference public meetings were still in effect.

GSA Committee Director Myron Heavin made a MOTION to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution WMA-2021-001. GSA Committee Director Jeremy Ball seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

No additions or deletions were made.

**IV. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**V. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of October 27, 2021**

The minutes of the GSA Committee meeting on October 27, 2021, were presented for GSA Committee approval. There was no discussion.

GSA Committee Director Steve Jordan made a MOTION to approve the minutes of October 27, 2021. GSA Committee Director Myron Heavin seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the minutes passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**VI. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List**

The GSA Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2021-22 Periods 1 through 3 (through September 30, 2021) and the Warrant Lists for July, August, and September 2021 for GSA Committee review. There were no comments.

GSA Committee Director Steve Jordan made a MOTION to approve the financial reports and the Warrant List for July, August, and September 2021 Warrant Lists (Nos. 1036-1037) totaling \$76,016.25, as submitted. GSA Committee Director Myron Heavin seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**VII. Review and consider approval of Resolution WMA-2021-002 authorizing the WMA GSA Chairperson to sign the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement**

The GSA Committee discussed the Coordination Agreement and Resolution WMA-2021-002 authorizing the WMA GSA Chairperson to sign the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement. Mr. Buelow explained the requirement of a Coordination Agreement by DWR for Basins submitting multiple GSPs. Because the Coordination Agreement referenced in Resolution WMA-2021-002 was missing from the pre-circulated meeting packet, the committee unanimously agreed to table consideration of the resolution until the next meeting to allow time for Directors to review the Coordination Agreement.

**VIII. Update and discussion on Draft WMA GSP and Future Governance Options**

Mr. Buelow provided an update on the Draft WMA GSP, responses to public comments received and the expected GSP upload process to DWR. Mr. Curtis Lawler and Mr. Buelow explained geology and flow of groundwater in the WMA. Discussion followed.

Item X was addressed at this point in the meeting.

There was no update provided on future governance options. Mr. Buelow reported that staff will continue to meet to discuss governance options and creating budget preferences



and will keep this as a standing item on future agendas until guidance is received. Discussion followed. WMA GSA Committees consensus to have Brett Stroud of Young Woolridge begin putting together draft JPA options and work with counsel of member agencies.

**IX. Review and discuss Scope of Work and Costs for Stetson to prepare WMA Annual Report**

The GSA Committee reviewed the Scope of Work and costs for Stetson to prepare the WMA Annual Report. Mr. Buelow explained that the first Annual Report required by CA Department of Water Resources (DWR) will need to include data from 2018 through September 2021. Staff recommended Stetson prepare the WMA First Annual Report and request Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) add a separate task order to the existing contract between SYRWCD and Stetson for this effort. Discussion followed.

GSA Committee Director Steve Jordan made a MOTION to direct staff to request Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) to add a task order to the existing contract between SYRWCD and Stetson to prepare the WMA First Annual Report according to the Scope of Work provided with costs Not to Exceed \$40,000. GSA Committee Director Myron Heavin seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**X. Review and discuss Stetson Memorandum on the status of groundwater conditions in the Lompoc Upland**

During discussion of Agenda Item VIII, the WMA GSA Committee reviewed the Draft Technical Memorandum received from Stetson Engineers, dated November 2021, regarding DRAFT Summary of Groundwater Levels, Storage and Sustainability in the Lompoc Upland. Discussion followed.

**XI. Next planned “Special” WMA GSA Meeting to consider GSP adoption Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

Mr. Buelow suggested the WMA GSA Committee should schedule a Special Meeting, including a Public Hearing to consider adoption of the WMA Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), for Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Discussion followed. The GSA Committee unanimously agreed to scheduling this WMA GSA Special Meeting, including a Public Hearing to consider adoption of the WMA GSP, and approved of scheduling the meeting to be held in person at City of Lompoc, Water Treatment Plant, Conference Room or via remote, to be determined based on continuing health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**XII. Consideration of additional “Special WMA GSA Meeting” December 8 or 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

The GSA Committee discussed the need for an additional special meeting in December 2021 to discuss the Coordination Agreement and Resolution appointing WMA Chair to sign Coordination Agreement. They unanimously agreed to schedule a special meeting for December 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. with remote participation only.

**XIII. WMA GSA Committee requests and comments**

GSA Committee Director Myron Heavin commented that he would like to see the issue of chloride contaminate handled at the county level.

**XIV. Adjournment**

WMA GSA Director Chris Brooks adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

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Chris Brooks, Chairman

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William J. Buelow, Secretary

## MEETING MINUTES

### **Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin December 8, 2021**

A special meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Western Management Area (WMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting occurred solely via teleconference in accordance with the latest Santa Barbara County Health Officer Order, as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361, and Resolution WMA-2021-001 (passed on 10/20/2021, reaffirmed 11/17/2021).

GSA Committee Directors Present: Jeremy Ball, Chris Brooks, Myron Heavin, Steve Jordan, and Meighan Diethofer (Acting Alternate),

Alternate GSA Committee Director Present: Katherine Stewart, Kristin Worthley

Staff Present: Joe Barget, Bill Buelow, Amber Thompson, Kevin Walsh

Others Present: John Fio (EKI), Paeter Garcia, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Brett Stroud (Young Woolridge), and one additional member of the public whose name was not registered

#### **I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

WMA GSA Committee Director Chris Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Bill Buelow to call roll. A quorum was met.

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

Mr. Buelow explained that the reasonings for adopting Resolution WMA-2021-001, passed on October 20, 2021, and State Assembly Bill 361 which authorized teleconference public meetings were still in effect.

GSA Committee Director Myron Heavin made a MOTION to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution WMA-2021-001. GSA Committee Director Jeremy Ball seconded the motion, discussion followed, and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

No additions or deletions were made.

**IV. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**V. Review and consider approval of Resolution WMA-2021-002 authorizing the WMA GSA Chairperson to sign the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement**

The GSA Committee discussed the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement and Resolution WMA-2021-002 authorizing the WMA GSA Chairperson to sign the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement. Mr. Buelow and Mr. Brett Stroud, Young Woolridge, explained the requirement of a Coordination Agreement by DWR for basins submitting multiple GSPs.

GSA Committee Director Jeremy Ball made a MOTION to approve RESOLUTION WMA-2021-002, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON TO SIGN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN COORDINATION AGREEMENT. GSA Committee Director Steve Jordan seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**VI. Update and discussion on Draft WMA GSP and Future Governance Options**

Mr. Curtis Lawler provided a brief update on responses to public comments received on the Draft GSP and preparations of the final GSP document.

There was no update on future governance options.

**VII. Next planned “Special” WMA GSA Meeting to consider GSP adoption Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

Mr. Buelow announced the WMA GSA Committee will have a Special Meeting, including a Public Hearing to consider adoption of the WMA Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., in person at City of Lompoc, Water Treatment Plant, Conference Room or via remote, to be determined based on continuing health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**VIII. Next Regular WMA GSA Meeting will be February 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

Mr. Buelow announced the next regular WMA GSA meeting will be Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., in person at City of Lompoc, Water Treatment Plant, Conference Room or via remote, to be determined based on continuing health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**IX. WMA GSA Committee requests and comments**

WMA GSA Alternate Director Meighan Diethofer asked for clarification on the two-year review process of the submitted GSP at DWR.

WMA GSA Alternate Director Katherine Stewart announced her resignation due to plans to move out of state, effective after January 5, 2022.

**X. Adjournment**

WMA GSA Director Chris Brooks adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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Chris Brooks, Chairman

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William J. Buelow, Secretary

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin January 5, 2022

A special meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Western Management Area (WMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting occurred solely via teleconference in accordance with the latest Santa Barbara County Health Officer Order, as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361, and Resolution WMA-2021-001 (passed on 10/20/2021, reaffirmed 12/8/2021).

GSA Committee Directors Present: Jeremy Ball, Chris Brooks, Myron Heavin, and Steve Jordan

Alternate GSA Committee Director Present: Katherine Stewart, Kristin Worthley

Staff Present: Joe Barget, Bill Buelow, Brad Hagemann, Amber Thompson, Kevin Walsh, Matt Young

Others Present: Bryan Bondy, Doug Circle, John Fio (EKI), Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers), Dan Redman, Anita Regmi (DWR), Steve Slack (CDFW), Brett Stroud (Young Woolridge), and Susan (last name was not registered)

#### **I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

WMA GSA Committee Director Chris Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Bill Buelow to call roll. A quorum was met with three Directors in attendance. WMA GSA Director Myron Heavin joined the meeting late during Item IV.

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

GSA Committee Director Steve Jordan made a MOTION to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution WMA-2021-001. GSA Committee Director Jeremy Ball seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-1 by roll call vote with GSA Director Myron Heavin absent.

#### **III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

No additions or deletions were made.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

There was no public comment. WMA GSA Director Myron Heavin joined the meeting.

**V. Public Hearing on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (WMA GSP)**

WMA GSA Committee Director Chris Brooks opened the public hearing at 10:07 a.m. Mr. Buelow announced the public hearing was properly noticed, gave a brief history of the WMA GSP preparation process. Comments of thanks and congratulations were received. There was no other public comment.

GSA Committee Director Steve Jordan made a MOTION to close the Public Hearing at 10:20 a.m. GSA Committee Director Myron Heavin seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**VI. Consider Resolution Number WMA-2022-001 adopting the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin**

Mr. Buelow presented verification from the member agencies granting GSA Directors authority to vote for adopting the WMA GSP on behalf of the member agency. He read Resolution WMA-2022-001 and noted a couple typographical errors to be corrected. There was no discussion.

GSA Committee Director Myron Heavin made a MOTION to adopt RESOLUTION WMA-2022-001, ADOPTING GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN with corrections for typographical errors. GSA Committee Director Jeremy Ball seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**VII. Update and discussion on WMA GSP and Future Governance Options**

There was no update and no discussion.

**VIII. Update on WMA Annual Report**

Mr. Curtis Lawler, Stetson Engineers, provided an update on the WMA First Annual Report. The report will include data from October 2018 through September 2021 and is due to DWR by April 1, 2022. Consultants are expecting to deliver a Draft of First Annual Report to the WMA GSA Committee at the February 23, 2022 regular meeting for review.

**IX. Next Regular WMA GSA Meeting, Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

Mr. Buelow announced the next regular WMA GSA meeting will be Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., either in person at City of Lompoc, Water Treatment Plant, Conference Room or via remote, to be determined based on continuing health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**X. WMA GSA Committee requests and comments**

WMA GSA Committee Alternate Director Katherine Stewart asked if SkyTEM data collected help. Mr. Lawler advised the data will be included in the First Annual Report as part of the implementation process.

WMA GSA Committee Director Jeremy Ball asked for explanation of the expected DWR process of GSP review. Mr. Buelow and Ms. Anita Regmi, DWR, explained the DWR process.

WMA GSA Committee Director Chris Brooks expressed appreciation for the work and cohesiveness of consultants and member agency staff. He thanked CAG members for their participation in the process.

WMA GSA Committee Director Steve Jordan expressed concern on the need to determine the future governance.

**XI. Adjournment**

WMA GSA Director Chris Brooks adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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Chris Brooks, Chairman

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William J. Buelow, Secretary



SYRWCD WMA  
BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 2021

Assets

Current Assets

Mechanics Bank #8301 \$64,461.53  
Other Current Assets 1,000.00

TOTAL Current Assets

65,461.53

TOTAL Assets

\$65,461.53

Liabilities AND Equity

TOTAL Liabilities

.00

Net Position

Retained Earnings 143,038.46  
Retained Earnings-Current Year (77,576.93)

TOTAL Net Position

65,461.53

TOTAL Liabilities AND Equity

\$65,461.53

SYRWCD WMA  
INCOME STATEMENT  
FOR THE 6 PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	QUARTER TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE	
	ACTUAL	PERCENT	ACTUAL	PERCENT
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Revenue				
Operating Assessments	\$26,300.00	100.0 %	53,674.00	100.0
<b>TOTAL Revenue</b>	<b>26,300.00</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>53,674.00</b>	<b>100.0</b>
TOTAL Revenue	26,300.00	100.0	53,674.00	100.0
Gross Profit	26,300.00	100.0	53,674.00	100.0
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Operating Expenses				
Outside Staff Support	300.00	1.1	300.00	.6
Public Relations	445.23	1.7	445.23	.8
<b>TOTAL Operating Expenses</b>	<b>745.23</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>745.23</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Consultants				
Stakeholder Engagement	4,902.50	18.6	11,310.00	21.1
GSP - DMS	29.50	.1	29.50	.1
GSP - HCM	1,218.50	4.6	2,334.50	4.3
GSP - Water Budget, GW Models	4,865.50	18.5	4,865.50	9.1
GSP - Monitor/Measure	.00	.0	5,600.50	10.4
GSP - Sustainable Mgt Criteria	.00	.0	9,589.00	17.9
GSP - Projects/Mgt Actions	5,044.00	19.2	15,084.25	28.1
GSP - GSP Doc	24,850.17	94.5	49,295.67	91.8
GSP - AEM Survey	13,579.28	51.6	32,396.78	60.4
<b>TOTAL Consultants</b>	<b>54,489.45</b>	<b>207.2</b>	<b>130,505.70</b>	<b>243.1</b>
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>	<b>55,234.68</b>	<b>210.0</b>	<b>131,250.93</b>	<b>244.5</b>
Net Income from Operations	(28,934.68)	(110.0)	(77,576.93)	(144.5)
Earnings before Income Tax	(28,934.68)	(110.0)	(77,576.93)	(144.5)
Net Income (Loss)	\$(28,934.68)	(110.0)%	(77,576.93)	(144.5)

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

**OCTOBER 2021 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1038	10/15/21	Inklings	Public Draft WMA GSP printed (2 copies) (Public access to review GSP at Lompoc and Vandenberg Village Libraries)	\$ 189.23
1039	10/15/21	Santa Barbara News Press	Public Draft GSP advertisement (9/26/21: 1 of 2 run dates) (1/3 of total paid per GSA)	\$ 50.00
1040	10/15/21	Santa Maria Times	Public Draft GSP advertisement (9/28/21 SYV News and 9/29/21 Lompoc Record) (1/3 of total paid per GSA)	\$ 156.00
1041	10/15/21	Stetson Engineers	August 2021 Engineering Service (Task Order #2 & AEM work)	\$ 22,817.66
1042	10/15/21	Valley Bookkeeping	2021 3rd Quarter Bookkeeping (July, August, September 2021)	\$ 150.00
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 23,362.89</b>

**NOVEMBER 2021 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1043	11/15/21	Santa Barbara News Press	Public Draft GSP advertisement (10/3/21: 2 of 2 run dates) (1/3 of total paid per GSA)	\$ 50.00
1044	11/15/21	Stetson Engineers	September 2021 Engineering Service (Task Order #1 & AEM work)	\$ 23,378.03
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 23,428.03</b>

**DECEMBER 2021 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1045	12/14/21	Stetson Engineers	October 2021 Engineering Service (Task Order #1)	\$ 8,293.76
1046	12/14/21	Valley Bookkeeping	2021 4th Quarter Bookkeeping (October, November, December 2021)	\$ 150.00
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 8,443.76</b>

**TOTAL THIS QUARTER: \$ 55,234.68**

**Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin**  
**2022 Regular GSA Meetings**

**WMA GSA Committee**

(Wednesday, 10:00 am; if in person, at Lompoc Water Treatment Plant)

February 23, 2022	Regular Meeting	
May 25, 2022	Regular Meeting	
August 24, 2022	Regular Meeting	
<b>November 16, 2022</b>	Regular Meeting	meeting to be held one week early due to Thanksgiving Holiday

**CMA GSA Committee**

(Mondays, 10:00 am; if in person, at Buellton City Council Chambers)

February 28, 2022	Regular Meeting	
May 23, 2022	Regular Meeting	
August 22, 2022	Regular Meeting	
<b>November 14, 2022</b>	Regular Meeting	meeting to be held one week early due to Thanksgiving Holiday

**EMA GSA Committee**

(Thursday, 6:30 pm; if in person, at Solvang City Council Chambers)

February 22, 2022	Regular Meeting	
May 26, 2022	Regular Meeting	
August 25, 2022	Regular Meeting	
<b>November 17, 2022</b>	Regular Meeting	meeting to be held one week early due to Thanksgiving Holiday

**WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA  
CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP  
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: February 4, 2022  
FROM: WMA Citizen Advisory Group  
(Memo by Karen Kistler)  
SUBJECT: Workshop and Q&A on Future Governance Options

**Western Management Area (WMA) Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) Members:**

CAG Members in attendance: Charles Witt, Ken Domako, Karen Kistler and Derek McLeish.

Staff and Consultants in attendance: Mr. Bill Buelow (SYRWCD), Mr. Matt Young (County Water Agency), Ms. Kristin Worthley (City of Lompoc), Mr. John Fio (EKI, consultant for City of Lompoc), and Mr. Joe Barget (VVCSD).

**Purpose**

The WMA GSA Committee requested staff for the GSA agencies to coordinate meetings of the WMA CAG. Through a coordinated effort, the CAG held a meeting via teleconference. The meeting was held on February 4, 2022. The purpose of the meetings was for the WMA CAG (CAG) to discuss future governance options.

**CAG Comments on Draft Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)**

The GSP was adopted on January 5, 2022. It was uploaded to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) site prior to the January 31, 2022 deadline. It is currently under an additional 75-day public review and comment period, which expires April 16, 2022. Each member of the CAG was given the opportunity to ask questions or make comments. There were no comments recorded.

**Future Governance of the WMA GSA**

The WMA is required to conduct activities during the year that are indicative of maintaining groundwater sustainability. To this end, an annual report, submitted to the DWR in September, is required. A variety of expenditures may be necessary to collect the data needed for the annual reports. As the WMA is one entity within the wider Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin), the CAG is considering basic options for future governance: each GSA implements their own GSPs and no shared costs; and an umbrella Joint Powers Authority (JPA) with the three separate GSAs. Various governance scenarios have been discussed at previous CAG meetings.

Forming a JPA was explained to be an entity of legal entities. Concerns regarding this proposal included keeping the autonomy of each GSA, ensuring that costs and services provided under a JPA were equitably distributed, and future cost management. Potential upsides mentioned were integrated sustainability plans and data collection within the entire Basin, reduced redundancy which should reduce costs, and a uniformly directed plan from the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District.

Additional potential projects that may affect groundwater sustainability were then presented. The first was a desalination plant. Desalination can occur offshore via a buoy configuration. It is touted to be ocean friendly and would be powered by onshore renewable energy. Information about the company, Seawell (<https://www.seawellwater.com>), will be presented at a future date.

The second was the potential of cleaning/filtering water extracted from oil production wells to supplement large non-potable water users, such as golf courses. Currently, this water is reinjected into the substrate. This practice may cease due to environmental concerns, particularly groundwater contamination, and thus this water may be utilized. For more information regarding injection wells see:

[https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/general\\_information/Pages/class\\_injection\\_wells.aspx](https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/general_information/Pages/class_injection_wells.aspx)

There was no further discussion, and the meeting was adjourned.