

## NOTICE AND AGENDA OF SPECIAL 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, JANUARY 5, 2022

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

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**Important Notice Regarding Public Participation in Teleconference Meeting:** Those who wish to provide public comment on an Agenda Item, or who otherwise are making a presentation to the GSA Committee, may participate in the meeting using the remote access referenced above. **Those wishing to submit written comments instead, please submit any and all comments and materials to the GSA via electronic mail at [bbuelow@syrwed.com](mailto:bbuelow@syrwed.com).** All submittals of written comments must be received by the GSA no later than **Tuesday, January 4, 2022**, and should indicate “**January 5, 2022 GSA Meeting**” in the subject line. To the extent practicable, public comments and materials received in advance pursuant to this timeframe will be read into the public record during the meeting. Public comments and materials not read into the record will become part of the post-meeting materials available to the public and posted on the SGMA website.

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GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

**AGENDA OF SPECIAL 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. Public Hearing on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (WMA GSP) (10:00 a.m)
- 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
- VII. Update and discussion on WMA GSP and Future Governance Options
- VIII. Update on WMA Annual Report
- IX. Next Regular WMA GSA Meeting, Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.
- X. WMA GSA Committee requests and comments
- XI. 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



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**HEALTH OFFICIALS AB 361 SOCIAL DISTANCE RECOMMENDATION**

**Issued: September 28, 2021**

COVID-19 disease prevention measures, endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, include vaccinations, facial coverings, increased indoor ventilation, handwashing, and physical distancing (particularly indoors).

Since March 2020, local legislative bodies-such as commissions, committees, boards, and councils- have successfully held public meetings with teleconferencing as authorized by Executive Orders issued by the Governor. Using technology to allow for virtual participation in public meetings is a social distancing measure that may help control transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Public meetings bring together many individuals (both vaccinated and potentially unvaccinated), from multiple households, in a single indoor space for an extended time. For those at increased risk for infection, or subject to an isolation or quarantine order, teleconferencing allows for full participation in public meetings, while protecting themselves and others from the COVID-19 virus.

Utilizing teleconferencing options for public meetings is an effective and recommended social distancing measure to facilitate participation in public affairs and encourage participants to protect themselves and others from the COVID-19 disease. This recommendation is further intended to satisfy the requirement of the Brown Act (specifically Gov't Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A)), which allows local legislative bodies in the County of Santa Barbara to use certain available teleconferencing options set forth in the Brown Act.

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Henning Ansorg, MD  
Public Health Officer  
County of Santa Barbara

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Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD  
Public Health Director  
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**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2021-10.7  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

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

**Health Officer Order No. 2021-10.7 Supersedes and Replaces Health Officer Order  
No. 2021-10.6**

**Effective Date: December 3, 2021, 5:00pm PT**

(Changes are underlined.)

**Please read this Order carefully.** Violation of or failure to comply with this Order may constitute a misdemeanor punishable by fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment, or both, or result in administrative fines. (Health and Safety Code §§ 101029, 120295 et seq.; County Ord. No. 5120.) Violators are also subject to civil enforcement actions including fines or civil penalties per violation per day, injunctive relief, and attorneys' fees and costs.

This Health Officer Order No. 2021-10.7 supersedes and replaces Health Officer Order No. 2021-10.6 that was effective November 4, 2021. 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#>

**Summary: As of December 1, 2021, the community transmission level of COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County is categorized as “Substantial” based on the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Indicators. The significantly more transmissible SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant of COVID-19 is the predominant strain in the US and in Santa Barbara County. To control the spread of COVID-19, this Health Officer Order orders all individuals in the County of Santa Barbara – whether vaccinated or unvaccinated – to wear a Face Covering at all times in all Indoor Public Settings, and while inside any Business, with limited exemptions, and recommends that Businesses make face coverings available to individuals entering the Business. This Health Officer Order also allows students to participate in indoor School-Based Extracurricular Activities (as defined) without a Face Covering when it is impracticable so long as the student actively participating is routinely tested for COVID-19.**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for conditions caused by a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, and on March 12, 2020, the County of Santa Barbara declared a local emergency and a local health emergency in relation COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, in the County of Santa Barbara (“County”) as well as throughout California and the nation, there are insufficient quantities of critical healthcare infrastructure, including

hospital beds, ventilators and workers, capable of adequately treating mass numbers of patients at a single time – should the virus spread unchecked; and

WHEREAS, in direct response to the lack of healthcare infrastructure, governments across the nation are taking actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in order to “flatten the curve” of infection and reduce the numbers of individuals infected at any one time by minimizing situations where the virus can spread; and

WHEREAS, the CDC categorizes COVID-19 community transmission in four categories: Low, Moderate, Substantial, and High; and

WHEREAS, per the CDC “for people infected with the Delta variant, similar amounts of viral genetic material have been found among both unvaccinated and fully vaccinated people”; and

WHEREAS, since April 2021, the Delta variant has been circulating in the County. This variant is highly transmissible in indoor settings and requires multicomponent prevention strategies to reduce spread. Despite high vaccination rates, the County is experiencing substantial levels of community transmission due to the Delta variant. While the risk for COVID-19 infection is highest among unvaccinated persons, the incidence of infection among fully vaccinated persons may also occur. Hospitalizations remain elevated from levels prior to the implementation of this Order, primarily among unvaccinated persons; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States are highly safe and effective. These vaccines provide protection to individuals and communities, particularly against severe COVID-19 disease, hospitalization, and death, and are recommended by the CDC for all populations authorized to receive them by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The Health Officer strongly recommends that all eligible persons in the County be vaccinated. Vaccines are available for all persons over 5 years of age. Information on obtaining a COVID19 vaccine in the County of Santa Barbara is available here: <https://publichealthsb.org/vaccine>; and

WHEREAS, since July 19, 2021, the Health Officer has recommended that fully vaccinated persons wear masks in public indoor settings, considering the apparent increased transmissibility of the Delta variant; and

WHEREAS, since July 28, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has required face coverings in specific indoor public settings regardless of vaccination status, and for those that are not fully vaccinated. The CDPH also recommends universal masking indoors statewide, as “an extra precautionary measure for all to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, especially in communities currently seeing the highest transmission rates” (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>); and

WHEREAS, as of August 13, 2021 and updated October 25, 2021, the CDC recommends those not fully vaccinated and aged 2 or older should (1) wear a face covering in indoor public places; and (2) in areas with high numbers of COVID-19 cases, consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are

not fully vaccinated (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>); and

WHEREAS, as of September 1, 2021 and updated October 15, 2021, the CDC recommends fully vaccinated individuals wear a face covering in public indoor settings in areas with Substantial or High community transmission rates (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>); and

WHEREAS, as of August 4, 2021 and updated November 5, 2021, the CDC recommends “universal indoor masking for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.” When community transmission is “Substantial” the CDC recommends screening testing for participants of high-risk sports and high-risk extracurricular activities, especially when conducted indoors, twice per week for participants that are not fully vaccinated. When community transmission is “Moderate” the CDC recommends screening testing for participants of high-risk sports and high-risk extracurricular activities, especially when conducted indoors, at least once per week for participants that are not fully vaccinated. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>); and

WHEREAS, as of November 24, 2021, the CDPH updated its COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year, requiring face coverings for indoor School-Based Extracurricular Activities and recommending weekly testing for activities when masks (Face Coverings) or “bell covers” are not practicable (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx>); and

WHEREAS, as of December 1, 2021, according to the CDC, COVID-19 community transmission level is categorized as “Substantial” in California and Santa Barbara County. As of November 26, 2021, the County has a case rate of 7.0 per 100,000 and a test positivity of 4.0%; and

WHEREAS, the CDC and the CDPH find the use of face coverings may reduce asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19 and reinforce physical distancing, and that wearing a face covering combined with physical distancing of at least six feet, and frequent hand washing, will lessen the risk of COVID-19 transmission by limiting the spread of respiratory droplets; and

WHEREAS, universal indoor use of face coverings, also known as masking, is the least disruptive and most immediately impactful additional measure to take to limit the spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant. This Order is part of a strategy to support the continued operations of Businesses, activities, and schools; and

WHEREAS, the County Health Officer finds (1) a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 are asymptomatic and can transmit the virus to others; (2) those who may develop symptoms can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms; (3) the incidence of infection among fully vaccinated persons continues to occur; (4) scientific evidence shows COVID-19 is easily spread and public activities can result in transmission of the virus; (5) face coverings are necessary because COVID-19 is highly contagious and



is spread through respiratory droplets that are produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets may land on other people or be inhaled into their lungs, may land on and attach to surfaces where they remain for days, and may remain viable in the air for up to three hours, even after the infected person is no longer present; (6) indoor School-Based Extracurricular Activities lead to increased exhalation and respiratory droplet production; (7) Face Coverings cannot be practicably worn during some indoor School-Based Extracurricular Activities; (8) when worn properly, face coverings have the potential to slow the spread of the virus by limiting the spread of respiratory droplets; and (9) distinctions made in this Order are to minimize the spread of COVID-19 that could occur through proximity and duration of contact between individuals; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Order is to temporarily require the use of Face Coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County to the maximum extent possible. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent.

**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. This Order 2021-10.7 is effective 5:00 p.m. (PT) December 3, 2021 and continuing until 5:00 p.m. (PT), on January 2, 2022 or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer (“Health Officer”). This Order applies in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County (“County”).
2. This Order orders that in the County Face Coverings must be worn over the mouth and nose – regardless of vaccination status – in all Indoor Public Settings, and while inside any Business, as defined below, including but not limited to: offices, retail stores, restaurants and bars, theaters, family entertainment centers, conference and event centers, State and local government offices serving the public, educational entities, and schools K-12.
3. Individuals, Businesses, venue operators, hosts, and others responsible for the operation of Indoor Public Settings must:
  - a. Require all individuals to wear Face Coverings regardless of vaccination status while indoors; and
  - b. Post clearly visible and easy-to-read signage at all entry points to communicate the Face Covering requirements.
4. Exemptions. Individuals are not required to wear Face Coverings in the following circumstances:
  - a. While working alone in a closed office or room;
  - b. While actively eating and/or drinking;
  - c. While swimming or showering;

- d. While obtaining a medical or cosmetic service involving the head or face for which temporary removal of the Face Covering is necessary to perform the service;
- e. Performers at indoor live events such as theater, opera, symphony, religious choirs, and professional sports may remove Face Coverings while actively performing or practicing, though such individuals should maximize physical distancing as much as practicable;
- f. Individuals in indoor religious or cultural gatherings may remove Face Coverings when necessary to participate in religious or cultural rituals;
- g. Individuals actively engaged in water-based sports (e.g., swimming, swim lessons, diving, water polo) and other sports where masks create imminent risk to health (e.g., wrestling, judo). All other indoor recreational sports, gyms, and yoga studios shall comply with this Order;
- h. Students actively participating in School-Based Extracurricular Activities (as defined below), when practicing, conditioning, or competing in indoor sports or exercise, where due to heavy exertion, Face Coverings are not practicable, so long as those participating students undergo COVID-19 testing either once weekly with an FDA-approved PCR testing, or twice weekly with an FDA-approved antigen testing. Face Coverings are required at all other times including when not actively practicing, conditioning, competing, or on the sidelines, in team meetings, within locker rooms, or in weight rooms;
- i. Students actively participating in School-Based Extracurricular Activities (as defined below), using instruments indoors that cannot be played with a Face Coverings (e.g., wind instruments) may perform without a Face Covering if bell coverings are used AND a minimum of 3 feet of physical distancing is maintained between participants. If bell covers are not used, then participating students shall undergo COVID-19 testing either once weekly with an FDA-approved PCR testing, or twice weekly with an FDA-approved antigen testing. Face Coverings are required at all other times when not actively practicing or performing;
- j. Persons younger than two years old must not wear a Face Covering because of the risk of suffocation;
- k. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a Face Covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a Face Covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a Face Covering without assistance;
- l. Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, when the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication; and
- m. Persons for whom wearing a Face Covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

5. Persons exempted from wearing a Face Covering due to a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge.
6. Workplaces subject to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) and/or the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standards should consult the applicable regulations for additional requirements. The ETS allows local health jurisdictions to mandate more protective measures. (8 CCR § 3205(a)(2).) This Order, which requires Face Coverings for all individuals in Indoor Public Settings, and while inside any Business, regardless of vaccination status, takes precedence over the more permissive ETS regarding employee face coverings.
7. “Business” or “Businesses” for the purpose of this Health Officer Order is defined to mean any institution, establishment, public or private agency, for-profit, non-profit, or educational entity, whether an organization, corporate entity, partnership, or sole proprietorship. Business does not include a place when used exclusively by one or more individuals for a private gathering or other personal purpose.
8. “Face Covering” means a covering made of a variety of materials such as cloth, fabric, cotton, silk, linen, or other permeable materials, that fully covers the tip of a person’s nose and mouth, without holes, including cloth face masks, surgical masks, towels, scarves, and/or bandanas. This Order does not require the public to wear medical-grade masks, including masks rated N95, KN95, and their equivalent or better.

A face covering with a one-way valve (typically a raised plastic cylinder about the size of a quarter on the front or side of the mask) that provides a preferential path of escape for exhaled breath shall not be used as a face covering under this Order because the valve permits respiratory droplets to easily escape which places others at risk.

9. “Indoor Public Setting” or “Indoor Public Settings” for the purpose of this Health Officer Order is defined to mean an enclosed area whether privately or publicly owned, to which the public have access by right or by invitation, expressed or implied, whether by payment of money or not, but not a place when used exclusively by one or more individuals for a private gathering or other personal purpose.
10. “School-Based Extracurricular Activities” for the purpose of this Health Officer Order is defined to mean all extracurricular activities that are operated or supervised by public or private schools K-12 and involve singing, shouting, band, or exercise at a school site, whether or not the activity occurs during school hours.
11. Except as otherwise set forth herein, the June 28, 2021 Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings issued by the CDPH (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>) as may be amended from time to time, continues to apply throughout the County of Santa Barbara.

12. The Health Officer strongly encourages that individuals, Businesses, venue

operators, hosts, and others responsible for the operation of Indoor Public Settings to provide Face Coverings at no cost to individuals required to wear them.

13. If you cannot afford a face covering one will be provided to you free-of-charge at the following locations:
- a. Santa Barbara County Administration building lobby, 105 E Anapamu St, Santa Barbara
  - b. Santa Barbara Health Care Center, 345 Camino del Remedio, Santa Barbara
  - c. Santa Maria Health Care Center, 2115 Centerpointe Parkway, Santa Maria
  - d. The Health Officer requests cities within the County of Santa Barbara provide face coverings free-of-charge to those cannot afford them.

This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 which has infected at least 263,435,245 individuals worldwide, in 222 countries and territories, including 45,691 cases, and 548 deaths in the County, and is implicated in over 5,238,270 worldwide deaths.

This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 both within the County and worldwide, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.

This Order is issued because of the propensity of the virus to spread person to person and also because the virus physically is causing property loss or damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide. As the presence of individuals increases, the difficulty and magnitude of tracing individuals who may have been exposed to a case rises exponentially.

This Order may be rescinded when the County's Case Rate per 100,000 in population is 7 or less for 21 consecutive days, and hospitalizations are low and stable (20% or more staffed ICU beds are available) for 3 consecutive days.

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 July 28, 2021 California Department of Public Health Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings; the October 15, 2021 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People; and the October 25, 2021 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Your Guide to Masks; the November 5, 2021 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools; and the November 24, 2021 California Department of Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year.

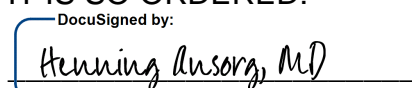
This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 120175; Health and Safety Code sections 101030 et seq., 120100 et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.

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:

DocuSigned by:  


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

RESOLUTION NO. 707

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
APPROVING ADOPTION OF GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN  
FOR THE WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA  
OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District is a member of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (“GSA”), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated January 11, 2017 (“MOA”);

**WHEREAS**, the GSA prepared a Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“Draft GSP”) for the Western Management Area, which was published for public comment on September 11, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, after the close of public comment, the GSA prepared a Final Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“Final GSP”), which has been presented to the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District for its approval;

**WHEREAS**, under the MOA, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District is represented on the GSA Committee, which must approve and adopt the Final GSP;

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District finds that the Final GSP complies with the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”); and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District hereby resolves as follows:

- 1) Each of the recitals above is true and correct and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 2) The Board of Directors finds that the Final GSP, as presented, is consistent with the requirements of SGMA.
- 3) The Board of Directors hereby instructs its representative(s) on the GSA Committee to vote, on the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District’s behalf, to adopt the Final GSP in substantially the form presented to the Board of Directors, subject to such minor changes as are approved by the representative(s).

The foregoing resolution being on motion of Director Jordan, seconded by Director Mary mee, was authorized by the following vote:

**AYES**, and in favor thereof, Directors:

Cynthia Allen  
Mark Altshuler  
Art Hibbits  
Steve Jordan  
Brett Marymee

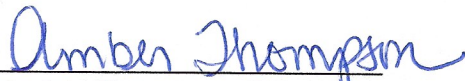
**NOES**, Directors:


None

**ABSENT/ABSTAINING**, Directors:

None

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said district as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors the 1st of December 2021.

  
Amber Thompson, Secretary

  
Cynthia Allen, President

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-333 APPROVING ADOPTION OF GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA OF THE  
SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

**WHEREAS**, The Mission Hills Community Services District is a member of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (“GSA”), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated January 11, 2017 (“MOA”); and

**WHEREAS**, the GSA prepared a Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“Draft GSP”) for the Western Management Area, which was published for public comment on September 24, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, after the close of public comment, the GSA prepared a Final Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“Final GSP”), which has been presented to Mission Hills Community Services District for its approval; and


**WHEREAS**, under the MOA, Mission Hills Community Services District is represented on the GSA Committee, which must approve and adopt the Final GSP; and

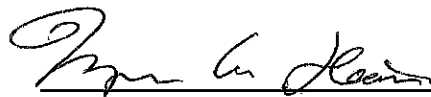
**WHEREAS**, Mission Hills Community Services District finds that the Final GSP complies with the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”); and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the Mission Hills Community Services District hereby resolves as follows:

- 1) Each of the recitals above is true and correct and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 2) The Board of Directors finds that the Final GSP, as presented, is consistent with the requirements of SGMA.
- 3) The Board of Directors hereby instructs its representative(s) on the GSA Committee to vote on Mission Hills Community Services District’s behalf, to adopt the Final GSP in substantially the form presented to the Board of Directors, subject to such minor changes as are approved by the representative(s).

ATTEST:

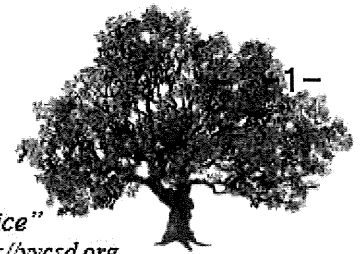
  
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Guadalupe Huitron, Board Secretary

  
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Myron Heavin, President



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## MINUTES Regular Meeting

**November 2, 2021**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Stewart.

2. ROLL CALL: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, Redmon, and Stewart participated via Zoom video conference.

### OTHERS PRESENT

General Manager Joe Barget, Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Manager Mike Garner, Administrative Services (AS) Manager Cynthia Allen, Finance Administrator Patricia LeCavalier, Adam Guise, Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, LLP, and Bill Buelow, with Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District participated via Zoom video conference.

### 3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were none.

### 4. PUBLIC FORUM

President Stewart invited public comments and there were none.

### 5. OPERATIONS REPORT

O&M Manager Garner reported the District pumped 37 million gallons of water for October with an average daily demand of 1.2 million gallons.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, Redmon, and Stewart

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**C. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)**

Motion by Director Brooks, seconded by Director Bumpass to approve the draft GSP for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, and authorize Directors Brooks and Stewart to vote to adopt the final plan on behalf of the District.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, Redmon, and Stewart

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

9. REPORTS

A. Committees

There were no committee meetings.

B. District Representatives to External Agencies

Director Stewart will attend the Association of California Water Agencies conference in Pasadena in December.

C. President

President Stewart had nothing to report.

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council**  
**Tuesday, December 6, 2016**  
**City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**OPEN SESSION – 5:30 P.M. – Council Chamber**

Council Members Present: Dirk Starbuck, Victor Vega, James Mosby, Jenelle Osborne, and Mayor Bob Lingl.

Staff Present: City Manager Patrick Wiemiller, Economic Development Director/Assistant City Manager Teresa Gallavan, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, and City Attorney Joseph Pannone.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**CLOSED SESSION – City Council Conference Room**

**BUSINESS ITEM:**

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:** Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: Two matters.
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** City Designated Representatives: Gabriel Garcia, Brad Wilkie, Colin Tanner Employee Organization: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1245 (IBEW) and Lompoc Police Officer's Association (LPOA).

**OPEN SESSION - 6:30 P.M. – Council Chamber**

Council Members Present: Dirk Starbuck, Victor Vega, James Mosby, Jenelle Osborne, and Mayor Bob Lingl.

Staff Present: City Manager Patrick Wiemiller, Economic Development Director/Assistant City Manager Teresa Gallavan, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, City Attorney Joseph Pannone, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Michael Luther, Planning Manager Lucille Breese, Management Services Director Brad Wilkie, Administrative Analyst Laura Candy, Senior Administrative Analyst Susan Segovia, and Financial Services Manager Melinda Wall.

Others Present: Mike Mendibles, Chris Braxton, Don Edward, AJ Gonzales, Diego Cardenas, Ceasar Jimenez, Dorine Fabing, Lawrence Barbosa, Mark Ashamalla, Mary Ratcliff, Eduardo Cardenas, Eileen Wykoff, Diane Burns, Steve Dietrich, Kate Giffith, Peter Lewis, Chris Starling, Carl Kreeel, Michelle Tognazzini, Pam Stevens, Jason Osborne, Terry Hammons, Gerald White, Jon Johnson, Joyce Howerton, Walt Fasold, Gil Navarro, Will Schuyler, Don Buck, and Nicholas Gonzales

**REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION:**

City Attorney Joseph Pannone announced no reportable action was taken during the Closed Session.

Pastor Kathleen Puntar gave the invocation and Mayor Bob Lingl led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**PRESENTATIONS PRESENTED ELSEWHERE:**

Mayor Pro Tempore Victor Vega presented a Proclamation to Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Bureau President/C.E.O. Ken Ostini, on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, commending Mr. Ostini for his continuous work and service to the Lompoc Valley.

Mayor Lingl attended a ceremony at the Lompoc Veteran's of Foreign Wars Memorial Building honoring two individuals from California who both received the French Legion of Honor Medal.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (cont'd)

6. **Enterprise Reimbursement Study Acceptance.**

Management Services Director Brad Wilkie presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council discussed the information presented and asked Jack Rodenhi, the Chair of the **Single Purpose Committee to Review the Enterprise Reimbursement Study**, to speak about Staff's recommendations. Mr. Rodenhi stated his concern regarding the Study is the methodology used and the value given to City-owned facilities by the consultants in the Study.

Public Comment:

1. Gary Bower asked Council to consider the rights of taxpayers.

After further discussion of this matter, Mayor Lingl moved to appoint Council Members Mosby and Starbuck to a City Council ad-hoc committee which will work with City Staff to review this Study and return at a later date with alternate legally approvable enterprise reimbursement methods. The motion was seconded by Council Member Starbuck and approved by a unanimous vote of the entire Council.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

7. **Consideration of a Planning Commission Recommendation for City Council Approval of the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Update to Chapter 17.108, Sign Regulations; Introduction by First Reading of Title Ordinance 1631 (16) (Planning Division Files No. ZC 15-02 / TA 15-02).**

Planning Manager Lucille T. Breese introduced the representatives from Lisa Wise Consulting, Inc, the company who has been awarded the contract for the update of the City's Zoning Ordinance. The representatives presented a Power Point presentation of the proposed update to the Lompoc Municipal Code Chapter 17.108, Sign Regulations.

Council discussed the presented information and proposed changes to the Lompoc Municipal Code Chapter 17.108, Sign Regulations.

Public Comment: None

**ACTION** – Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council reviewed and considered the attached material and accepted the Planning Commission recommendations; held a public hearing; accepted the Initial Study/Negative Declaration prepared for the project pursuant to the regulations of the California Environmental Quality Act and directed Staff to file a Notice of Determination; waived further reading of and introduce by first reading of title only Ordinance No. 1631(13), approving the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Update to *Chapter 17.108, Sign Regulations*.

8. **Formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin; Adoption of Resolution No. 6083(16).**

Senior Administrative Analyst Susan Segovia presented the information and recommendations.

Council Member Mosby asked if Staff had any estimates of costs to the City for this State mandated requirement. Senior Administrative Analyst Susan Segovia stated Staff with continue to work on estimates and present that information to Council as soon as possible.

Public Comment:

1. Nicholas Gonzales expressed concern of the City's future water rights being restricted.

**ACTION** – Motion/Second: Mosby/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council adopted Resolution No. 6083(16) to form a Groundwater Sustainable Agency for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin; and authorized the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Agreement for the formation of the Groundwater Sustainable Agency.



## MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council  
Tuesday, September 21, 2021- 6:30 P.M.  
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber

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Alternatively, you may submit comments via email to [s\\_haddon@ci.lompoc.ca.us](mailto:s_haddon@ci.lompoc.ca.us) not later than 4:00pm on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Pursuant to State Law, any member of the public may address the City Council concerning any Item on the Agenda. Please be aware that Items on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and are normally enacted by one vote of the City Council. If you wish to speak on a Consent Calendar Item, please do so during "Public Comment on Consent Calendar Items".

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### **OPEN SESSION - 6:30 P.M. – Council Chamber**

**Council Members Present:** Victor Vega, Dirk Starbuck, Jeremy Ball, and Mayor Jenelle Osborne.

**Staff Present:** City Manager Jim Throop, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, City Attorney Jeff Malawy, Financial Services Manager Christie Donnelly, and Human Resources Manager Gabriel Garcia.

**Others Present:** Deb Andrews, Joy Price, Dorian Hodge, Alfonso Almodovar, and Dave Baker.

Pastor Bernie Federmann gave the invocation and Mayor Jenelle Osborne led the **Pledge of Allegiance.**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Osborne presented a Proclamation in honor of **National Constitution Week** to representatives of the Rancho Purisima Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

4. **Council Appointment of Council Representative to the Western Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin.**

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Ball/Starbuck By a 4-0-1 vote, (Council Member Cordova was absent) Council appointed Council Member Ball to serve on the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committee of the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez Valley Groundwater Basin.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** (cont'd)

3. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6450(21) Approving Amendment No. 3 to the Memorandum of Understanding With Employees Represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 1245 and Approving Supplemental Appropriations to Fund the Amended Compensation Plan.**

Council Member Starbuck asked Staff to confirm the proposed adjustments include the career ladder steps in the request for appropriations. Human Resources Manager Gabriel Garcia assured Council the projections in the Staff report do include career ladder steps.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Starbuck/Vega By a 4-0-1 vote, (Council Member Cordova was absent) Council adopted Resolution No. 6450(21), which will approve Amendment No. 3 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 1245 (IBEW 1245) and the City (Amendment), providing equity adjustments to certain positions in the Management Services Department, Treasury and Finance Divisions; approved the proposed equity adjustments as prescribed in the Amendment; amended the City's Compensation Plan to include the equity adjustments as prescribed in the Amendment; approved the supplemental appropriations which will fund the proposed equity adjustments for Fiscal Year 2021-23; and approved the supplemental resources to fund the supplemental appropriations.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum):** None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS:**

Council Member Ball reminded everyone of the upcoming Arbor Day celebration scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Recognition Grove – River Park at 10:00 A.M.; and announced a dedication of a living tree and park bench in honor of Marlon Brumfield at Beattie Park on October 2, 2021 beginning at 11:00 A.M.

Mayor Osborne reported she attended several meetings and events including the Elected Leaders Forum on Homelessness, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), the 9/11 Memorial Events at the Lompoc Fire Station 51 and the Lompoc Airport, and a sit-along with the Lompoc Dispatch; she announced several upcoming events, the official unveiling of the LandSat 9 mural on the 100 Block of North I Street, Lompoc will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021, a new center for teens will open with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 646 North H Street, Lompoc; Lompoc Chamber and Visitor's Bureau is hosting a city-wide scarecrow event and registration is due no later than October 1, 2021, the Chamber is organizing a trick or treat event for October 30, 2021 and is asking for all who want to participate in these events to call the Chamber office at (805) 736-4567; Mayor Osborne also announced the City will be hosting a dunk for pumpkins event at the Lompoc Aquatic Center on October 24, 2021 and the Lompoc Recreation Division does have scholarships available to help families in need to help pay for recreation programs.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:33 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on October 5, 2021 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Approved by Council action on October 5, 2021:

/Stacey Haddon/  
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk

Legal Notice of Public Hearings that was published in Santa Barbara News Press  
Editions on Friday, December 17, 2021 and Friday, December 24, 2021

**Notice of Public Hearings for adoption of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin**

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 10728.4, the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) (DWR Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin: 3-015) will hold Public Hearings to accept public comment and consider adoption of the Final Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the respective management area of the Basin.

- **Central Management Area (CMA) GSP: Monday, January 3, 2022 at 10:00 am**
- **Western Management Area (WMA) GSP: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 10:00 am**
- **Eastern Management Area (EMA) GSP: Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm**

Public participation will be available via Zoom. For additional information on methods of participation in the Public Hearings, GSA Committee meetings and to review the Final Groundwater Sustainability Plans, visit **[SantaYnezWater.org](http://SantaYnezWater.org)**. The public hearings may be continued to subsequent meetings of the GSA Committees.

The GSPs were prepared in response to passage of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 and applies to areas within the three management areas of the Basin. The public, agencies and other interested parties are invited to attend the public hearings and provide written and verbal comments. Comments received during the public hearing will be considered by the GSA Committee for its determination to adopt the proposed GSP. For more information, contact Bill Buelow at (805) 693-1156 or email [BBuelow@SYRWCD.com](mailto:BBuelow@SYRWCD.com).

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**RE: Notice of Proposed Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency [Water Code § 10728.4 Notice per SGMA]**

Dear Mr. Throop and Ms. Alexander,

The Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (District) is the coordinating agency for three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin). The three GSAs are preparing Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Water Code section 10720 et seq. (SGMA). As provided in Water Code section 10728.4, SGMA requires each GSA proposing to adopt a GSP to provide notice of the proposed GSP to any city or county within the area of the GSP at least 90 days before holding a public hearing regarding adoption of the GSP.

The GSA for the Western Management Area (WMA) of the Basin is hereby providing notice to the City of Lompoc and the County of Santa Barbara of the proposed adoption of a GSP for the WMA portion of the Basin. Sections of the Draft GSP are available on the SGMA website at [www.santaynezwater.org](http://www.santaynezwater.org) or by contacting me at the District. This notice is provided pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4. As required by that section, the WMA GSA shall review and consider any comments from the City or County and consult with the City and County if they request such consultation within 45 days of receiving this notice. Following a public hearing, the WMA GSA will consider adopting the GSP. While subject to change, the public hearing on the GSP is currently scheduled to occur on or after December 9, 2021. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 805-620-7985.

Sincerely,

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**



William J. Buelow, P.G.  
Groundwater Resources Manager

cc: WMA GSA Committee/Staff



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

**RESOLUTION WMA-2021-002**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON TO SIGN THE SANTA YNEZ  
RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN COORDINATION AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (“GSA”), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated January 11, 2017 (“MOA”), is the exclusive GSA for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-015) (“Basin”);

**WHEREAS**, the GSA has prepared a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) for the Western Management Area;

**WHEREAS**, Water Code section 10727.6 requires each GSA to “coordinate with other agencies preparing a groundwater sustainability plan within the basin to ensure that the plans utilize the same data and methodologies”;

**WHEREAS**, Water Code section 10727(b)(3) requires that multiple GSPs implemented by multiple GSAs must be coordinated pursuant to a coordination agreement that covers the entire Basin;

**WHEREAS**, in February 2020, the individual member agencies of the three GSAs in the Basin executed that Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement for Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, dated February 26, 2020 (“Intra-Basin Agreement”);

**WHEREAS**, in the Intra-Basin Agreement, the member agencies of the Parties agreed to develop and execute a Coordination Agreement in accordance with Water Code sections 10727(b)(3), 10727.6, and 10733.4(b)(3), and California Code of Regulations, title 23, Section 357.4;

**WHEREAS**, a Coordination Agreement has been prepared in consultation with staff of the member agencies of all three GSAs in the Basin and presented to this GSA for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the GSA finds that the Coordination Agreement complies with the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”).

**NOW THEREFORE**, the GSA hereby resolves as follows:

- 1) Each of the recitals above is true and correct and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 2) The GSA finds that that the Coordination Agreement complies with the requirements of SGMA.

- 3) The GSA hereby authorizes and instructs its Chairperson to execute the Coordination Agreement in substantially the form presented to the GSA, subject to such minor changes as are approved by the Chairperson.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Committee of the WMA GSA on December 8, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Jeremy Ball, Chris Brooks, Myron Heavin, Steve Jordan

NOES: None

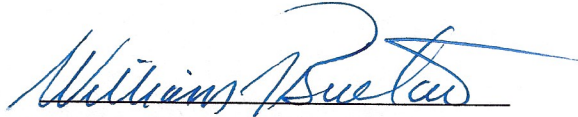
ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:



Chris Brooks, Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary

## **Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement**

This Coordination Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“WMA GSA”), the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“CMA GSA”), and the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EMA GSA”) pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code, div. 6, part 2.74) (“SGMA”). WMA GSA, CMA GSA, and EMA GSA are referred to herein collectively as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party” or a “GSA.” This Agreement shall be effective as of January 1, 2022 (“Effective Date”).

### **Recitals**

A. WHEREAS, SGMA requires all groundwater basins designated as high or medium priority by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) to be managed by one or more Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) pursuant to one or more Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“GSPs”).

B. WHEREAS, the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin Number 3-015) (“Basin”) has been designated as a medium-priority basin by DWR.

C. WHEREAS, the WMA GSA was formed by the City of Lompoc, the Vandenberg Village Community Services District, the Mission Hills Community Services District, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, and the Santa Barbara County Water Agency pursuant to that Memorandum of Agreement for Formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, dated January 11, 2017 (“WMA MOA”).

D. WHEREAS, the CMA GSA was formed by the City of Buellton, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, and the Santa Barbara County Water Agency pursuant to that Memorandum of Agreement for Formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, dated January 11, 2017 (“CMA MOA”).

E. WHEREAS, the EMA GSA was formed by the City of Solvang, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, and the Santa Barbara County Water Agency pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement for Formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, dated April 27, 2017 (“EMA MOA”).

F. WHEREAS, each Party is authorized to prepare and adopt a GSP under SGMA for a portion of the Basin, and pursuant to the WMA MOA, the CMA MOA, and the EMA MOA, each Party determined to prepare a separate GSP for its respective Management Area in the Basin.

G. WHEREAS, in February 2020, the individual member agencies of the Parties executed that Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement for Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, dated February 26, 2020 (“Intra-Basin Agreement”).

H. WHEREAS, Water Code section 10727.6 requires each GSA to “coordinate with other agencies preparing a groundwater sustainability plan within the basin to ensure that the plans utilize the same data and methodologies.”

I. WHEREAS, Water Code section 10727(b)(3) requires that multiple GSPs implemented by multiple GSAs must be coordinated pursuant to a coordination agreement that covers the entire Basin.

J. WHEREAS, in the Intra-Basin Agreement, the member agencies of the Parties agreed to develop and execute this Agreement in accordance with Water Code sections 10727(b)(3), 10727.6, and 10733.4(b)(3), and California Code of Regulations, title 23, Section 357.4.

K. WHEREAS, throughout the process of developing the three GSPs for the Basin, numerous activities were undertaken within each Management Area and among the Management Areas and Parties pursuant to Water Code section 10727.6 to coordinate on a full range of topics relevant to SGMA, including, without limitation, the following:

1. Shared data and methodologies for the topics listed in Water Code section 10727.6
2. Description of geologic units in each Management Area
3. Description of principal aquifers and proposed management under SGMA
4. Methodology for assessing factors such as agricultural and municipal water demands, groundwater and surface water production, irrigation return flow, irrigation efficiencies, crop water use factors, mountain front recharge, stream infiltration, septic return flow, evapotranspiration, municipal water use (inside and outside), non-municipal domestic water use, and discharge from wastewater treatment plants, including manner of disposal
5. Groundwater model domain, layering, layer elevations and thicknesses, ground surface digital elevation model, and numerical model code
6. Precipitation and streamflow data including existing and discontinued gauges
7. Historical water level data
8. Deliveries and use of imported State Water Project (“SWP”) water
9. Deliveries and use of Cachuma Project water
10. Diversions and use of Santa Ynez River water
11. Phreatophyte water use
12. Parameters for each principal aquifer, including transmissivity, storativity, and porosity
13. Land use survey datasets and trends throughout the Basin
14. Groundwater flux between Management Areas and the adjacent groundwater basin

15. Base period for water budgets
16. Mountain front recharge
17. Geophysical investigations
18. Criteria for selection of monitoring networks and sustainable management criteria
19. Estimates of funding needs for implementation of the GSPs

L. WHEREAS, consultants for the Parties, including GSI Water Solutions, Inc., Stetson Engineers Inc., and Geosyntec Consultants, participated in at least 35 meetings to discuss the development and coordination of technical elements of the three GSPs for the Basin, in addition to numerous meetings of Citizens' Advisory Groups in each Management Area.

### **Agreement**

Now, therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

#### **Article 1. Purpose**

The purpose of this Agreement is to comply with SGMA coordination agreement requirements, ensure that the multiple GSPs within the Basin have been prepared utilizing the same data and methodologies for designated assumptions, as required under Water Code section 10727.6 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 350 et seq. ("SGMA Regulations"), and ensure that the elements of the GSPs are appropriately coordinated to support sustainable groundwater management throughout the Basin.

The Parties intend that this Agreement be a description of how the multiple GSPs, developed by the individual GSAs, are implemented together to satisfy the requirements of SGMA. Each Party will include this Agreement as part of its individual GSP.

#### **Article 2. Plan Manager and Point of Contact – § 357.4(b)(1)**

##### §2.1 Designation of Plan Manager

- (a) The Parties designate the current Groundwater Program Manager of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District ("SYRWCD") to serve as the Plan Manager for the GSAs, as defined in SGMA Regulations section 351(z). In the event (i) said Plan Manager ceases to be employed by SYRWCD, (ii) SYRWCD elects to discontinue said designation of Plan Manager, or (iii) any Party requests the designation of a new Plan Manager, the Parties shall consider the designation of a new Plan Manager.
- (b) The designation of a new Plan Manager requires unanimous agreement by the Parties. Any failure to obtain unanimous agreement shall be subject to the dispute resolution procedures set forth in this Agreement.

##### §2.2 Responsibilities of Plan Manager

- (a) The Plan Manager shall serve as the point of contact for DWR as specified in SGMA Regulations section 357.4(b)(1).

- (b) The Plan Manager shall submit or direct the submittal of all GSPs, GSP amendments, supporting information, monitoring data, other pertinent information, annual reports, and periodic evaluations to DWR as required by SGMA and the SGMA Regulations.
- (c) The Plan Manager has no authority to take any action on behalf of the GSAs or a particular GSA without the specific direction and authority of the GSAs or the particular GSA, respectively.

**Article 3. Responsibilities and Procedures – § 357.4(b)(2)**

§3.1 Responsibility of the Parties

The Parties shall work collaboratively to comply with SGMA, the SGMA Regulations, and this Agreement in the implementation of their GSPs. This Agreement does not otherwise affect each Party's responsibility to implement the terms of its respective GSP. Rather, this Agreement is a mechanism through which the Parties will coordinate portions of the multiple GSPs to ensure such GSP coordination complies with SGMA and the SGMA Regulations.

§3.2 Procedure for Timely Exchange of Information

The Parties will continue to exchange information through collaboration and/or informal requests made among staff for the member agencies of the Parties. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prohibit any Party from requesting or exchanging information with any other Party by any other informal or formal means.

§3.3 Procedure for Dispute Resolution

- (a) The Parties agree to mediate any claim or dispute arising under this Agreement or concerning a Party's compliance with the requirements of SGMA before filing any court action ("Dispute"). Any Party may elect not to mediate a Dispute, but if a Party commences a court action without first attempting to resolve the matter through mediation that Party will not be entitled to recover attorneys' fees or costs, even if such fees or costs would otherwise be available to that Party in any such action. A Party will satisfy the requirement for "first attempting to resolve the matter through mediation" by proceeding or otherwise participating in accordance with the entire process set forth in this article.
- (b) In the event of a Dispute, or where the Parties cannot reach agreement on any matter arising under this Agreement or concerning a Party's compliance with the requirements of SGMA, any Party may issue a Notice of Dispute to the other Parties that describes in detail the claim or disputed matter. Within twenty (20) calendar days from the date of the Notice of Dispute, at least one meeting shall be conducted among the Parties who choose to participate as a good faith attempt to resolve the Dispute informally ("Informal Dispute Resolution").
- (c) In the event the Dispute is not resolved through Informal Dispute Resolution within forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of the Notice of Dispute, the Party that issued the initial Notice of Dispute shall provide

a separate written notification to all Parties that participated in the Informal Dispute Resolution process which identifies three mediator candidates, each of whom must be an attorney, engineer, or hydrogeologist experienced and familiar with SGMA, to mediate the Dispute (“Formal Dispute Resolution”). All mediator candidates must be unbiased neutrals who are not participants in any of the GSAs in the Basin and who are not officials, officers, employees, contractors, consultants, or agents of any of the Parties to this Agreement or a Parties’ member agencies. Within ten (10) days of receiving a written notification initiating Formal Dispute Resolution, all Parties that elect to participate in such Formal Dispute Resolution may provide a written response consenting to one or more of the mediator candidates or identifying up to three additional qualified neutral mediator candidates. Thereafter, if a mediator is not mutually agreed upon by said participating Parties from the combined list within fifteen (15) calendar days, each Party will submit two potential mediators that they would approve and a mediator will be picked by a non-Party through random selection from the Parties’ combined lists of remaining mediators. Once initiated, the Formal Dispute Resolution will conclude within forty-five (45) calendar days.

- (d) Mediation fees, if any, will be equally divided among the Parties that elect to participate in a mediation. Each Party involved in the mediation will be responsible for its own attorneys’ fees and costs.
- (e) This article shall not preclude any Party from meeting and conferring with any other Party or Parties to mutually resolve a Dispute prior to requesting or participating in the mediation processes described in this article. This article shall not preclude any Party from seeking a preliminary injunction or other interlocutory relief if necessary to avoid irreparable harm or damages.
- (f) For purposes of this article, the Parties agree that up to two (2) representatives from each member agency of each Party may participate in any meetings or discussions related to Informal Dispute Resolution or Formal Dispute Resolution processes.
- (g) If the Parties to this Agreement enter into any agreement for the joint exercise of powers or amendment to the Inter-Basin Agreement, they may provide in such agreement or amendment for dispute resolution procedures that may replace, revise, or supplement the procedures in this article.

**Article 4. Groundwater Level Data and Monitoring Network – § 357.4(b)(3)(A)**

**§4.1 Coordinated Monitoring Networks**

The Parties have developed coordinated monitoring networks in accordance with SGMA Regulations sections 354.32 through 354.40. The monitoring networks comprise wells included in the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (“CASGEM”) Program and other existing monitoring networks maintained by federal, state, and local agencies. Wells were selected

based on their adequacy under DWR's regulations and Best Management Practices. A map of the combined network, as well as a table of the included wells, is attached hereto as Appendix 1. A Party may add or remove wells from the monitoring network in its respective GSP by providing written notice to the other Parties and to the Plan Manager. The coordinated monitoring networks are intended to accomplish the following objectives:

- (a) demonstrate progress toward achieving measurable objectives described in the respective GSPs;
- (b) monitor potential impacts to beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the Basin;
- (c) monitor changes in groundwater conditions relative to measurable objectives and minimum thresholds described in the respective GSPs; and
- (d) monitor and quantify annual changes in water budget components.

#### §4.2 Groundwater Elevation Data

Groundwater elevation data to be used for the purposes of estimating changes in groundwater storage, evaluating sustainable management criteria, preparing annual reports, and measuring groundwater sustainability will be collected via the coordinated monitoring networks described in article 4.1 above and Appendix 1 to this Agreement.

### **Article 5. Coordinated Water Budgets – § 357.4(b)(3)(B)**

#### §5.1 Coordinated Budgets

In accordance with SGMA Regulations section 354.18, the Parties have prepared coordinated water budgets for the Basin, relying on common assumptions and sources of data. The historical water budget in each GSP uses data from water years 1982-2018. The current water budget in each GSP uses data from water years 2011-2018. The projected water budget in each GSP analyzes conditions for water years 2018-2072.

#### §5.2 Groundwater Extraction Data

Groundwater extractions within the boundaries of the SYRWCD are subject to reporting requirements imposed by SYRWCD under the Water Conservation District Act (Wat. Code, §§ 74000, *et seq.*). The water budgets utilize those reported numbers within those boundaries. For lands outside the boundaries of SYRWCD, the water budgets estimate extractions by calculating crop evapotranspiration for particular land uses, relying on the same crop duty factors used by the SYRWCD. In addition, for small public water systems (pumping outside of SYRWCD), reported pumping data was utilized from the California Drinking Water Information Clearinghouse ("DRINC"). All Management Areas currently have plans to require well metering, or an alternative approved method, to increase the accuracy of reported groundwater extraction data.

#### §5.3 Surface Water Supply

The water budgets utilize streamflow gages for the Santa Ynez River and certain tributaries maintained by the United States Geological Survey. For data regarding the Cachuma Project (including releases from Bradbury Dam), the water budgets use data from the United States Bureau



of Reclamation. For data regarding State Water Project deliveries, the water budgets use data from the Central Coast Water Authority (“CCWA”).

#### §5.4 Total Water Use

Total water use in the water budgets is calculated using assumptions based on historical estimates provided in Stetson Engineers (1992) *Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Water Resources Management Planning Process, Phase I: Baseline Data and Background Information* and groundwater extraction data reported to the SYRWCD. In addition, surface water use for State Water Project and Cachuma Project deliveries are based on records from the CCWA and Reclamation, respectively.

#### §5.5 Change in Groundwater Storage

The water budgets calculate change in groundwater storage using the data described in this article. For deep percolation of precipitation, the water budgets use the United States Geological Survey’s Basin Characterization Model (May 2017; Retrieved October 2020). For subsurface inflows and outflows, modeling was coordinated between the GSAs and the flows across Management Area boundaries are consistently accounted for across the water budgets. Change of groundwater in storage in each Management Area is calculated by 1) developing water level elevation contour maps using representative wells for each reporting period, 2) computing a change in elevation between reporting periods, 3) computing the volume of aquifer this represents, and 4) multiplying a storage coefficient value by the aquifer volume to compute the volumetric change in storage (positive or negative relative to the previous reporting period).

### **Article 6. Sustainable Yield and Undesirable Results – § 357.4(b)(3)(C)**

#### §6.1 Determination of Sustainable Yield

Sustainable yield is defined in SGMA as “the maximum quantity of water, calculated over a base period representative of long-term conditions in the basin and including any temporary surplus that can be withdrawn annually from a groundwater supply without causing an undesirable result.” As further set forth in the GSPs, each Party has estimated the sustainable yield of its respective Management Area in the Basin by using a calculated water budget and related adjustments based on particular circumstances in each Management Area that may create undesirable results as defined by SGMA and established by the respective GSAs in the Basin.

#### §6.2 Estimate of Sustainable Yield

The respective GSPs estimate the sustainable yield of the Basin to be 42,070 acre-feet per year (AFY), with 12,870 AFY in the EMA, 2,800 AFY in the CMA, and 26,400 AFY in the WMA. This estimate is subject to future revision based on changes in conditions and additional data regarding water budget components and the potential for undesirable results in the respective Management Areas.

### **Article 7. Process for Submissions to DWR – § 357.4(d)**

#### §7.1 GSP and Coordination Agreement Submission

The Parties shall submit their respective GSPs to DWR through the Plan Manager in accordance with SGMA and the SGMA Regulations. In accordance with SGMA Regulations section 357.4(c), the Parties intend that adherence to the provisions and procedures set forth in

articles 1 through 7 of this Agreement, along with adherence to the provisions and procedures of the Intra-Basin Agreement and the respective GSPs, will provide the necessary platform and mechanisms to ensure that the GSPs, implemented together, will satisfy the requirements of SGMA (including but not limited to Water Code sections 10727.2, 10727.4, and 10727.6) and ensure sustainable groundwater management for the entire Basin.

#### §7.2 Periodic Evaluations and Plan Amendments

The periodic evaluations required by SGMA Regulations section 356.4, as well as any amendments to any GSP, shall be submitted to DWR through the Plan Manager. A Party intending to amend its GSP shall endeavor in good faith to provide the other Parties with as much advance notice of such activity as practically possible, but in any event no less than what SGMA and the SGMA Regulations require for public notice.

#### §7.3 Monitoring Data

As provided by SGMA Regulations section 354.40, the Plan Manager shall submit monitoring data on forms provided or approved by DWR and included in the Annual Reports.

#### §7.4 Annual Reports

Each Party, for its respective GSP, shall endeavor to provide the data and information required by SGMA Regulations section 356.2 to the Plan Manager by January 31 of the year in which an Annual Report is due. Draft annual reports shall be provided by the Plan Manager to the Parties for approval, and the final reports shall be submitted to DWR by the Plan Manager after final approval by the Parties.

### **Article 8. Coordinated Data Management Systems – § 357.4(e)**

The Parties have developed two separate Data Management Systems, one for the EMA and the other for the CMA and WMA, that are capable of storing and reporting information relevant to the development and implementation of the respective GSPs, including Basin monitoring. The Parties will coordinate with the Plan Manager to ensure that these systems collect, store, and report the data necessary for implementation of the GSPs and reporting to DWR.

### **Article 9. Adjudicated Areas and Adopted Alternatives - § 357.4(f)**

As of the Effective Date of this Agreement, no portions of the Basin have been adjudicated or have submitted an alternative to a GSP for DWR approval pursuant to Water Code section 10733.6.

### **Article 10. Duration, Modification, and Termination**

#### §10.1 Duration of Agreement

This term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and continue until modified or terminated as provided for in this article.

#### §10.2 Review and Modification

This Agreement shall be reviewed by the Parties as part of each five-year assessment of the GSPs and may be supplemented, amended, or modified only by the unanimous written agreement of the Parties.

### §10.3 Adding Parties

By unanimous written agreement of the existing Parties, a new or additional GSA or GSAs may be added to this Agreement if such entity or entities will submit a GSP within the Basin.

### §10.4 Termination/Withdrawal

This Agreement may be terminated by the unanimous written approval of the Parties. Upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the other Parties, any Party may withdraw from this Agreement, and the Agreement shall remain in effect for the remaining Parties.

## **Article 11. Groundwater Rights**

The Parties agree that nothing in this Agreement represents or should be construed as the determination of any claim or assertion of a groundwater right; specifically, the Parties agree that the coordinated water budget information or data does not amount to an allocation, or otherwise represent a determination, validation, or denial of any claimed or asserted groundwater right.

## **Article 12. General Provisions**

### §12.1 Entire Agreement

This Agreement incorporates the entire and exclusive agreement of the Parties with respect to the matters described herein and supersedes all prior negotiations and agreements (written, oral, or otherwise) related thereto; provided, however, this Agreement does not amend or modify the WMA MOA, the CMA MOA, the EMA MOA, or the Intra-Basin Agreement, as those documents may be amended or supplemented. The Recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.

### §12.2 Execution in Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

### §12.3 Notices

Any formal notice required or other formal communication given under the terms of this Agreement will be in writing to all of the Parties and will be given personally, by electronic mail (email), by certified mail (postage prepaid and return receipt requested), or by express courier (with confirmation of receipt). The date of receipt of any written notice provided hereunder will be the date of actual personal service, email, or courier service, or three days after the postmark on certified mail.

### §12.4 Counsel

The Parties recognize that as of the Effective Date, independent legal counsel has not been retained to represent any of the three Parties. The Parties agree that the participation of counsel for any individual member agency of a Party in matters related to this Agreement will not be construed to create an attorney-client relationship or a duty of loyalty between the attorney and any Party, and no such relationship will be deemed to arise by implication as a result of this Agreement. The provisions of this article will not be affected in the event that any or all of the Parties determine(s) to retain independent legal counsel.

Date: 12-14-21

Chris Brooks

Western Management Area GSA

By: Chris Brooks

Its: Chairperson

Date: 12/14/2021

E. Andrisek

Central Management Area GSA

By: Edward Andrisek

Its: Chairperson

Date: 12/20/2021

J. Brett Marymee

Eastern Management Area GSA

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

## **RESOLUTION WMA-2022-001**

### **RESOLUTION ADOPTING GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (“WMA GSA”), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated January 11, 2017 (“WMA MOA”), is the exclusive GSA for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-015) (“Basin”);

**WHEREAS**, the WMA GSA has prepared a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) for the Western Management Area;

**WHEREAS**, on August 6, 2021, the WMA GSA gave notice under Water Code section 10728.4 to the City of Lompoc and to Santa Barbara County regarding its intent to adopt the GSP;

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2021, the WMA GSA released the Public Draft GSP (dated September 2021), requesting comments from interested persons and agencies by October 26, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, on December 17 and December 24, 2021, notice was published in the Santa Barbara News Press of the public hearing on adoption of the GSP to be held at 10:00 a.m. on January 3, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the Final GSP, with responses to public comments received, was presented to the WMA GSA Committee in a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the WMA GSA, together with the other two GSAs in the Basin, has entered into the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement (“Coordination Agreement”), effective January 1, 2022; upon adoption of the GSP, Water Code Section 10733.4 requires that the GSP be submitted to DWR for review on or before January 31, 2022

**NOW THEREFORE**, the WMA GSA hereby resolves as follows:

- 1) Each of the recitals above is true and correct and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 2) The GSA finds that that the GSP and Coordination Agreement comply with the requirements of SGMA.
- 3) Pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4, the WMA GSA hereby adopts the GSP as the GSP for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
- 3) The GSA hereby authorizes and instructs the Plan Manager designated under the Coordination Agreement to submit or direct the submittal of the GSP to the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) as required by SGMA and the SGMA Regulations. The Plan Manager is authorized to make any minor, administrative changes to the GSP that are required for submittal to DWR.
- 4) Should DWR require substantive changes to the GSP adopted herein, the Plan Manager shall bring such changes back to the WMA GSA Committee for review and adoption.

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