

# MEETING MINUTES

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin May 22, 2023

A regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Central Management Area (CMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

CMA GSA Committee Members Present: Art Hibbits and John Sanchez

CMA GSA Committee Member (Remote): Cynthia Allen

Member Agency Staff Present: Rose Hess and Amber Thompson

Member Agency Staff Present (Remote): Bill Buelow and Matt Young

Others Present: Joel Baker, Doug Circle, Paeter Garcia, Larry Lahr, and Sharyne Merritt

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

CMA GSA Committee Chair Art Hibbits called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Ms. Thompson to call roll. Two CMA GSA Committee Members were present providing a quorum. In addition, one Alternate Committee Member was attending online.

### 2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

### 3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 4. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of March 27, 2023

The minutes of the CMA GSA Committee meeting on March 27, 2023 were presented for GSA Committee approval. There was no discussion or public comment.

CMA GSA Committee Member John Sanchez made a MOTION to approve the minutes of March 27, 2023, as presented. GSA Committee Member Art Hibbits seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment, The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Review and Consider Approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List**

The CMA GSA Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2022-23 Periods 7 through 9 (through March 31, 2023) and the Warrant Lists for January, February, and March 2023. There was no discussion.

CMA GSA Committee Member John Sanchez made a MOTION to approve the Warrant Lists of January, February, and March 2023 (Check Nos. 1003-1006) totaling \$4,659.25, as presented. GSA Committee Member Art Hibbits seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Receive Update on Polo Village Well Access**

Mr. Buelow provided an update on the efforts to secure monitoring access to a well located off McMurray Road near an access road at the to be developed Polo Village. Discussion followed. There was no public comment and no action.

**7. Review and Summary of Request(s) for CMA GSA Written Verification under Executive Order N-7-22 and other well permits processed by County EHS in the CMA**

**a. None at the time**

There was nothing to report.

**8. Discuss SGMA Governance for the CMA**

Mr. Buelow reported that staff, with member agencies attorneys, began the process to convert the existing Memorandum of Agreement to a Joint Powers Authority the CMA GSA. There was no discussion, no public comment, and no action.

**9. Informational Correspondence**

**a. Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau, April 5, 2023**

**b. State Water Resources Control Board, April 14, 2023**

**c. Santa Barbara Cattlemen's Association, May 3, 2023**

The Committee received the written communications and discussion followed. Staff advised that the Letter to DWR from Natalie Stork was received by DWR through the SGMA portal on GSPs after the comment period ended. The letter is being reviewed by staff and member agencies attorneys and a response will be forthcoming. The other two letters are informational and supportive of an ag representative.

Ms. Sharyne Merritt provided public comments. She asked for clarification regarding comments regarding river alluvium on the State Water Resources Control Board letter. She recommended that responses be sent to those who submit letters in favor of ag representation on the GSAs. Discussion followed. There was no action.

**10. Next CMA GSA Regular Meeting, Monday, June 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Buellton City Council Chambers**

The next scheduled CMA GSA regular meeting will be Monday, June 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

CMA GSA Committee Member Art Hibbits thanked the City of Buellton for allowing the CMA GSA Committee to use the City Council Chambers.

**11. CMA GSA Committee reports and requests for future agenda items**

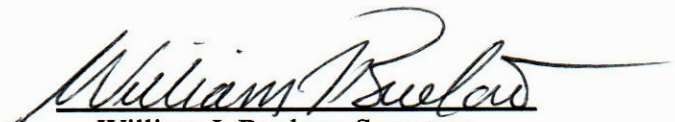
CMA GSA Committee Chair Art Hibbits reported that he submitted his resignation to the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, effective June 30, 2023.

Ms. Rose Hess, City of Buellton, reported that the City of Buellton's water shortage contingency plan has been developed and is available on the City's website for public comment.

**12. Adjournment**

GSA Committee Chair Art Hibbits adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

  
Cynthia Allen, Chair

  
William J. Buelow, Secretary

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

**JANUARY 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

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

**FEBRUARY 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

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

**MARCH 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1003	03/13/23	GSI Water Solutions	November 2022 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 665.00
1004	03/13/23	Stetson Engineers	December 2022 Engineering Service (WY2022 Annual Report & GSP Implementation Work)	\$ 2,586.75
1005	03/13/23	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	Reimburse costs paid by SYRWCD for November 2022 Stetson Engineers CMA Monitoring Well and GSP Implementation	\$ 1,107.50
1006	03/13/23	Valley Bookkeeping	2023 1st Quarter Bookkeeping (January, February, March 2023)	\$ 300.00
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 4,659.25</b>

**TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 4,659.25**