

# MEETING MINUTES

## Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin December 20, 2023

A regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Western Management Area (WMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Vandenberg Village Community Services District Board Room, 3745 Constellation Road, Lompoc, California.

WMA GSA Committee Members Present: Cynthia Allen, Jeremy Ball, and Chris Brooks

WMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present (in person): Ron Stassi

WMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present (Video Conference): Steve Jordan

WMA GSA Non-Voting Acting Alternate Committee Member Present (Video Conference):  
Meighan Diethofer

WMA GSA Representatives Absent: Representatives for Mission Hills Community Services District

Staff Present (in person): Joe Barget, Amber Thompson, and Kristin Worthley

Staff Present (Video Conference): Matt Young

Others Present (in person): Greg Gonzalez (Coastal Vineyard Care)

Others Present (Video Conference): Doug Circle, John Fio (EKI), and Karen Kistler

### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

WMA GSA Committee Chair Chris Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Ms. Thompson to call the roll. Three Committee Members and one non-voting Acting Alternate Committee Member were present providing a quorum. In addition, two Alternate Committee Members 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 reported that no comments were submitted in advance.

**4. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of November 15, 2023**

The minutes of the WMA GSA Committee meeting on November 15, 2023, were presented for GSA Committee approval. Discussion followed. Correction made to item number 11, second paragraph adding “Kristin Worthley made a MOTION to” after WMA GSA Acting Alternate Committee Member.

WMA GSA Committee Member Jeremy Ball made a MOTION to approve the AMMENDED minutes of November 15, 2023. GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed 3-0-1 by voice vote with the representatives from Mission Hills Community Services District being absent.

**5. Review and Consider Requests for WMA GSA Written Verifications under Executive Order N-7-22 revised under Executive Order N-5-23 in the WMA for the following parcels:**

- a. APN 083-070-016, Santa Rosa Road, Lompoc, CA (Campbell-Acin Family Trust)

Mr. Barget presented the review of the well application prepared by GSI Water Solutions. He reported that a well verification letter had been issued for this request because the well will be located in the Santa Ynez River Alluvium and is not managed by WMA or SGMA.

- b. APN 099-150-065, 4874 Hapgood Road, Lompoc, CA (Campbell-Ostini)

Mr. Barget presented the review of the application for a new well prepared by GSI Water Solutions. Discussion followed.

WMA GSA Committee Member Jeremy Ball made a MOTION to issue a well verification letter for a new well at APN 099-150-065, 4874 Hapgood Road, Lompoc2, CA for Campbell-Ostini. GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed 3-0-1 by voice vote with the representatives from Mission Hills Community Services District being absent.

**6. Update on WY 2022-2023 WMA Annual Report**

Mr. Barget reported that Stetson Engineers has begun work on the Annual Report. The Draft report is expected to be presented to the Committee in March of 2024 and needs to be submitted to DWR by April 1, 2024. Discussion followed. There was no public comment or action.

**7. Receive Update on Proposition 68 Grant Award**

Mr. Barget reported that State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) approved the full funding requested for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Implementation Grant of approximately \$5.5 million and that Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, as Grantee, is working with DWR to finalized the grant agreement. Discussion followed. There was no public comment or action.

a. Official Receipt of Grant Check – Ceremony (Place and Time TBD)

Ms. Thompson reported that DWR would like a public big check presentation and SYRWCD is trying to coordinate that event will all three GSAs representatives and staff. Date, place and time are yet to be determined.

**8. Next tentative WMA GSA Special Meeting, Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at Vandenberg Village Community Services District, Meeting Room, 3745 Constellation Rd., Lompoc**

WMA GSA Committee Chair Chris Brooks announced to save the date of Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., for a tentative WMA GSA special meeting. If needed, the meeting will be held at the Vandenberg Village Community Services District Board Room, 3745 Constellation Road, Lompoc, California. However, if there were no well verifications or other business, then the meeting will not be scheduled, and everyone will be notified.

**9. Next WMA GSA Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at Vandenberg Village Community Services District, Meeting Room, 3745 Constellation Rd., Lompoc**

WMA GSA Committee Chair Chris Brooks announced the next WMA GSA regular meeting will be Wednesday, February 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the Vandenberg Village Community Services District Board Room, 3745 Constellation Road, Lompoc, California.

**10. WMA GSA Committee reports and requests for future agenda items**

WMA GSA Alternate Committee Member Steve Jordan announced that Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District's General Manager, Kevin Walsh, is out on indefinite leave of absence and Bill Buelow is the Interim General Manager.

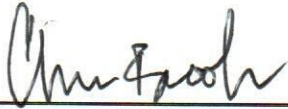
WMA GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen announced that she was offered and accepted the General Manager position at Vandenberg Village Community Services District (VVCSD) so had to resign from the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) and representing the SYRWCD on the WMA GSA Committee, effective December 31, 2023. Although she will no longer be a Committee Member, she will continue working with the WMA GSA as staff for VVCSD.

WMA GSA Committee Chair Chris Brooks announced this meeting was Joe Barget's last meeting as VVCSD General Manager and member agency staff for the WMA GSA.

WMA GSA Committee Chair Chris Brooks requested that the January Agenda include items for WMA GSA JPA organization and election of officers.

**11. Adjournment**

WMA GSA Committee Chair Chris Brooks adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.



Chris Brooks, ~~Chairman~~ Vice Chair



Amber Thompson Secretary