

MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin October 20, 2021

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 Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting occurred solely via teleconference as authorized by AB361 and in accordance with the latest Santa Barbara County Health Officer Order.

GSA Committee Directors Present: Ed Andrisek and Art Hibbits

Alternate GSA Committee Director Present: Cynthia Allen and Meighan Diethofer

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

Others Present: Sean Diggins and Brett Stroud (Young Wooldridge).

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

GSA Committee Director Ed Andrisek called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm and asked Mr. Bill Buelow to call roll. Two Committee Directors were present providing a quorum. Mr. Buelow announced names of phone and video attendees.

II. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Consider adopting Resolution CMA-2021-001, "Resolution Initially Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under AB361"

Mr. Buelow provided background of and purpose for AB361. Mr. Brett Stroud (Young Wooldridge) explained the code, history leading up to passing of AB361 and benefits of invoking AB361 to change teleconference rules while abiding by the Brown Act. There was no discussion or public comment.

GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits made a MOTION to approve Resolution CMA-2021-001, RESOLUTION INITIALLY AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB361. GSA Committee Director Ed

Andrisek seconded the motion, reading of the Resolution was waived and the Resolution was passed 2-0 by roll call vote.

V. Next "Special" CMA GSA Meeting: Monday, October 25, 2021, 10:00 AM

Mr. Buelow announced the next proposed meeting for the CMA GSA Committee will be a Special Meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021, 10:00 am at the Buellton City Council Chambers with remote participation provided via ZOOM. Those meeting in person at the Buellton City Council Chambers will be required to wear masks while indoors, as per Santa Barbara County mandate.

VI. Next Regular CMA GSA Meeting: Monday, November 15, 2021, 10:00 AM

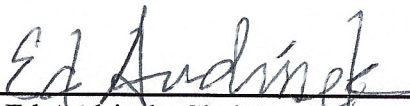
Mr. Buelow announced that the next CMA GSA Committee Regular Meeting will be on Monday, November 15, 2021, 10:00 am, at the Buellton City Council Chambers with remote participation provided via ZOOM. Those meeting in person at the Buellton City Council Chambers will be required to wear masks while indoors, as per Santa Barbara County Health Order No. 2021-10.5.

VII. CMA GSA Committee requests and comments

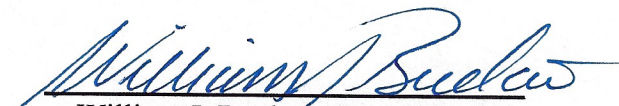
There were no requests or comments.

XIII. Adjournment

GSA Committee Director Art Hibbits made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 pm. GSA Committee Director Ed Andrisek seconded and the motion passed by Roll Call vote 2-0.



Ed Andrisek, Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary

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

RESOLUTION CMA-2021-001

RESOLUTION INITIALLY AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB 361

WHEREAS, meetings of the governing Committee (“Committee”) of the **Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin** (CMA GSA) are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the CMA GSA conduct its business;

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953(e), added by Assembly Bill 361 (2021) (“AB361”), provides for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to certain conditions and requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CMA GSA wishes to invoke the provisions of AB361 to authorize teleconference meetings subject to the provisions of Government Code section 54953(e);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. Findings. The Committee hereby finds as follows:

- (a) As provided by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), a proclaimed state of emergency exists under the California Emergency Services Act, as declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020.
- (b) As provided by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), the County of Santa Barbara Health Department has imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, specifically Santa Barbara County Health Order No. 2021-10.5 (see also Santa Barbara County Public Health Department Health Officials AB 361 Social Distance Recommendation issued September 28, 2021).

Section 2. Procedures for Teleconference Meetings. The CMA GSA shall hold meetings to allow for teleconference participation pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 54953(e).

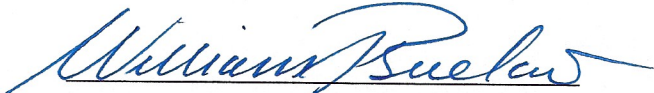
Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 4. Renewal. Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), the CMA GSA may consider findings regarding the state of emergency every 30 days.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Committee of the CMA GSA on October 20, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ed Andrisek, Art Hibbits
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:



William J. Buelow, Secretary

