

## **JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

**Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area  
Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

**and**

**Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area  
Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

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

**March 13, 2026**

A joint special meeting of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CMA GSA), the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EMA GSA), and the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WMA GSA) was held on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

WMA GSA Director Steve Jordan attended the meeting via teleconference from 46250 East El Dorado, Indian Wells, California. This remote participation location was properly noticed on the agenda and the agenda was posted at the remote location, in compliance with Gov. Code Section 54950 et seq. No members of the public joined Director Jordan at the location.

**CMA GSA Directors Present:** Michael Anderson (non-voting), Acting Alternate J. Brett Marymee, Joan Hartmann (non-voting), and John Sanchez

**CMA GSA Alternate Directors Present:** Meighan Dietenhofer

**EMA GSA Directors Present:** Doug Circle, Joan Hartmann, Brad Joos, J. Brett Marymee, and Elizabeth Orona

**EMA GSA Alternate Directors Present:** Michael Burchardi, Meighan Dietenhofer, Mary Heyden, and Steve Jordan (participating by teleconference)

**WMA GSA Directors Present:** Jeremy Ball, Joan Hartmann (non-voting), Steve Jordan (participating by teleconference), and James Keeling

**WMA GSA Directors Absent:** Vandenberg Village CSD appointees Director Ron Stassi and Alternate Director James Lamont

**WMA GSA Alternate Directors Present:** Phil Carpenter, Meighan Dietenhofer, Mike Garner, and Kristin Worthley

**Others Present (In Person):** Jose Acosta, Cynthia Allen, Charlotte Arnao, Bill Buelow, Paeter Garcia, Dan Heimel, Kadie McShirley, Tim Nicely (GSI Water Solutions), Amber Thompson, Matt Young, and one member of the public

**Others Present (Teleconference):** Kevin Coffman (GeoSyntec), Dan Drugan, John Fio (EKI Consulting), Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Isaac St. Lawrence (McMurtrey, Hartsock, Worth, & St. Lawrence, WMA GSA Legal Counsel), Paige Lund, Nate Page, Steve Torigiani (Young Wooldridge LLP, CMA GSA Legal Counsel), Susan Xie (EKI Consulting), Celeste, and Michael

**1. Call to Order**

Director Hartmann called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Consider Appointment of Moderator to Facilitate Joint GSA Meeting**

CMA, EMA, and WMA GSA Director Hartmann volunteered to moderate this joint meeting as well as future joint meetings. There was a unanimous consensus by all GSA Directors.

**3. Roll Call**

Ms. Thompson called roll.

**Central Management Area GSA**

One voting CMA GSA Director, one voting Acting Alternate Director, and two non-voting Directors were present providing a quorum. In addition, one Alternate Director was present.

**Eastern Management Area GSA**

Five EMA GSA Directors were present providing a quorum. In addition, three Alternate Directors were present in-person and one participated via teleconference.

**Western Management Area GSA**

Two voting WMA GSA Directors and one non-voting Director were present in person. One Director was present via teleconference, as was properly noticed on the agenda. No Vandenberg Village CSD appointees attended. A quorum was met. In addition, four Alternate Directors were present in person.

**4. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**5. Receive and Consider Approval of the Water Year 2025 Joint Annual Report for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin**

Mr. Heimel introduced the item and thanked the consultant teams from GSI Water Solutions and Stetson Engineers for their efforts and coordination to prepare the Water Year 2025 Joint Annual Report (“Annual Report”). The Annual Report is available on the GSAs websites and SantaYnezWater.org.

Mr. Lawler, Stetson Engineers, provided an overview of the Annual Report including the sub report sections for the Central Management Area and the Western Management Area. Discussion followed. Public comment was received

Mr. Heibel reported that a page was accidentally omitted in the EMA sub report section. Mr. Nicely, GSI Water Solutions, provided information about the missing page as well as the sub report section for the Eastern Management Area. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

**a. CMA GSA Board vote**

CMA GSA Acting Alternate Director Marymee made a MOTION to approve the Water Year 2025 Joint Annual Report for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, inserting the missing page for the EMA sub report after page 169, and directed staff to make any minor non-substantive edits, if needed, and submit to DWR before April 1, 2026. CMA GSA Director Sanchez seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed 2-0 by voice vote.

**b. EMA GSA Board vote**

EMA GSA Director Orona made a MOTION to approve the Water Year 2025 Joint Annual Report for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, inserting the missing page for the EMA sub report after page 169, and directed staff to make any minor non-substantive edits, if needed, and submit to DWR before April 1, 2026. EMA GSA Director Marymee seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

**c. WMA GSA Board vote**

WMA GSA Director Ball made a MOTION to approve the Water Year 2025 Joint Annual Report for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, inserting the missing page for the EMA sub report after page 169, and directed staff to make any minor non-substantive edits, if needed, and submit to DWR before April 1, 2026. WMA GSA Director Keeling seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed 3-0-1 by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES, Directors: Ball, Jordan, and Keeling

NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT, Directors: Stassi/Lamont

**6. Receive Update on Proposition 68 Grant Projects, Schedule and Financial Status**

Ms. Xie, EKI, presented an update on Proposition 68 Grant projects Basin wide for Component 2 (Well Extraction Measurement Demonstration Project and Basin Reporting Program), Component 5 (Monitoring Improvement and Expansion), and the projects for WMA GSA Specific Component 6 (Stormwater Capture and Infiltration Project Designs), Component 7 (Water use Efficiency Strategic Plan), and Component 8 (Recycled Water Feasibility Study). Mr. Coffman provided information on Component 5 Monitoring Network projects.

There was discussion during the presentation. There were no public comments.

Mr. Buelow introduced Proposition 68 Grant Progress Reports & Invoices No. 6, 7, 8, and 9, which were included in the meeting packet and were submitted to DWR since the last joint meeting. He provided an update on Proposition 68 Grant funding for GSA and each grant component through December 2025.

Discussion continued after the presentations. There was no public comment and no action.

**7. GSA Board Member Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items**

EMA GSA Director Marymee recommended that the GSAs should start to look at the next five-years programs since the current Groundwater Sustainability Plans are almost five years old.

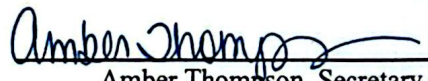
CMA, EMA, and WMA GSA Director Hartmann said the joint meetings are helpful and requested the schedule for future meetings. Mr. Heimerl reported the planned dates for 2026 are June 12, 2026, September 11, 2026, and December 11, 2026.

**8. Adjourn Joint Special Meeting**

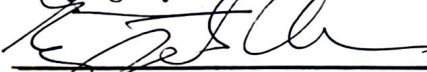
CMA, EMA, and WMA GSA Director Hartmann adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

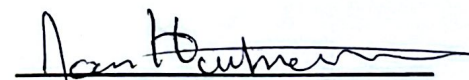
**Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

  
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John Sanchez, Chair

  
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Amber Thompson, Secretary  
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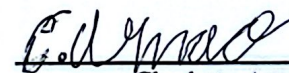
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Elizabeth Orona, Chair

  
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Joan Hartmann, Secretary  
Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Jeremy Ball, Chair

  
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Charlotte Arnao, Secretary  
Approved on: May 21, 2026