

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin August 24, 2023

A regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Eastern Management Area (EMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at Santa Ynez Community Services District Community Room, 1070 Faraday Street, Santa Ynez, California.

EMA GSA Committee Members Present: Joan Hartmann, Brad Joos, Brett Marymee, and Elizabeth Orona

EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present: Steve Jordan

Member Agency Staff Present (in-person): Bill Buelow, Paeter Garcia, Randy Murphy, Amber Thompson, and Matt Young

Others Present (in-person): Doug Circle, Elizabeth Farnum, Mary Heyden, Kevin Merrill, Lisa Severy, Matt van der Linden (Cannon Corp.), and Al Wagner

Others Present (remote): Steve Anderson, Russel Chamberlin, Alex Dominguez, Gay Infanti, Matthew Scudato, and an unannounced member of the public

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

EMA GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to call roll. Four EMA GSA Committee Members were present providing a quorum. One EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members was also present.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

3. Public Comment

Mr. Doug Circle and Mr. Alex Dominguez, both on behalf of the Santa Ynez Water Group, made public comments. Ms. Thompson announced no public comments were received in advance of the meeting.

4. Review and Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 22, and August 10, 2023

The minutes of the EMA GSA Committee meeting on June 22, and August 10, 2023, were presented for GSA Committee approval. There was no discussion or public comment.

EMA GSA Committee Member Brad Joos made a MOTION to approve the minutes of June 22, and August 10, 2023, as presented. GSA Committee Member Elizabeth Orona seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

The 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. A lengthy discussion followed and public comment was received.

EMA GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann made a MOTION to approve the April, May, and June 2023 Warrant Lists (Check Nos. 1006-1011) totaling \$14,132.03, as presented. GSA Committee Member Brad Joos seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and it passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Update on SGMA Governance

Alternate Committee Member Steve Jordan presented his idea for future governance and accounting for Agriculture voting. A lengthy discussion and debate continued regarding efforts toward creating a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for the EMA, the “white area” of the EMA which lies only within the County of Santa Barbara jurisdiction and not within any other member agency boundaries, and agriculture representation options in future governance. Public comments were received.

Mr. Alex Dominguez, legal counsel for the Santa Ynez Water Group, offered to work with GSA member agency staff and legal counsels while they are creating language for agriculture representation in the JPA. Mr. Matt van der Linden, representing staff for the City of Solvang, requested that the Santa Ynez Water Group provide GSA staff with what they consider to be a fair way to nominate potential agricultural representatives for future governance. Mr. Circle agreed to provide.

7. Presentation by Matt van der Linden, PE, Cannon Corp., “Introduction to Stormwater Capture and Groundwater Banks”

At the request of GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee, Mr. Matt van der Linden, Cannon Corp., provided a presentation introducing the topic of stormwater capture and groundwater banks. Discussion occurred and public comments were received during the presentation.

GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann thanked GSA Chair Brett Marymee for requesting the presentation and advised of a possible bond likely to be on the November 2024 ballot to fund projects like this and recommended GSA be ready with a plan as stormwater capture is the best way to increase water supply. Discussion continued and public comments were received.

8. Next EMA GSA Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 6:30 PM, Location to be determined

EMA GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee announced the next EMA GSA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. and asked for an update regarding other potential meeting locations. Mr. Buelow explained the difficulties in having a hybrid style meeting at the City of Solvang's City Council Chambers with the current technology available to the GSA member agencies. Discussion followed and the GSA Committee decided to continue meeting at the Santa Ynez Community Services District Community Room, 1070 Faraday Street, Santa Ynez, CA.

Mr. Buelow advised that if there are no well verification requests to review or other business, then the meeting will be cancelled with at least a week's notice.

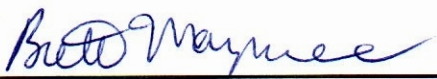
9. EMA GSA Committee Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items

EMA GSA Alternate Committee Member Steve Jordan requested agriculture representation ideas for future governance be pursued and that agriculture representative be included in the JPA discussions.

EMA GSA Chair Brett Marymee requested that the "Next Steps" from the presentation be added to a future agenda for review and consideration. Additionally, Director Marymee requested that member agency staff prioritize efforts for the GSP's meter/monitor program and develop a cost share or funds raising program for the EMA.

10. Adjournment

GSA Committee Chair Brett Marymee adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.


Brett Marymee, Chairman


William J. Buelow, Secretary

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY AGENCY FOR THE
EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA (EMA)
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>
1006	04/12/23	GSI Water Solutions	February 2023 Review for Well Verifications (partial) (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 1,200.00
1007	04/12/23	GSI Water Solutions	February 2023 EMA Annual Report WY 2021-2022	\$ 8,235.75
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 9,435.75

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>
1008	06/13/23	GSI Water Solutions	March & April 2023 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 4,322.50
1009	06/13/23	Santa Ynez CSD	Conference Room Rental (3/23 & 4/27/23 EMA GSA Meetings)	\$ 60.00
1010	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
1011	06/13/23	Valley Bookkeeping	2023 2nd Quarter Bookkeeping (April, May, June 2023)	\$ 300.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 4,696.28

TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 14,132.03