

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin August 21, 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, August 21, 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: Cynthia Allen, Acting Alternate David Silva, and Non-voting Acting Alternate Meighan Dietenhofer

CMA GSA Committee Member: Steve Jordan

Member Agency Staff Present (In Person): Bill Buelow, Rose Hess and Amber Thompson

Member Agency Staff Present (Remote): Matt Young

Others Present (In Person): Paeter Garcia, Larry Lahr, and Sharyne Merritt

Others Present (Remote): Doug Circle, Miles McCammon, Carol Redhead, Matt Scrudato

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

CMA GSA Committee Chair Cynthia Allen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to call roll. One CMA GSA Committee Member and one Acting Alternate Committee Member were present providing a quorum. In addition, one non-voting Acting Alternate Committee Member and one Alternate Committee Member were present.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment. Ms. Thompson announced that no public comments were received prior to the meeting.

4. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of May 22, 2023, and August 7, 2023

The minutes of the CMA GSA Committee meetings on May 22, 2023, and August 7, 2023, were presented for GSA Committee approval. There was no discussion or public comment.

CMA GSA Acting Alternate Committee Member David Silva made a MOTION to approve the minutes of May 22, 2023, and August 7, 2023, as presented. GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

The CMA GSA Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2022-23 Periods 10 through 12 (through June 30, 2023) and the Warrant Lists for April, May, and June 2023. There was no discussion.

CMA GSA Acting Alternate Committee Member David Silva made a MOTION to approve the Warrant Lists of April, May, and June 2023 (Check Nos. 1007-1014) totaling \$28,509.35, as presented. GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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. APN 137-250-067 – Novatt (750 E. Hwy 246, Buellton, CA)

Mr. Buelow presented the well verification review completed by GSI Water Solutions. Since the proposed well was determined to be located in the River Alluvium subarea and for domestic purposes less than 2.0 acre-feet, a well verification letter was not required of the GSA. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

8. Review and Consider proposed addition to well verification request forms for the CMA

Mr. Buelow presented the Well Registration and Reporting Form that staff created and recommended be added to the well verification request packet of documents. Discussion followed and public comment was received.

Acting Alternate GSA Committee Member David Silva directed staff to research adding DocuSign ability to the well verification request forms.

Acting Alternate GSA Committee Member David Silva made a MOTION to approve adding a Well Registration and Reporting Form, as presented, to the CMA GSA Well Verification request packet. GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by voice vote.

9. Update on Rate Study

An update was requested by Alternate Committee Member Steve Jordan during a previous meeting. Mr. Buelow reported that staff expects to submit a draft budget to potential rate study firms in September 2023. Discussion followed. No public comment was received. There was no action.

10. Discuss SGMA Governance for the CMA

Mr. Buelow reported that a Draft Joint Powers Authority for the CMA GSA has been circulating between staff and member agencies attorneys with the goal of having it presented at the next regular meeting. Discussion followed. There was no public comment, and no action.

11. Next CMA GSA Regular Meeting, Monday, September 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Buellton City Council Chambers

The next scheduled CMA GSA regular meeting will be Monday, September 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California. Mr. Buelow advised that if there were no well verifications or other business, then the meeting may be cancelled with at least a week notice.

12. CMA GSA Committee reports and requests for future agenda items

There were no reports or requests.

13. Adjournment

GSA Committee Chair Cynthia Allen adjourned the meeting at 10:30 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**

APRIL 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1007	04/12/23	GSI Water Solutions	January 2023 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 1,142.30
1008	04/12/23	Stetson Engineers	January-February 2023 Engineering Service (WY2022 Annual Report & GSP Implementation Work)	\$ 11,879.75
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 13,022.05

MAY 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

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

JUNE 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1009	06/13/23	GSI Water Solutions	April 2023 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 187.50
1010	06/13/23	Hudson River LLC	Refund Unexpended Deposit - Well Verification Review	\$ 12.50
1011	06/13/23	SeaSmoke LLC	Refund Unexpended Deposit - Well Verification Review	\$ 0.20
1012	06/13/23	Stetson Engineers	March & April 2023 Engineering Service (WY2022 Annual Report & GSP Implementation Work)	\$ 14,973.32
1013	06/13/23	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	Reimburse costs for SantaYnezWater.org & SantaYnezWater.com website domains paid by SYRWCD 3/29/2023 & 5/8/2023 (\$41.34 total split 1/3 per GSA)	\$ 13.78
1014	06/13/23	Valley Bookkeeping	2023 2nd Quarter Bookkeeping (April, May, June 2023)	\$ 300.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 15,487.30

TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 28,509.35