

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin January 3, 2022

A special meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Central Management Area (CMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting occurred solely via teleconference in accordance with the latest Santa Barbara County Health Officer Order, as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361, and Resolution CMA-2021-001 (passed on 10/20/2021, reaffirmed 11/15/2021).

GSA Committee Directors Present: Meighan Diethofer (Acting Alternate), Art Hibbits, and John Sanchez (Acting Alternate)

Alternate GSA Committee Director Present: Cynthia Allen

Staff Present: Bill Buelow, Rose Hess, Amber Thompson, Matt Young

Others Present: Bryan Bondy, Doug Circle, Len Fleckenstein, Larry Lahr, Deby Laranjo, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers), Jeff Newton, Anita Regmi (DWR), and Brett Stroud (Young Wooldridge)

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

CMA GSA Committee Vice Chair Art Hibbits called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Bill Buelow to call roll. A quorum was met.

II. Consider findings under Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution CMA-2021-001

Mr. Buelow explained that the reasonings for adopting Resolution CMA-2021-001, passed on October 20, 2021, and State Assembly Bill 361 which authorized teleconference public meetings were still in effect.

GSA Committee Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution CMA-2021-001. GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Public Hearing on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Central Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (CMA GSP)

CMA GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits opened the public hearing at 10:08 a.m. Mr. Buelow announced the public hearing was properly noticed, gave a brief history of the CMA GSP preparation process and presented verification from member agencies granting GSA Directors authority to vote for adopting the CMA GSP on behalf of the member agency.

Mr. Len Fleckenstein asked for status of governance of and funding for the three GSAs. Mr. Buelow advised member agency staff continue to meet regarding future governance options and a presentation of options was made to GSAs but is not finalized. Discussion followed.

Mr. Len Fleckenstein asked where he could find the responses to comments received on GSP. Mr. Curtis Lawler advised the response to comments can be found in the last appendix of the GSP document.

GSA Committee Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to close the Public Hearing at 10:25 a.m. GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VI. Consider Resolution Number CMA-2022-001 adopting the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Central Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

Mr. Buelow read Resolution CMA-2022-001. He noted a couple typographical errors to be corrected. There was no discussion.

GSA Committee Acting Alternate Director John Sanchez made a MOTION to adopt RESOLUTION CMA-2022-001, ADOPTING GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN with corrections for typographical errors. GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VII. Update and discussion on CMA GSP and Future Governance Options

Mr. Buelow and Mr. Lawler, Stetson Engineers, advised the Committee on the GSP upload requirements and that efforts have begun. There was no discussion.

There was no update and no discussion regarding future governance options.

VIII. Update on CMA Annual Report

Mr. Curtis Lawler, Stetson Engineers, provided an update on the CMA First Annual Report. The report will include data from October 2018 through September 2021 and is due to DWR by April 1, 2022. Consultants are expecting to deliver a Draft of First Annual Report to the CMA GSA Committee at the February 28, 2022 regular meeting for review.

IX. Next Regular CMA GSA Meeting, Monday, February 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

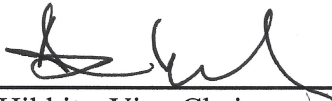
Mr. Buelow announced the next regular CMA GSA meeting will be Monday, February 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., either in person at City of Buellton, City Council Chambers or via remote, to be determined based on continuing health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

X. CMA GSA Committee requests and comments

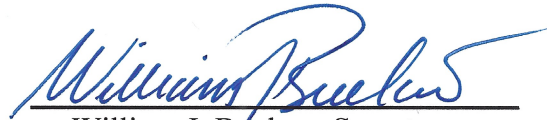
CMA GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits and Acting Alternate John Sanchez thanked everyone for the hard work completing the GSP document.

XI. Adjournment

WMA GSA Director Art Hibbits adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.



Art Hibbits, Vice-Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary

**Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management
Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin**

RESOLUTION CMA-2022-001

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE
CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY
GROUNDWATER BASIN**

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) requires that each groundwater basin in the state be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”), or multiple GSPs;

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (“CMA GSA”), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated January 11, 2017 (“CMA MOA”), is the exclusive GSA for the Central Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-015) (“Basin”);

WHEREAS, the CMA GSA has prepared a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) for the Central Management Area;

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2021, the CMA GSA gave notice under Water Code section 10728.4 to the City of Buellton and to Santa Barbara County regarding its intent to adopt the GSP;

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2021, the CMA GSA released the Public Draft GSP (dated September 2021), requesting comments from interested persons and agencies by October 26, 2021;

WHEREAS, on December 17 and December 24, 2021, notice was published in the Santa Barbara News Press of the public hearing on adoption of the GSP to be held at 10:00 a.m. on January 3, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Final GSP, with responses to public comments received, was presented to the CMA GSA Committee in a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on January 3, 2022;

WHEREAS, the CMA GSA, together with the other two GSAs in the Basin, has entered into the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement (“Coordination Agreement”), effective January 1, 2022; upon adoption of the GSP, Water Code Section 10733.4 requires that the GSP be submitted to DWR for review on or before January 31, 2022

NOW THEREFORE, the CMA GSA hereby resolves as follows:

- 1) Each of the recitals above is true and correct and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 2) The GSA finds that that the GSP and Coordination Agreement comply with the requirements of SGMA.
- 3) Pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4, the CMA GSA hereby adopts the GSP as the GSP for the Central Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
- 4) The GSA hereby authorizes and instructs the Plan Manager designated under the Coordination Agreement to submit or direct the submittal of the GSP to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") as required by SGMA and the SGMA Regulations. The Plan Manager is authorized to make any minor, administrative changes to the GSP that are required for submittal to DWR.
- 5) Should DWR require substantive changes to the GSP adopted herein, the Plan Manager shall bring such changes back to the CMA GSA Committee for review and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Committee of the CMA GSA on January 03, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

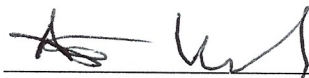
AYES: Art Hibbits, John Sanchez

NOES: None

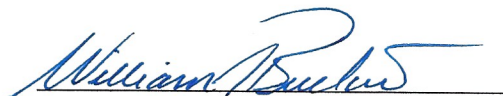
ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:



Art Hibbits, Vice-Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary