

MEETING MINUTES

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors February 23, 2026

A regular meeting of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CMA GSA) Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the City of Buellton, City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

Directors Present: Robert Dunlap, and John Sanchez

Non-Voting Directors Present: Mike Anderson, and Acting Alternate Meighan Diethofer

Others Present (In Person): Bill Buelow, Paeter Garcia, Kadie McShirley, and Amber Thompson,

Others Present (Teleconference): Doug Circle, Len Fleckenstein, Alternate Director Carla Mead, Matt Scudato, and Legal Counsel Steve Torigiani (Young Wooldridge)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

CMA GSA Board Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Ms. Thompson called roll. Three Directors and one Acting Alternate Director were present providing a quorum. One Alternate Director was also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. CMA Board of Directors Officer and Committee Appointments for 2026

a. Officers

In accordance with the CMA GSA JPA Agreement, officers for 2026 were considered.

Director Sanchez made a **MOTION** to keep officers the same as were appointed for 2025 with Director Sanchez, Chair; Director Dunlap, Vice-Chair; William Buelow, Treasurer; and Amber Thompson, Secretary. Director Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. Metering and Production Measurement Ad Hoc

Mr. Buelow reported that the Groundwater Production Measurement and Reporting Policy Development Ad Hoc committee was established in 2025 with prior Director Lahr, Mr. Buelow, and legal counsel as appointees. Discussion followed.

Approved May 18, 2026

Director Sanchez made a **MOTION** that he replace Director Lahr on the Ad Hoc Committee and keeping the other members as previously appointed. Director Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2025

b. Quarterly Financial Reports and Warrant List

Director Dunlap made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda Items 5.a. and 5.b. (October, November, and December 2025 Warrant List: Checks 1120-1129, totaling \$116,316.81), as presented. Director Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Presentations to the Board – Stetson Engineers

a. 2025 Fall Groundwater Monitoring Results

b. CMA Annual Sub Report and Five-Year Update/Plan Amendment

Mr. Lawler, Stetson Engineers, did not attend the meeting. Agenda Item No. 6 was deferred until after Agenda Item No. 10. Mr. Buelow provided a quick update on the 2025 Fall groundwater monitoring results. Discussion followed, public comment was received, and no action was taken.

7. CMA Updates

a. CMA SGMA Fee

Ms. Thompson provided an update on CMA GSA Groundwater Management Fees invoiced, received, and amount due through the County Tax Roll for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

b. Annual Audit

Ms. Thompson reported that the CMA GSA Financial Audit for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25, is underway and will be presented to the Board at the May 2026 meeting.

c. Proposition 68 Components - EKI

There was no update.

d. Small GSA Coalition

Mr. Buelow provided an update on the efforts of the Small GSA Coalition and possible availability of grant funds. Discussion followed. The Board gave Mr. Buelow directions to proceed with offering CMA GSA to be the Grantee and administering the grant, as long as Mr. Buelow is comfortable with CMA GSA being in that position, the CMA GSA receives reimbursement for grant administration efforts, and a subgrant agreement with all other Small GSA Coalition recipients is in place in advance of grant agreement.

8. Next Special Basin-Wide Joint Meeting Friday, March 13, 2026, 9:00 AM at Buellton CCC

The next Basin-wide Joint GSAs Special meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California

9. Next CMA GSA Regular Board Meeting is Monday, May 18, 2026, 10:00 AM, at Buellton CCC

The next CMA GSA Board regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

10. CMA GSA Board of Directors Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items

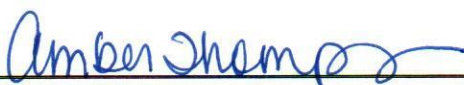
There were no reports or requests from Directors.

11. Adjournment

Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.



John Sanchez, Chair



Amber Thompson, Secretary

CMA GSA
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2025

	<u>Dec 31, 25</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1150 · Five Star Bank Checking #5943	81,251.07
Total Checking/Savings	<u>81,251.07</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>81,251.07</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>81,251.07</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2501 · Loan from SYRWCD	218,875.54
2503 · Loan from City of Buellton	175,000.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>393,875.54</u>
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Total Liabilities	393,875.54
Equity	
3000 · Ret Earnings	-18,818.01
32000 · Retained Earnings	-289,537.04
Net Income	<u>-4,269.42</u>
Total Equity	<u>-312,624.47</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>81,251.07</u></u>

CMA GSA Profit & Loss YTD Comparison October through December 2025

	FY25-26 Q2	
	<u>Oct - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jul - Dec 25</u>
Income		
4100 · GW Management Fees	76,474.03	129,507.18
4500 · Grant Revenue	0.00	89,087.72
4600 · Interest Income	25.50	64.11
Total Income	<u>76,499.53</u>	<u>218,659.01</u>
Gross Profit	76,499.53	218,659.01
Expense		
5200 · GSA Management/Admin	3,527.90	6,994.90
5320 · Office Expense (incl postage)	0.00	39.00
5330 · Outside Staff Support	0.00	500.00
5350 · Public Relations	0.00	121.80
5360 · Insurance	0.00	4,892.55
5400 · GW Management Fees Collection	0.00	9,326.00
5800 · Legal Services	1,007.50	3,628.49
6301 · Basin - GSPs Action Plan	8,794.20	36,184.53
6310 · Basin Monitor Network	1,330.25	3,150.25
6501 · GSP Impl - Well Meas/Report	15,415.50	21,167.25
6502 · GSP Impl - Rate Study	0.00	147.50
6503 · GSP Impl - GSP 5 yr Update	57,045.71	102,464.86
6504 · GSP Impl - Monitoring Network	29,195.75	34,311.30
Total Expense	<u>116,316.81</u>	<u>222,928.43</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-39,817.28</u></u>	<u><u>-4,269.42</u></u>

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN
CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA (CMA)
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY AGENCY**

OCTOBER 2025 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1120	10/13/25	EKI Environment & Water	August 2025 GSP Implementation Consulting Services. Grant Component: #2 -Well Extraction Measurement Demonstration Projects & Component #5 - Monitoring Improvement and Expansion	\$ 14,076.00
1121	10/13/25	Stetson Engineers	August 2025 Engineering Service: GSP Implementation Grant Component: #4 - CMA GSP 5 Year Update	\$ 32,692.19
1122	10/13/25	Young Wooldridge	September 2025 Legal Services - includes grant reimbursable charges for Component #4 \$7,046.20 & Component #5 \$406.25	\$ 7,728.70
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 54,496.89

NOVEMBER 2025 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1123	11/13/25	EKI Environment & Water	September 2025 GSP Implementation Consulting Services. Grant Component: #2 -Well Extraction Measurement Demonstration Projects & Component #5 - Monitoring Improvement and Expansion	\$ 30,291.50
1124	11/13/25	Stetson Engineers	September 2025 Engineering Service: GSP Implementation Grant Component: #4 - CMA GSP 5 Year Update	\$ 23,537.52
1125	11/13/25	Young Wooldridge	October 2025 Legal Services - includes grant reimbursable charges for Component #5 \$243.75	\$ 975.00
1126	11/13/25	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	September 2025 Administrative Services & Groundwater Management Fee Processing - includes grant reimbursable charges for Component #4 \$136	\$ 2,428.90
1127	11/13/25	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	FBO BASIN: September 2025 GSP Implementation Grant Component #4 - GSP Update, Action Plan	\$ 1,748.00
1128	11/13/25	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	FBO BASIN: September 2025 GSP Implementation Grant Component #5 - Basin Monitoring Network Hydrogeology Coordination	\$ 924.00
1129	11/13/25	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	October 2025 Administrative Services & Groundwater Management Fee Processing - includes grant reimbursable charges for Component #4 \$680	\$ 1,915.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 61,819.92

DECEMBER 2025 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
NONE				
MONTH TOTAL				\$ -

TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 116,316.81