

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

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

HELD AT
SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, MEETING ROOM
1070 FARADAY STREET, SANTA YNEZ, CALIFORNIA
6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024

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AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
3. 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 comment 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 comment item.)
4. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of March 28, 2024
5. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List
6. Receive update on Spring 2024 Water Level Measurements
7. Receive update on DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant
8. Review and consider endorsing Draft EMA Joint Powers Agreement for approval by GSA member agencies
9. Discuss preparations for governance transition and consider directing staff to solicit qualifications and/or proposals for the following:
 - a. Executive Director
 - b. General Counsel
 - c. Rate Consultant
 - d. Insurance

10. Review and discuss meeting schedule for next two months. All meetings held at 6:30 PM, Santa Ynez CSD Meeting Room, 1070 Faraday St., Santa Ynez
 - a. Next Tentative Special EMA GSA Committee meeting, Thursday, June 27, 2024
 - b. Tentative Special EMA GSA Committee meeting Thursday, July 25, 2024
 - c. Next Regular EMA GSA Committee meeting, Thursday, August 22, 2024
11. EMA GSA Committee reports and requests for future agenda items
12. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin March 28, 2024

A special meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Eastern Management Area (EMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Santa Ynez Community Services District Community Room, 1070 Faraday Street, Santa Ynez, California.

EMA GSA Alternate Committee Member Steve Jordan attended the meeting via teleconference from 46250 Fairway Drive, Indian Wells, CA 92210. This remote participation location was properly noticed on the agenda and the agenda was posted at the remote location, in compliance with Gov. Code Section 54950 et seq. No members of the public joined Director Jordan at the location.

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

EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present (in-person): David Brown (Acting Alternate), and Mike Burchardi

EMA GSA Alternate Committee Members Present (remote): Steve Jordan

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

Member Agency Staff Present (remote): Matt Young

Others Present (in-person): Doug Circle, Dan Drugan, and Kevin Merrill

Others Present (remote): Steve Anderson, Gay Infanti, Mark Infanti, and Scarlett Tovar (DWR)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chair Brett Marymee called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to call roll. Three EMA GSA Committee Members and one Acting Alternate Committee Member were present providing a quorum. Two additional Alternate Committee Member were also present.

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 February 22, 2024

The minutes of the EMA GSA Committee meeting on February 22, 2024, were presented for Board consideration. There was no discussion or public comment.

Committee Member Joan Hartmann made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the EMA GSA Committee meeting on February 22, 2024, as presented. Committee Member Brad Joos seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed 3-0-1 by voice vote with Acting Alternate David Brown abstaining.

5. Receive Third Annual Report for the EMA and Consider Authorizing Submittal of same to DWR

Mr. Young presented highlights of the Third Annual Report for the EMA. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

- Director Marymee pointed out a typographical error on page ES-2.
- Director Marymee suggested that Land Subsidence should be explained more.

Committee Member Joan Hartmann made a MOTION to approve of the Third Annual Report for the EMA and authorize the consultant to submit the Third Annual Report for the EMA, with corrections to typos, to DWR. Committee Member Brad Joos seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6. Receive update on DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant

Mr. Buelow provided a presentation about the DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant including updates on Invoice and Progress Report #1 submittal to DWR schedule; priority of the projects; funding breakdown by grant component; GSP Data Gap Projects with funding estimates; and the next steps to be done.

Discussion occurred during and following the presentation. There was no public comment and no action.

7. Receive update on SGMA Governance and Draft Joint Powers Agreement for the EMA

Mr. Garcia summarized the status of negotiations for the preparation of a draft Joint Powers Agreement for the EMA. He reported that the Water Conservation District and Water Group recently submitted a revised proposal regarding agricultural representative for the other parties to consider. Discussion followed. There was no public comment and no action.

8. Review upcoming GSA meetings. All meetings held at 6:30 PM, Santa Ynez CSD Meeting Room, 1070 Faraday St., Santa Ynez, unless stated otherwise

- a. Discuss a proposed Basin-wide GSAs Meeting (TBD at Buellton City Council Chambers)**

Mr. Buelow reported that a Basin-wide GSAs meeting is being planned and should be scheduled for one day in the next couple of months. No dates were provided.

b. Tentative Special EMA GSA Committee meeting Thursday, April 25, 2024

The EMA GSA Committee has saved April 25, 2024 for a possible Special Meeting.

c. Next Regular EMA GSA Committee meeting, Thursday, May 23, 2024

The next Regular meeting of the EMA GSA Committee will be on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

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

There were no committee reports or requests.

10. Adjournment

Committee Chair Brett Marymee adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Brett Marymee, Chairman

William J. Buelow, Secretary

EMA GSA
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2024

	<u>Mar 31, 24</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1150 · Five Star Bank Checking #5951	4,718.56
Total Checking/Savings	<u>4,718.56</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>4,718.56</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>4,718.56</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2300 · Deposits - Well Verification	3,248.10
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>3,248.10</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,248.10</u>
Total Liabilities	3,248.10
Equity	
3000 · Ret Earnings	2,425.67
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	10,121.34
Net Income	<u>-11,076.55</u>
Total Equity	<u>1,470.46</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>4,718.56</u></u>

EMA GSA
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison
January through March 2024

	<u>Jan - Mar 24</u>	<u>Jul '23 - Mar 24</u>
Income		
4000 · Oper Assess fr Member Agencies	0.00	3,771.00
4600 · Interest Income	1.67	6.58
Total Income	<u>1.67</u>	<u>3,777.58</u>
Expense		
5330 · Outside Staff Support	300.00	900.00
5350 · Public Relations	206.67	693.03
6400 · Annual Report	0.00	13,261.10
Total Expense	<u>506.67</u>	<u>14,854.13</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-505.00</u></u>	<u><u>-11,076.55</u></u>

EMA GSA
Transaction Detail by Account
 January through March 2024

	Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Deposits		Amount	Balance	
							Payments	Received			
2300 · Deposits - Well Verification											
						Beginning Balance:				4,662.50	
	Bill	02/13/2024	02019.001-11	GSI Water Solutions, Inc.	1235 Quail Ridge Road	2000 · Accounts Payable	-55.00		-55.00	4,607.50	
	Bill	03/12/2024	Refund	Liebman	Refund unexpended deposit	2000 · Accounts Payable	-207.50		-207.50	4,400.00	
	Bill	03/12/2024	02019.001-12	GSI Water Solutions, Inc.	Sinai	2000 · Accounts Payable	-1,616.90		-1,616.90	2,783.10	
	Bill	03/12/2024	02019.001-12	GSI Water Solutions, Inc.	Wm Taylor	2000 · Accounts Payable	-1,735.00		-1,735.00	1,048.10	
	General Journal	03/21/2024	Wells		Well verification Boyd	1150 · Five Star Bank Checking #5951		2,200.00	2,200.00	3,248.10	
Total 2300 · Deposits - Well Verification								-3,614.40	2,200.00	-1,414.40	3,248.10
TOTAL								-3,614.40	2,200.00	-1,414.40	3,248.10

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY AGENCY FOR THE
EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA (EMA)
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

JANUARY 2024 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1031	01/10/24	Santa Ynez CSD	Conference Room Rental (12/14/23 EMA GSA Meeting)	\$ 75.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 75.00

FEBRUARY 2024 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1032	02/12/24	GSI Water Solutions	December 2023 Review for Well Verifications (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 55.00
1033	02/12/24	Inklings Printing Co.	SGM Implementation Grant Ceremony check (split 1/3 ea GSA)	\$ 54.83
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 109.83

MARCH 2024 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1034	03/12/24	GSI Water Solutions	January 2024 Review for Well Verifications (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 3,351.90
1035	03/12/24	Brandon & Heidi Liebman	Refund Unexpended Deposit - Well Verification Review	\$ 207.50
1036	03/12/24	Santa Ynez CSD	Conference Room Rental (02/22/24 EMA GSA Meeting)	\$ 76.84
1037	03/12/24	Valley Bookkeeping	2024 1st Quarter Bookkeeping (January, February, March 2024)	\$ 300.00
MONTH TOTAL				\$ 3,936.24

TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 4,121.07

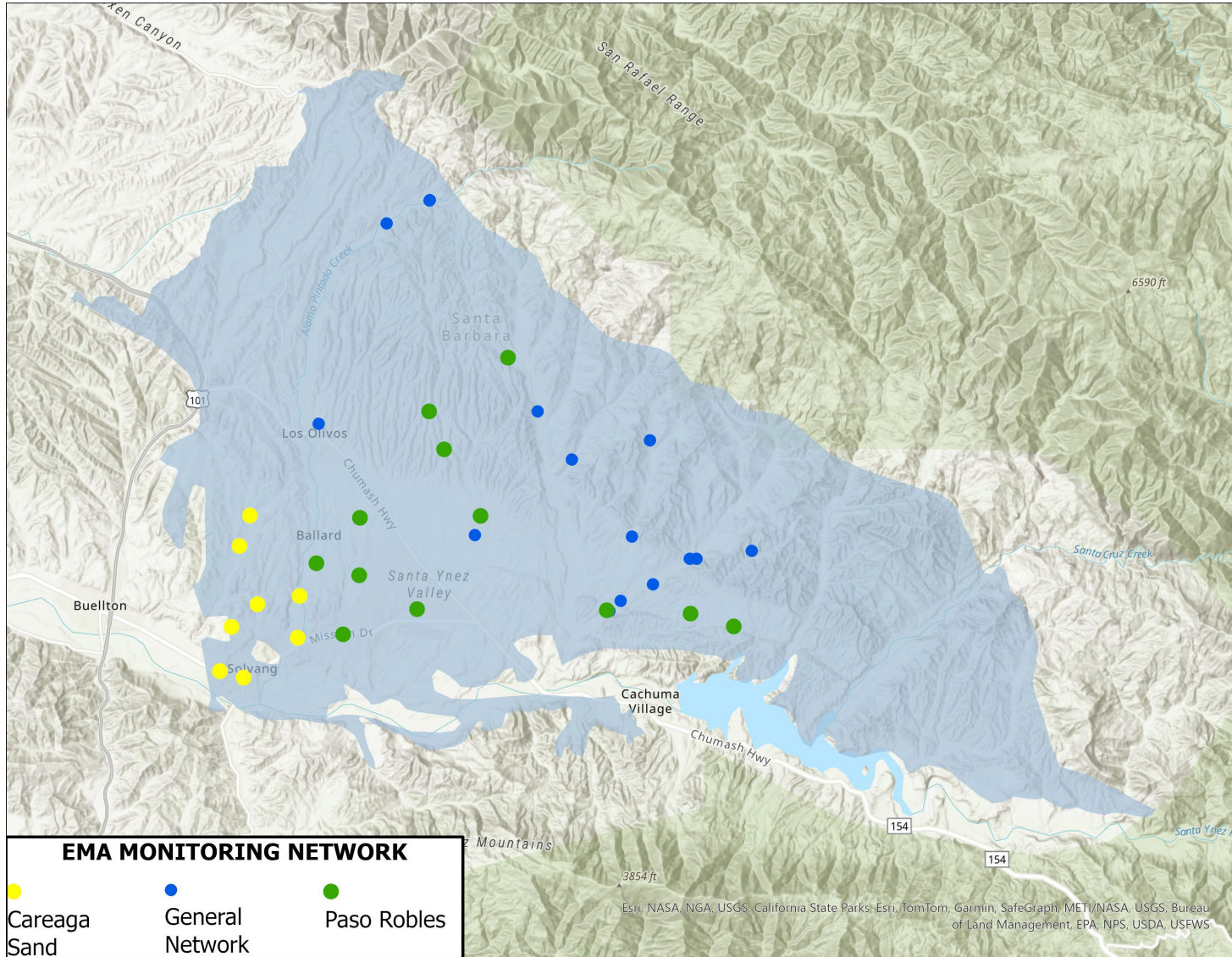
SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA

RECENT MARCH 2024 MEASUREMENTS

NETWORK OF 38 WELLS WITHIN THE EMA

(23 ARE REPRESENTATIVE WELLS IN GSP)



- Water level measurements are completed biannually in March and October.
- 34 of the 38 wells measured in March 2024.
- 23 of 23 representative wells measured. One well dry for many years.

MARCH 2024 EMA WATER LEVEL MEASUREMENTS SHOWING 1-YEAR CHANGE

WELL ID	DEPTH TO WATER FROM GROUND SURFACE	SPRING 2023	1-YEAR CHANGE
6N/29W-5A1	11.09	11.80	0.71
6N/29W-6F1	18.70	17.43	(1.27)
6N/29W-6G1	52.28	52.45	0.17
6N/29W-7L1	242.69	243.93	1.24
6N/29W-8P1	DRY		
6N/29W-8P2	259.81	257.47	(2.34)
6N/30W-11G1	105.29	105.70	0.41
6N/30W-11G4	127.91	176.55	48.64
6N/30W-(NEW)	119.31	128.20	8.89
6N/30W-1R3	155.27	160.58	5.31
6N/30W-7G5	91.91	94.14	2.23
6N/30W-7G6	91.00	92.87	1.87
6N/31W-13D1	112.96	118.18	5.22
6N/31W-1P3	118.25	122.52	4.27
7N/30W-16B1	15.73	35.32	19.59
7N/30W-19H1	177.44	179.82	2.38
7N/30W-22E1	NO ACCESS	8.54	

Solvang 4	82.02	83.03	1.01
Solvang 21	323.9	323.9	0.00
Solvang 22	30.31	30.31	0.00
Solvang HCA-S	38.45	50.45	12.00

WELL ID	DEPTH TO WATER FROM GROUND SURFACE	SPRING 2023	1-YEAR CHANGE
7N/30W-24Q1	48.7	54.68	5.98
7N/30W-27H1	NO ACCESS		
7N/30W-29D1	28.05	25.29	(2.76)
7N/30W-32R1	DRY		
7N/30W-33M1	249.54	254.94	5.40
7N/30W-36N (R)	359.68	360.89	1.21
6N/31W-10F1	85.7	81.37	(4.33)
6N/31W-11D4	47.72	54.83	7.11
6N/31W-2K1	38.46	47.38	8.92
6N/31W-3A1	158.11	160.59	2.48
6N/31W-4A1	114.26	113.96	(0.30)
7N/31W-23P1 (R)	50.69	90.42	39.73
7N/31W-34M2	183.3	183.10	(0.20)
7N/31W-36L2	105.4	119.39	13.99
8N/30W-30R1	16.04	5.36	(10.68)
8N/30W-30R2	15.49	31.83	16.34
8N/31W-36H1	10.44	9.84	(0.60)

BOLD wells are representative

EMA SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA

EMA MINIMUM THRESHOLDS

▶ PASO ROBLES FORMATION

- Measured in 14 wells (one well dry for many years)
- MT is 15 feet below Spring 2018 water levels

▶ CAREAGA SAND FORMATION

- Measured in 9 wells (5 measured by SBCWA)
- MT is 12 feet below Spring 2018 water levels

Undesirable results: Groundwater levels remain below Minimum Thresholds after two consecutive years of average or above-average precipitation in 50 percent of representative wells.

EMA REPRESENTATIVE WELL MEASUREMENTS

PASO ROBLES FORMATION				
WELL IDENTIFICATION	MINIMUM THRESHOLD (FT)	SPRING 2022 (FT)	SPRING 2023 (FT)	SPRING 2024 (FT)
6N/29W-7L1	639	610	625	626
6N/29W-8P2	654	640	639	636
6N/30W-7G5	515	514	510	512
6N/30W-7G6	513	513	509	511
6N/30W-11G4	512	494	505	553
6N/31W-1P3	516	515	511	515
6N/31W-2K1	557	564	572	581
6N/31W-13D1	495	504	507	512
7N/30W-16B1	1021	1035	1031	1051
7N/30W-19H1	912	911	910	913
7N/30W-29D1	850	858	893	890
7N/30W-33M1	514	513	509	515
7N/31W-36L2	616	604	603	617
6N/29W-8P1	well has been DRY			

CAREAGA SAND FORMATION				
WELL IDENTIFICATION	MINIMUM THRESHOLD (FT)	SPRING 2022 (FT)	SPRING 2023 (FT)	SPRING 2024 (FT)
7N/31W-34M2	484	489	488	488
6N/31W-3A1	573	575	578	580
6N/31W-4A1	483	488	487	487
6N/31W-10F1	464	468	474	470
6N/31W-11D4	502	498	510	518
Solvang HCA	320	319	348	360
Solvang 4	377	390	395	397
Solvang 21	446	468	433	433
Solvang 22	466	466	473	473

Spring 2022

- 9 of 14 wells below MT in Paso Robles,
- 2 of 9 wells below MT in Careaga

Spring 2023

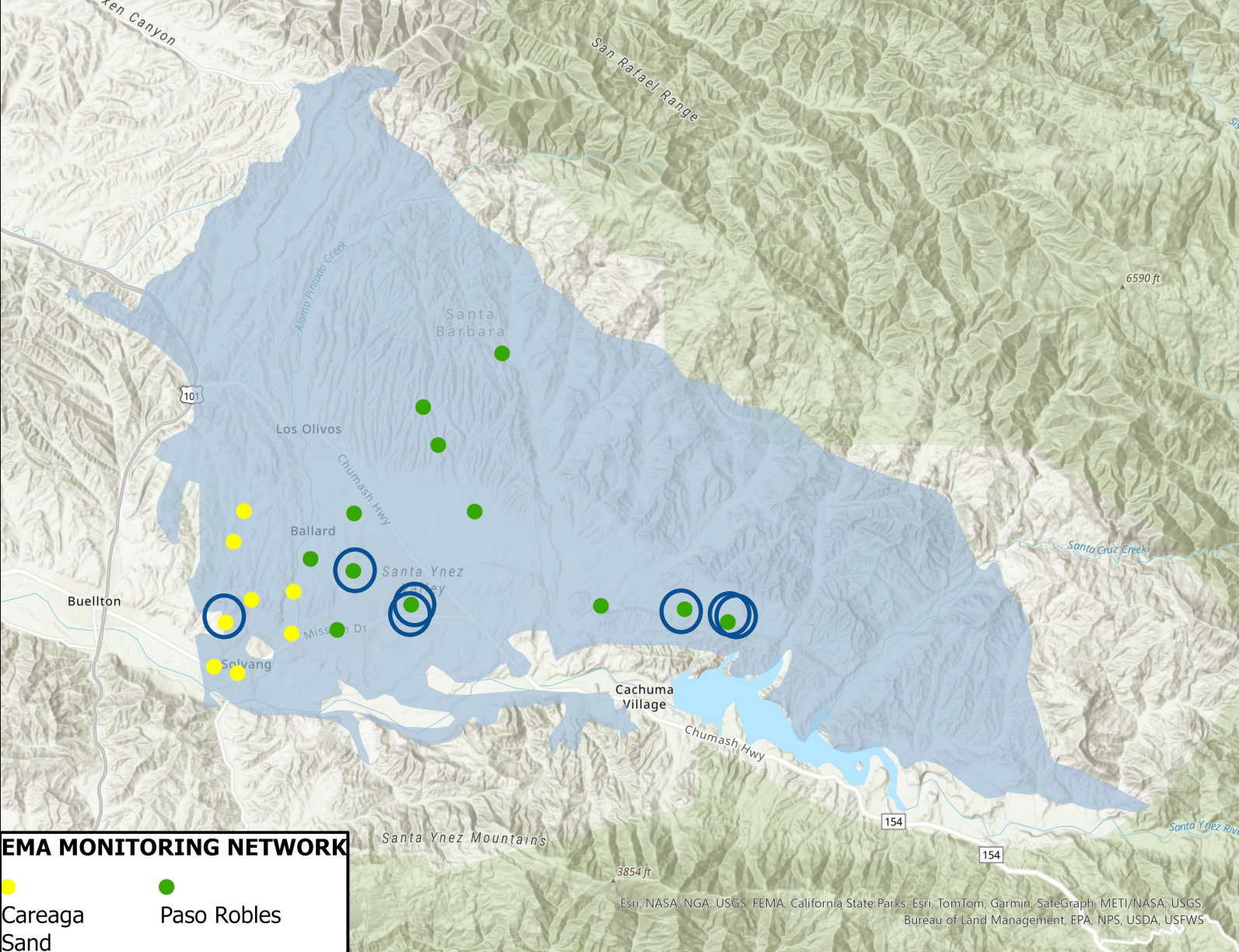
- 10 of 14 wells below MT in Paso Robles
- 1 of 9 wells below MT in Careaga

Spring 2024

- 6 of 14 wells below MT in Paso Robles
- 1 of 9 wells below MT in Careaga

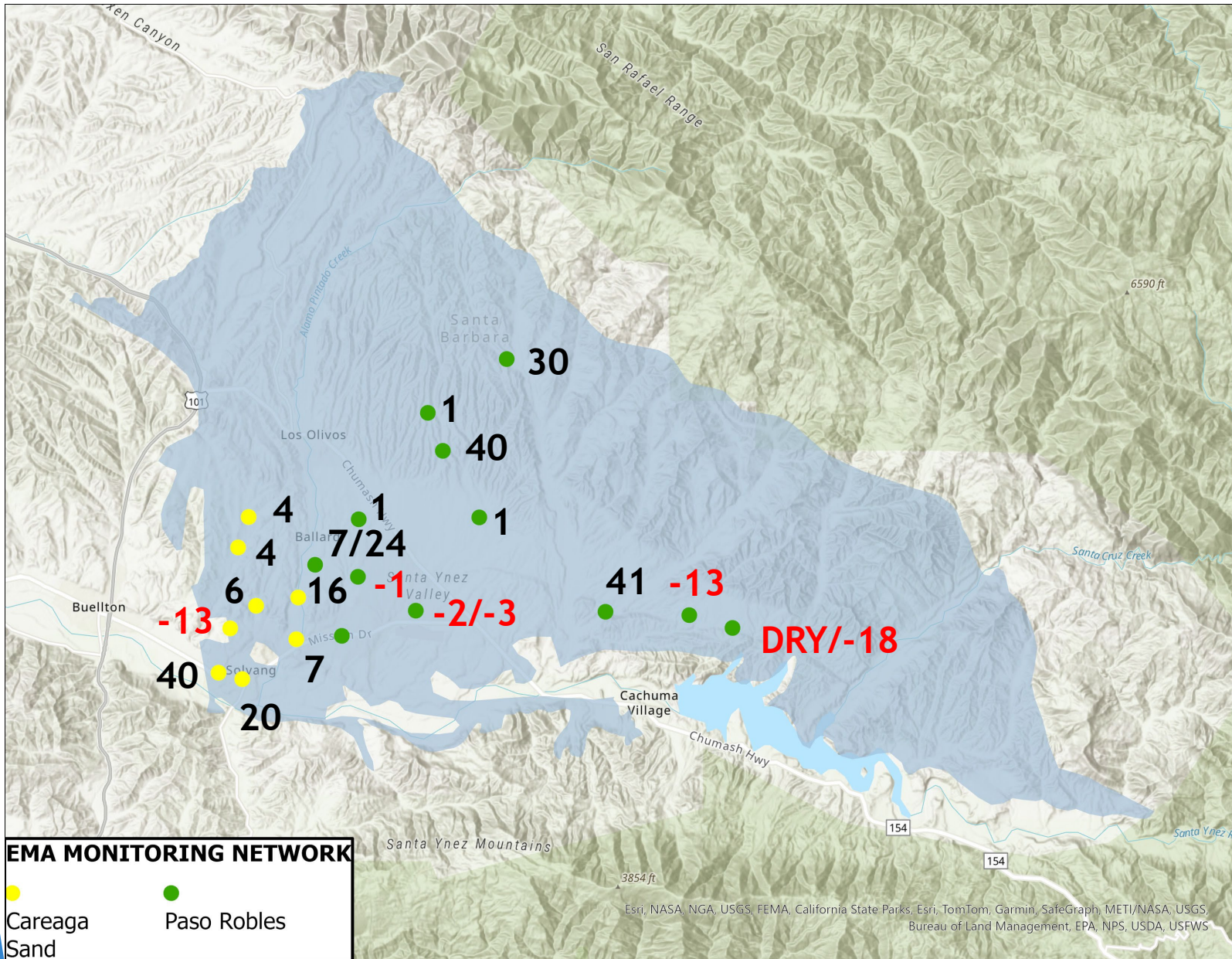
Wells highlighted **YELLOW** are below Minimum Threshold elevation
All measurements are in NAVD88 elevation

EMA REPRESENTATIVE WELLS BELOW MT MARCH 2024



- Circled wells were below Minimum Threshold in Spring 2024
- Total of 7 wells in 2024
- Total of 11 wells in 2023
- Total of 11 wells in 2022

EMA REPRESENTATIVE WATER LEVELS VS. MT



Feet above
or below
Minimum
Threshold in
Spring 2024

Agenda Item 8

A Staff Memo and Draft Joint Powers Agreement will be added to the Agenda Packet after a final negotiation session on Monday May 20.