NOTICE AND AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER GROUNDWATER BASIN

WILL BE HELD AT **10:00 AM**, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions and review of SGMA in the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin
- III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
- IV. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the Committee relating to any non-agenda matter within the Committee's jurisdiction. The total time for all public participation shall not exceed fifteen minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes. No action will be taken by the Committee at this meeting on any public item.)
- V. Review Telecon Memorandum summary of conversation with DWR Staff regarding SGMA Status of Santa Ynez River and River Alluvium
- VI. Receive Presentation from Stetson Team on "Numeric Groundwater Model and Model Documentation".
- VII. Receive schedule for Draft Numeric Groundwater Model Technical Memorandum and consider public comment period and assignment to CAG.
- VIII. Next "Regular" WMA GSA Meeting: Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 10:00 AM.
- IX. WMA GSA Committee requests and comments
- X. Adjournment

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STAFF MEMORANDUM

DATE:	April 19, 2021
TO:	File
FROM:	B. Buelow
SUBJECT:	Summary of Telephone Conversation with A. Regmi 04-15-2021

As a follow up to several emails (attached) from Anita Regmi at DWR, a call was scheduled between Bill Buelow of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) and Anita Regmi of the southern regional office of the State of California, Department of Water Resources (DWR) to discuss the issue of the Santa Ynez River Alluvium (River Alluvium) in the three Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) currently being prepared for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin).

Ms. Regmi said that DWR needs to know more about this subject as it has come up during several recent GSA meetings and there have been specific questions that have been asked by various agencies such as NOAA.

Ms. Regmi reiterated that DWR had received some information from SYRWCD in response to earlier requests, but that she still did not understand the source of the boundary of the Santa Ynez River Alluvium. Mr. Buelow reiterated the previous request of January 25, 2021 by Ms. Regmi was about data collected by riparian pumpers and where it was sent and stored. Mr. Buelow sent Ms. Regmi a link to the eWRIMS system, where riparian pumpers upload pumping records to maintain compliance with the State Board.

Mr. Buelow then clarified that the extent of the River Alluvium extends upstream from the Lompoc Narrows to Bradbury dam and corresponds to the District's Zone A plus some additional areas of River Alluvium between the two non-contiguous sections of the District. The management of the River Alluvium as surface water or surface water underflow accords with the State Water Resource Control Board's (State Board) assertion of jurisdiction over River surface and subsurface water as underflow. This is documented in various State Board Orders, including D886, 73-37, 89-18, and most recently, 2019-0148, and has been accepted for a long time.

Mr. Buelow further explained that SGMA's definition of groundwater specifically excludes subsurface "water flowing through a known and defined channel," which is essentially how the State Board has defined subsurface water in the River Alluvium. Mr. Buelow pointed out this was done intentionally by the two agencies so there would be no jurisdictional overlap. Ms. Regmi she appreciated and understood the clarification.

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Ms. Regmi stressed that all three GSPs need to more clearly document the status of wells screened in the River Alluvium. She added that there needs to be a better explanation of the process of evaluating each well and the GSAs will need to provide DWR with documentation of sources and citations. She further explained that as currently drafted, the reviewers of the GSPs will not understand the assertion of the exemption of wells in the River Alluvium. Mr. Buelow thanked Ms. Regmi for the feedback and said he would pass along the information to the GSAs.

Ms. Regmi indicated that the declaration of the exemption to SGMA "is a big deal" and further explained that DWR's request for more information is a "heads-up" to the GSAs. Mr. Buelow explained that the GSAs will provide additional details about the status of wells in the River Alluvium and explained that the GSAs are currently contemplating how this will be done (either in the body of the GSPs and/or adding an appendix with technical information to each GSP). Ms. Regmi appreciated the information and indicated that DWR will require the GSAs to verify that every well that classified as "exempt from SGMA" is reporting its pumping to the State Board. In addition, DWR will need to know how each exempt well was surveyed or screened to determine its status as a riparian well and exempt from SGMA.

Mr. Buelow offered to send Ms. Regmi a link to the current State Board order 2019-0148. Ms. Regmi said she would appreciate the information.

Mr. Buelow asked Ms. Regmi about other basin's that consolidate or separate post GSP submittal and asked if there was a specific process that GSAs must follow. Ms. Regmi said that she thought it was straight forward so long as there are no material changes. If there are material changes, then a public hearing process would need to be followed. Ms. Regmi said that she would ask her manager for more information on the process and pass it along.

From:	Regmi, Anita@DWR
То:	Bill Buelow
Cc:	"Lawler, Curtis (curtisl@stetsonengineers.com)"
Subject:	RE: Status of wells in River Alluvium
Date:	Thursday, April 01, 2021 7:50:37 AM

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Good morning Bill,

I would like to follow up on the topic discussed in the email below. We have been receiving inquires related to the GSA's process of SGMA implementation and specifically regarding the subarea identified as River Alluvium. Therefore, it is even more important for us to understand the source of the River Alluvium boundary so that we can provide guidance to all interested parties. I am interested in knowing the data source of this boundary and who determined this boundary. I will appreciate a response.

Thank you. Anita

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From: Regmi, Anita@DWR
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:27 AM
To: Bill Buelow <buelow@syrwcd.com>
Cc: 'Lawler, Curtis (curtisl@stetsonengineers.com)' <curtisl@stetsonengineers.com>
Subject: RE: Status of wells in River Alluvium

Good morning Bill,

I have a follow up request for information regarding the subareas where the wells are identified as River wells in the Santa Ynez River Valley groundwater basin. I reviewed the information available under the State Board on its Electronic Water Rights Information Management System which provides information about surface water diversions and wells with existing water rights. I have also reviewed the information pertaining to the River Alluvium Subarea from the draft HCM. I am trying to understand how the boundary of the subarea "River Alluvium" was drawn. Your email below says " It is well documented that wells in the River and River alluvium are under the jurisdiction of the State Water Resources Control Board". My recollection from one of the GSA meetings is that the River Alluvium boundary was drawn by the State Board. I will appreciate it if you could direct me to the document which discusses how the boundary is drawn. BTW, I also checked the reference made in HCM about the boundary in question, the referenced document does not discuss anything about the scientific or the legal basis of the boundary and about who created this boundary.

Thank you. Anita Anita Regmi DWR-Southern Region Office Cell Phone: (818) 429-2414

From: Regmi, Anita@DWR
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 9:54 AM
To: Bill Buelow <<u>bbuelow@syrwcd.com</u>>
Cc: 'Lawler, Curtis (<u>curtisl@stetsonengineers.com</u>)' <<u>curtisl@stetsonengineers.com</u>>
Subject: RE: Status of wells in River Alluvium

Good morning Bill,

Thank you for your email. The link you have provided below is helpful. The database and documents available through the link below shows that many of the water users in the Santa Ynez Valley Groundwater Basin have various types of water rights. The State Water Board and the state courts have authority to administer the water rights and they enforce water right laws. I will look into details to understand how the existing water rights address the groundwater in the Basin. SGMA does not change any of the existing water rights, therefore, I will dig further to understand if the area with existing water rights are exempt from management under SGMA. I will get back to you on this topic in near future.

Thank you. Anita

Anita Regmi DWR-Southern Region Office Cell Phone: (818) 429-2414

From: Bill Buelow <<u>bbuelow@syrwcd.com</u>>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 5:32 PM
To: Regmi, Anita@DWR <<u>Anita.Regmi@water.ca.gov</u>>; 'Lawler, Curtis
(curtisl@stetsonengineers.com)' <<u>curtisl@stetsonengineers.com</u>>
Subject: RE: Status of wells in River Alluvium

Hi Anita,

Thanks again for touching base with us on this matter. My apology for the delayed response, it has been a busy time for the three GSAs and the District.

The purpose of my email is to address your question during the last CMA meeting and follow-up email below relating to current data, data reporting, and well construction information for wells in the Santa Ynez River and Santa Ynez River alluvium (River). It is well documented that wells in the River and River alluvium are under the jurisdiction of the State Water Resources Control Board. As such, all applicable reporting data for the River, such as diversions, well locations, well construction data, maps, etc. are filed with the State Board (not the Regional Water Quality Control Board). The data is made publicly available by the State Board on its Electronic Water Rights Information Management System (referred to as "eWRIMs"). The eWRIMs system is very comprehensive and can be found at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/ewrims/.

As you know, under SGMA surface water is analyzed and handled differently than groundwater. The three GSAs are in the process of addressing both the River and Basin groundwater resources in accordance with the SGMA statute and implementing the SGMA regulations with the preparation of three GSPs.

We sincerely appreciate your follow-up and look forward to our ongoing work together.

Regards, Bill

Bill Buelow, PG

Board Treasurer GROUNDWATER PROGRAM MANAGER SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT <u>3669 Sagunto St. Suite 10</u>1 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 719 <u>Santa Ynez, CA 93460</u> Direct: (805) 620-7985 Main: (805) 693-1156 ext. 403 Mobile: (805) 345-5982 <u>BBuelow@SYRWCD.com</u>

From: Regmi, Anita@DWR <<u>Anita.Regmi@water.ca.gov</u>>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Bill Buelow <<u>bbuelow@syrwcd.com</u>>; 'Lawler, Curtis (<u>curtisl@stetsonengineers.com</u>)'
<<u>curtisl@stetsonengineers.com</u>>
Subject: RE: Status of wells in River Alluvium

Hi Bill and Curtis,

Thank you for reaching out. As I mentioned in the meeting today, I would like to see the current data, how and where these data are being reported. If these data are being reported as surface water data to the regional water quality control board, please provide some information on the

program, water quality management plan (if any), and the well constructions (screen-interval) for the wells in question if possible.

Thank you. Anita

Anita Regmi, P.G. Engineering Geologist California Department of Water Resources 770 Fairmont Ave, Suite 200 Glendale,CA 91203-1035 Cell: (818) 429-2414 Phone: (818) 549-2340 FAX: (818) 543-4604 Email: <u>anita.regmi@water.ca.gov</u>



From: Bill Buelow <<u>bbuelow@syrwcd.com</u>>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Regmi, Anita@DWR <<u>Anita.Regmi@water.ca.gov</u>>
Cc: 'Lawler, Curtis (<u>curtisl@stetsonengineers.com</u>)' <<u>curtisl@stetsonengineers.com</u>)' <<u>Subject:</u> Status of wells in River Alluvium

Anita,

Thanks for your comment during today's CMA meeting. We would like to follow up with you regarding this topic at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

Bill Buelow, PG

Board Treasurer GROUNDWATER PROGRAM MANAGER SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT <u>3669 Sagunto St. Suite 10</u>1 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 719 <u>Santa Ynez, CA 93460</u> Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency

April 2021 Numerical Groundwater Model and Model Documentation Workshop



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Housekeeping

- Recording the meeting for the purpose of capturing public feedback
- Recording can be made available upon request
- Opportunities for public feedback and questions throughout the workshop
- Public comments on the GCTM should be submitted to the website:



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WMA/CMA Numerical Groundwater Model & Model Documentation April 26, 2021

- Numerical Groundwater Model Construction
 - MODFLOW Unstructured Grid
 - Hydrologic Parameters: K, S
 - Boundary Conditions: CHD
 - Inflow to Model: RCH, SFR
 - Outflow from Model: EVT, WEL, SFR
- Model Calibration
 - Measured and Simulated Streamflow Hydrographs
 - Measured and Simulated Groundwater Levels
 - Water Budget



Groundwater Model Uses and SGMA

- Simulates occurrence and movement of water: inflows, outflows, and storage changes for WMA, CMA, and 6 subareas (informs the Water Budget);
- Evaluates water resources during wet/dry conditions and seasonal variability;
- Quantitative framework to estimate future management scenarios; and
- Guides development of SGMA Management Criteria triggers and thresholds.

Groundwater Modeling Steps:

- Construct and Calibrate (historical measured data)
- Develop Future Baseline (recent conditions, projected growth; long-term average hydrology)
- Future Management Scenarios (potential projects, climate change)



Numerical Groundwater Model Extents

- East-West: near Solvang to Pacific Ocean
- Central and Western
 Management Areas
- USGS MODFLOW
 Unstructured Grid
 - 8 Layers based on Geologic Structure
 - 53,265 Model Cells
 - 4-acre Model Cells
 - Monthly Stress Periods
 - 37 Water Years: 1982-2018 (Oct – Sep)



Groundwater Model Structure

- Geosyntec's 3D subsurface geologic model (Leapfrog) used to construct unstructured grid for numerical groundwater model
- Each model layer correlates to a different geological formation (or unit) and identified Principal Aquifer



Layer. Geologic Unit

- 1. River Gravels
- 2. Qal, Young Alluvium
- 3. Qal, upper
- 4. Qal, mid
- 5. Qal, lower
- 6. Orcutt Sands Paso Robles
- 7. Careaga SS (Graciosa)
- 8. Careaga SS (Cebada)



Model Layer Discretization

Layer	# Model Cells
Layer 1	1,219
Layer 2	7,710
Layer 3	3,035
Layer 4	1,399
Layer 5	1,988
Layer 6	10,910
Layer 7	13,502
Layer 8	13,502
TOTAL	53,265

Layer 1 📕

Layer 2 📕 Layer 6

Layer 3 Layer 7

Layer 4 🚅 Layer 8

Layer 5



Model Hydrologic Parameters: Hydraulic Conductivity

Model simulates the occurrence and movement of groundwater Hydraulic Conductivity (K) ft/day

Storage Coefficient (Sy, Ss) unitless, 1/ft

WMA/CMA	MODEL	HYDRAULIC	CONDUCTIVITY
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 $(K_{xy} / K_z, feet/day)$

	Layer	WMA	CMA	Lompoc	Lompoc	Lompoc	Santa Rita	Buellton
Geologic Unit		SYR	SYR	Plain	Terrace	Upland	Upland	Upland
River Gravels	1	600 / 30	750 / 37.5	600 / 30				
Qal, Young Alluvium	2	360 / 36	360 / 36	55 / 5.5	45 / 4.5	40 / 4	40 / 4	10 / 2
Qal, upper	3			35/3.5				
Qal, mid	4			5 / 0.5				
Qal, lower	5			325 / 32.5				
Orcutt / Paso Robles	6			45 / 4.5		25 / 2.5	25 / 2.5	2 / 0.1
Graciosa Careaga	7			40 / 4	15 / 1.5	25 / 2.5	25 / 2.5	2 / 0.1
Cebada Careaga	8			4 / 0.4	1.5 / 0.15	2.5 / 2.5	2.5 / 0.25	1 / 0.1

Model Hydrologic Parameters: Storage Parameters

WMA/CMA MODEL STORAGE PARAMETERS

Specific Yield, Sy (unitless) Storage Coefficient, S (1/foot)

	Layer	WMA	CMA	Lompoc	Lompoc	Lompoc	Santa Rita	Buellton
Geologic Unit		SYR	SYR	Plain	Terrace	Upland	Upland	Upland
	1	0.05 /	0.05 /	0.05 /				
River Gravels	1	5.0E-06	5.0E-06	5.0E-06				
	2	0.1 /	0.1 /	0.1 /	0.1 /	0.1 /	0.1 /	0.1 /
Qal, Young Alluvium	2	1.0E-05	1.0E-05	1.0E-05	1.0E-05	1.0E-05	1.0E-05	1.0E-05
	3			0.1 /				
Qai, upper	5			1.0E-05				
Oal mid	Δ			0.1 /				
Qai, Illu				1.0E-05				
Oal lower	5			0.1 /				
Qal, IOWEI	5			1.0E-05				
Orcutt / Paso Robles	6			0.1 /		0.1 /	0.1 /	0.1 /
	0			1.0E-05		1.0E-05	1.0E-05	1.0E-05
Graciosa Careaga	7			0.1 /	0.1 /	0.1 /	0.1 /	0.1 /
	/			1.0E-05	1.0E-05	1.0E-05	1.0E-05	1.0E-05
Cebada Careaga	8			0.04 /	0.015 /	0.025 /	0.025 /	0.1 /
	0			4.0E-06	1.5E-06	2.5E-06	2.5E-06	1E-06

Groundwater Model Boundary Conditions

- Time Variant Specified Head (CHD):
 - Eastern Boundary with EMA Pacific Ocean and Lagoon
- Internal Groundwater Flow Influenced by Low Permeability Model Cells
- Between Buellton Upland and Santa Rita Upland
- ~200-300' Difference in GW Levels



MODFLOW Recharge Package (RCH)



MODFLOW Evapotranspiration Package (EVT)



- Model Calculates ET based on Simulated Depth to Water from Land Surface
- Potential ET Rate and Extinction Depth

	Potential ET Rate				
Month	(inches/day)				
	WMA	CMA			
Jan	0.06	0.06			
Feb	0.07	0.08			
Mar	0.11	0.12			
Apr	0.14	0.16			
May	0.19	0.21			
Jun	0.17	0.20			
Jul	0.18	0.22			
Aug	0.16	0.20			
Sep	0.14	0.16			
Oct	0.10	0.12			
Nov	0.07	0.08			
Dec	0.05	0.06			

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MODFLOW Well Package (WEL)

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MODFLOW Well Package (WEL)



MODFLOW Streamflow Routing Package (SFR)



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Seg 30

Seg 16 (Tributary 8 Seg 12 (Tributary

Seg 14 (Candade Seg 10 (Zaca Cree

- SW-GW Interface:
 - Stream Seepage
 - Baseflow
- Santa Ynez River
- 28 Side Tributaries
- 1 Wastewater
- 68 Segments
- 1490 Model Cells
- Stream Channel Hydraulics based on Flow/Width/Depth Relationship

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- Measured and Simulated Streamflow Hydrographs
- Measured and Simulated Groundwater Levels



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Calibration:

Target Wells Showing Measured/Simulated Hydrographs





Simulated Groundwater Level Calibration Statistics 24,114 data for 122 wells



Residual Statistics (msr-sim)						
Mean	-1.06	Range	147.3			
Standard Error	0.07	Minimum	-78.7			
Median	-0.79	Maximum	68.6			
Standard Deviation	10.1	Sum	-25,560			
Sample Variance	102.2	Count	24,11			
Skewness	-2.0	95% Confdnc Level	0.13			









Measured/Simulated Hydrographs















Measured/Simulated Hydrographs





Model Calibration: Sub-Area Groundwater Budgets

CMA Subarea

- Santa Ynez River Alluvium
- CMA Lower Aquifer
- Buellton Upland

WMA Subarea

- Santa Ynez River Alluvium
- Lompoc Plain
- Santa Rita Upland
- Lompoc Upland
- Lompoc Terrace



Sub-Areas: Model Layers 1 - 4

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Sub-Areas: Model Layers 5 - 8

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Model Documentation (GSP Appendix)

Introduction and Objectives Model Development

- Code Selection and Documentation
- USG Structure and Construction
 - Hydrologic Properties
 - Boundary Conditions
 - Model Input Parameters
- Calibration Process
 - Simulated/Measured Groundwater Levels
 - Simulated/Measured Streamflow
- Historical Model Results
 - Regional and Sub-Area Groundwater Budgets



Timeline for Completion of Draft Model Documentation

- April 23rd Internal Client Review
- April 30th Public Review

Groundwater Modeling Steps:

The model is a GSP Management Tool to estimate groundwater flow velocities, recharge rates, and model scenarios to predict future groundwater supply and demand based on current groundwater uses.

- Construct and Calibrate (historical measured data)
- Develop Future Baseline (recent conditions, projected growth; balanced hydrology)
- Future Management Scenarios (potential projects, climate change)

