

NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN
WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
at Vandenberg Village Community Services District, Meeting Room, 3745 Constellation Rd, Lompoc, California

WMA GSA Director Myron Heavin will be attending the meeting via teleconference from the following location:
2700 Lewis Place, Lompoc, California. Members of the public may join him at that location.

WMA GSA Alternate Director Mike Garner will be attending the meeting via teleconference from the following location:
2824 Desert Song Drive Bullhead City, Arizona. Members of the public may join him at that location.

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AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
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 the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 26, 2024
5. Consider appointment of Ad-Hoc Committees for the following:
 - a. Recruitment of WMA Plan Manager/Executive Director; approving draft Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
 - b. Development of a policy for administering well verifications in the WMA
 - c. Development of a policy for WMA groundwater production measurement and reporting
6. Receive and discuss request for WMA GSA Written Verification of a proposed well on APN 099-650-012, 1990 Tularosa Rd. Lompoc, CA (Lany1990 LLC, Christopher Montes)
7. Receive and consider possible action on the following WMA JPA items:
 - a. Revisions to WMA JPA adding Agricultural Representative
 - b. Approval of Revised Draft 5-year Budget for WMA GSA
 - c. Endorsement of member agency cost/loan share reimbursement agreement
 - d. Scope of Work for seawater intrusion monitoring by County and consider approval of laboratory costs
 - e. WMA GSA Contract with EKI for Component Management Services on behalf of the Santa Ynez Basin
 - f. Approval of scope of work and cost estimate from Stetson Engineers for ongoing technical support

8. Discuss Basin-wide Joint-GSAs meeting Friday, September 6, 2024, 10 a.m., at Buellton City Council Chambers
9. Next Regular WMA GSA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 10 a.m. at VVCSD
10. WMA GSA Board member reports and requests for future agenda items.
11. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors June 26, 2024

A regular meeting of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WMA GSA) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Vandenberg Village Community Services District, Meeting Room, 3745 Constellation Road, Lompoc, California.

Directors Present: Jeremy Ball, Chris Brooks, Myron Heavin, and Steve Jordan

Non-Voting Directors Present (Teleconference): Meighan Diethofer (Acting Alternate)

Alternate Directors Present: Mike Garner, Ron Stassi and Kristin Worthley

Others Present (In Person): Cynthia Allen, Bill Buelow, Brian Horenberger,
Legal Counsel Isaac St. Lawrence, Amber Thompson, and Charlie Witt

Others Present (Teleconference): Ken Domako, John Fio (EKI), Karen Kistler, Steve Torigiani (Young Wooldridge), and Matt Young

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

WMA GSA Chair Ball called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Ms. Thompson called roll. Four Directors were present providing a quorum. Two Alternate Directors were also present. One non-voting Acting Alternate Director participated by teleconference.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by WMA GSA Chair Ball.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Review and consider approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2024

The minutes of the WMA GSA Board meeting of May 22, 2024, were presented for Board consideration.

Director Brooks made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the WMA GSA Board meeting of May 22, 2024, as presented. Discussion followed. Director Jordan seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Receive and consider approval updated organizational chart

Mr. St. Lawrence presented an updated organizational chart incorporating the revisions requested by the Board during the May 22, 2024, meeting. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

Director Ball made a MOTION to approve the Organizational Chart, as presented. Director Jordan seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Receive update from JPA member agency counsel and consider approval of Administrative Services Contract with SYRWCD

Mr. St. Lawrence presented the Administrative Services Contract between the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“Contract”). Discussion followed.

The Board requested the following revisions be made to the Contract:

- In the third WHEREAS, replace “as an accommodation” with “in lieu of GSA hiring own employee”
- In Section 3, replace “continue indefinitely” with “end December 31, 2024 or”
- In Section 4, replace "one-hundred and eighty (180) days” with “thirty (30) days”

Mr. Torigiani, Legal Counsel for Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, agreed that the requested changes could be made to the Contract. Public comment was received.

Director Brooks made a MOTION to approve the Administrative Services Contract between the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as amended with in the third WHEREAS, replace “as an accommodation” with “in lieu of GSA hiring own employee”, in Section 3, replace “continue indefinitely” with “end December 31, 2024 or”, in Section 4, replace "one-hundred and eighty (180) days” with “thirty (30) days”. Director Heavin seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Receive update on request for WMA GSA Written Verification for APN 099-100-041, 1906 Gypsy Canyon Rd., Lompoc (Joanna Garrick)

Mr. Buelow provided an update on the Review of Well Application for APN: 099-100-041 (EH-LUA-23-000039), Joanna Garrick, dated May 7, 2024, by GSI Water Solutions, Inc. He reported that the additional deposit required for the additional review, per the Board’s request at the last meeting, was quoted by GSI at \$1,800. He read public comments that were received by email regarding this well verification including clarification as to

expected water use and decreased expected groundwater production from 168 acre-feet per year to 66 acre-feet per year. Discussion followed and public comments were received.

Director Heavin requested staff develop a policy to require all new wells have meters installed. After discussion, the Board agreed that staff, legal counsel, and consultants should work on drafting a policy regarding well verification approvals.

Director Jordan made a MOTION to approve issuing the well verification for APN 099-100-041 with the condition to require a meter based on specifications acceptable to WMA GSA and directed staff and legal counsel to develop a policy for well verification approvals. Director Brooks seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Director Heavin requested an amendment to the motion to add a limit to groundwater production of 65 acre-feet per year. Public comments were received. Further discussion followed. The requested amendment to the motion failed for lack of a second. The original motion passed by the following voice vote:

AYES = 7: Ball (City of Lompoc – 2), Jordan (SYRWCD – 4),
Brooks (Vandenberg Village CSD – 1)

NO = 1: Heavin (Mission Hills CSD – 1)

8. Receive update and consider possible action on the following SGM Implementation Grant items

a. Consider endorsing proposed draft Prop 68 Grant funding allocation budget

Mr. Buelow presented “Exhibit B to the Subgrant Agreement for Implementation of Grant Agreement Number 4600015265 Between the State of California Department of Water Resources and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Grant Agreement Project Components Budget Allocation”. He reported that member agency staff from the three GSAs in the Santa Ynez Basin collaborated on the budget allocations. Mr. Torigiani reported that a Draft Subgrant Agreement has been reviewed by legal counsels of member agencies and will be distributed to the GSAs soon. Mr. Buelow reported on the DWR requirement to provide a rank by importance for each Grant Component. Components 2 through 5 were important to all GSAs, in that order, while Components 6 through 8 were specifically requested by only the WMA GSA and no other GSA requested any other components to be included in the grant application. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

Director Brooks made a MOTION to endorse the proposed Draft “Exhibit B to the Subgrant Agreement for Implementation of Grant Agreement Number 4600015265 Between the State of California Department of Water Resources and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Grant Agreement Project Components Budget Allocation”, as presented. Director Heavin seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Director Heavin made a MOTION to approve the Program Manager to contact consultants for grant component projects. Director Brooks seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Director Brooks withdrew his seconding of the motion. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Discussion followed. The Board directed staff to prepare Requests for Proposals and Scopes of work for the grant component projects.

b. Discuss member agency cost-share agreement and agency loan share contribution status

Mr. Buelow reported that no cost share agreement is currently in place for the WMA GSA and one is needed to clarify member agency contributions to the WMA GSA as being temporary loans to be paid back to the member agency by the GSA.

Director Jordan made a MOTION directing legal counsel to draft a cost share agreement for the WMA GSA that includes reimbursement to member agencies from grant funds. Director Ball seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The cost share agreement will be presented to the Board for approval once it is drafted.

c. Review DWR Grant Invoice #2 transmittal

Mr. Buelow presented the Component Summary Table and Backup Documentation Summary Tables submitted to DWR on May 30, 2024, with Invoice #2 requesting reimbursement of \$129,626.37. He reported that this was for information only and that Invoice #2 included grant reimbursable invoices for GSP implementation efforts done January 1 through March 31, 2024. There was no discussion, public comment, or action taken.

d. Consider authorizing a contract with EKI for Component Management Services on behalf of the Santa Ynez Basin. Consider authorizing Plan Manager or Board President to sign same

Mr. Buelow reported that the joint GSAs member agencies staff recommend that one of the Basin's GSAs enter into a contract with one consultant for Component Management Services on behalf of the three GSAs in the Basin so that the consultant can create one deliverable for the Basin to DWR. Staff recommended that the WMA GSA contract with John Fio at EKI to manage Grant Components 2 and 5 for the Basin. Discussion followed. Mr. Torigiani, legal counsel for the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, emphasized the importance of having the Subgrant Agreement in place to establish the grant funding reimbursements to the GSAs.

Director Brooks made a MOTION authorizing the development of a contract with EKI for Component Management Services on behalf of the Santa Ynez Basin and directed staff to bring the contract back to Board for consideration. Director Ball seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

e. Review WMA Annual Report Comment Letter from DWR

Mr. Buelow reviewed the May 31, 2024, letter received from the California Department of Water Resources, Sustainable Groundwater Management Office regarding Review of Annual Report for the Western Management Area GSP, Santa Ynez River Valley Basin, Water Year 2023. DWR requires additional information be submitted in future annual reports to include groundwater extraction data that corresponds to the water year reporting period. DWR also noted the following few minor issues that should be addressed in future annual report submittals:

- The data submitted to the SGMA Portal needs to be aggregated for the entire basin, rather than separate data submittals for each GSA.
- The basin point of contact should submit one annual report for the entire Subbasin each year with the additional GSA specific information included as appendices, as necessary. The one coordinated annual report should document the aggregated data for the entire Subbasin that was submitted to the SGMA Portal while also presenting the GSA specific data and information in tabular form.

There was no discussion, public comment or action.

9. Review draft 5-year Budget and rate study for WMA GSA

Mr. Buelow presented a Draft 5-Year Budget for the Western Management Area GSA. The Board reviewed and discussed the Draft 5-Year Budget. The Board agreed that action to approve the 5-Year Budget should be delayed until next month's meeting to give sufficient time for review by Board Members. Ms. Worthey stated that the City of Lompoc requires an invoice for any cost contribution requests. Ms. Worthley asked if the USGS Lompoc Monitoring project should be transferred to the WMA GSA. Discussion followed. There was no public comment and no action.

10. Receive update from legal counsel on the addition of an Agricultural Representative

Mr. St. Lawrence provided an update on options to add an Agricultural Representative as a member of to the JPA. Mr. St. Lawrence reported that to add a non-voting "Associate Member" position, an amendment to the JPA would be required. It was further reported that the non-voting Associate Member would be the most appropriate manner of adding an agricultural representative to the Board in compliance with direction from DWR regarding non-public entity GSA members. Discussion followed.

Director Jordan made a MOTION directing Legal Counsel to draft an Amendment to the JPA to add an Associate non-voting member as an Agricultural Representative to be considered at the next Board meeting. Director Ball seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

11. Discuss tentative date of August 16, 2024, for Basin-wide Joint-GSAs Meeting

Mr. Buelow announced that a Basin-wide Joint-GSAs meeting will not be scheduled for August 16, 2024, because the CMA GSA Board does not have a quorum available on that date. Discussion followed.

12. Next Regular WMA GSA Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, 2024

The next scheduled WMA GSA Board Regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Vandenberg Village Community Services District, Meeting Room, 3745 Constellation Rd., Lompoc, California.

13. WMA GSA Board member reports and requests for future agenda items

There were no reports or requests for future agenda items.

14. Adjournment

Chair Ball adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Jeremy Ball, Chair

Amber Thompson, Secretary

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**SANTA YNEZ BASIN WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR CONSULTING SERVICES
FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PLAN MANAGER**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

August 31, 2024

INTRODUCTION

The Santa Ynez Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WMA GSA) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) formed to effectively implement its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The WMA GSA is seeking Statements of Qualification (SOQs) from qualified firms and individuals to provide Executive Director of the GSA services as an independent contractor.

BACKGROUND

The WMA GSA JPA includes the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, City of Lompoc, Mission Hills Community Services District, and Vandenberg Village Community Services District. The WMA GSA became a JPA on November 28, 2023.

The Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin is designated as a medium-priority basin and is subject to SGMA. Public agencies in the Basin created three GSAs representing the three main areas of the Basin (Eastern, Central, and Western Management Area). Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for each management area were submitted to the California Department of Water Resources for review in January of 2022. All three GSPs were approved by DWR in January 2024.

PROJECT SCOPE

The precise scope of work will be approved by the WMA GSA Board in consultation with the successful firm/individual for this RFQ. The successful firm/individual will enter into a contract with the WMA GSA. The scope of the work as a consultant Executive Director would include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Perform administrative and management duties in the capacity of Executive Director for a public agency acting as a WMA GSA approximately 15-20 hours per week;
2. Oversee implementation of the approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Projects for the WMA GSA. Coordinate with the two other GSA's in the Basin.

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3. Prepare agendas and attend meetings of the WMA GSA Board of Directors and any regular committees, including a Community Advisory Group appointed by the WMA GSA Board, attend and administer those meetings, and prepare minutes of those meetings serving as or working with the Secretary of the WMA GSA. Currently the WMA GSA Board meets monthly (4th Wednesday of the month), however this could change to quarterly meetings (travel expenses are negotiable);;
4. Coordinate with other consultants retained by the WMA GSA, including legal counsel and technical consultants performing studies and/or projects for the WMA GSA;
5. Serve as or work with the Treasurer of the WMA GSA to provide financial information to the WMA GSA Board;
6. Secure other services needed by the WMA GSA, such as insurance; bookkeeping, Certified Public Accountant; web-hosting;
7. Communicate with landowners and groundwater producers within the WMA GSA, staff representing member agencies of the WMA GSA, and other interested parties, as the principle point of contact for the GSA, and provide communications to such stakeholders as directed by the WMAGSA Board;
8. Facilitate regular (monthly) meetings with WMA GSA JPA member staff representatives.
9. Participate in basin-wide staff and board meetings.
10. Other activities as directed by the Board of Directors.

ORGANIZATION AND CONTENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS SUBMITTALS

At a minimum, please provide the following information in support of your response to this RFQ. Note that straightforward pertinent information is encouraged rather than general company brochures. Please limit your response to 10 pages (excluding any cover letter or resumes).

General Firm Information (if applicable)

Please provide information on your firm's location, number of employees, years in business, etc.

Applicable Experience

Please provide a description of your or your firm's recent and relevant experience related to the types of activities listed in the scope of work above. Please provide a description of your or your firm's specific experience in relevant areas over the last five (5) years. A description of each project should include:

- When the work was performed, including the duration of the project;
- The client for whom the work was performed (unless confidential; if so, please note as such);
- A general description of the scope of work;
- The outcome of the project, i.e. did the project meet its objectives?

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- Contact information, including a telephone number and email address, of the project manager, and key team members associated with the project.

Project Team Information

Please identify who will be directly involved in providing services to the WMA GSA and provide resumes with relevant experience for all of those involved. If the proposal is a team approach and/or includes sub-consultants, please provide the estimated percentage of the overall effort in terms of projected costs for each team member or sub-consultant.

Project Approach

Please provide a discussion of your firm's ideas with respect to implementing the project scope in a cost-effective and timely manner. Please present your perspective on key priorities, and potential risk factors and their mitigation.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Please also provide the following:

Insurance

Confirm the Consultant's and sub-consultant's (if applicable) will secure any legally required insurance coverage (this may include comprehensive general liability, automotive liability, and workers compensation).

Consulting Rates and Other Costs

Please provide information regarding personnel rates and any other unit costs that may be applied for this project (e.g. copies, computer usage, travel, etc.).

SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROCESS

Prior to award of a contract the WMA GSA may schedule a meeting with selected consultants to provide the consultant an opportunity to describe their qualifications with the WMA GSA Board of Directors or a committee thereof, and to answer questions regarding the consultant's qualifications.

The WMA GSA may select whichever consultant it determines will best serve its interests utilizing and considering the response to the requirements of this RFQ. . . Upon completion of the evaluation process, initial discussions may be conducted between the WMA GSA and consultants to clarify the scope of services, staffing schedules, level of effort, and contract costs. The WMA GSA will then enter final negotiations with the selected consultant with the intent of agreeing on a mutually acceptable contract.

Due Date, Number of Submittals, and Contact Information

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One hard copy and one electronic copy should be submitted to:

William Buelow, WMA Interim Plan Manager
c/o Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
P.O. Box 719
Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Qualification submittals should be received no later than 12:00 pm on August 31, 2024.

Questions can be directed to William (Bill) Buelow by phone at 805.693.1156 or by email at bbuelow@syrwcd.com.

DISCLOSURES

All submitters are hereby advised that this RFQ is an informal solicitation and is not a commitment or offer to enter into an agreement or engage into any competitive bidding or negotiations pursuant to any statute, ordinance, rule, or regulation. The submitter understands and agrees to the following:

- A. The WMA GSA reserves the right to negotiate with any qualified source.
- B. The WMA GSA reserves the right to reject any or all submittals for any reason or for no reason at all.
- C. The WMA GSA reserves the right to request further information from the submitters either in writing or orally. Such request will be addressed to that person or persons authorized by the submitter to represent the submitter.
- D. The WMA GSA reserves the sole right to judge the submitters' representations, either written or oral.
- E. Submitters understand and agree that a submittal constitutes acknowledgement and acceptance of, and a willingness to comply with, all the terms, conditions, and criteria contained in this RFQ.
- F. False, incomplete, or unresponsive statements in connection with a submittal may be sufficient cause for the rejection of the submittal. The valuation and determination of the fulfillment of the above requirements will be the WMA GSA's responsibility and its decision shall be final.
- G. The WMA GSA reserves the right to interpret or change any provisions of this RFQ at any time prior to the submission date. Such interpretations or changes will be in the form of addenda to this RFQ.
- H. All submittals in response to this RFQ will become the exclusive property of the WMA GSA. At such time as the WMA GSA consultant selection appears on the WMA GSA Board Agenda, all such submittals become a matter of public record, and shall be regarded as public records, with the exception of those parts of each submittal which are defined by the submitter as business or trade secrets, and so marked as "confidential" or "proprietary". The WMA GSA shall not in any way be liable or

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responsible for the disclosure of any such submittals (or any part thereof) if disclosure of any such submittal or any part thereof is required under the Public Records Act.

- I. The WMA GSA shall not in any way be liable for any costs incurred in connection with the preparation of any submittal in response to this RFQ.

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5656 Water Solutions, Inc.

Review of Well Application in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, Western Management Area (WMA) APN: 099-650-012 (EH-LUA-23-000283) Montes

To: Santa Ynez River Valley Western Management Area (WMA) GSA Parties
From: Tim Nicely, PG, CHg and Katie O'Malley, GSI Water Solutions, Inc.
Date: July 19, 2024

This memorandum presents our review of an application to install a well within the Western Management Area (WMA). Our review was conducted on behalf of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin WMA Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). Under Paragraph 9 of Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-7-22 and the County Board of Supervisors Urgency Ordinance No. 5158 dated May 24, 2022, the County of Santa Barbara Department of Environmental Health Services shall not approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a medium or high-priority basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) without first obtaining written verification from the GSA that groundwater extraction by the proposed well¹:

1. would not be "inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program" established by the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Plan) adopted by the GSA, and
2. would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by the Plan.

Paragraph 9 of Executive Order N-7-22 does not apply to permits for wells that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, or that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code.

The application being reviewed is a new domestic supply well completed to a depth of 650 feet. The anticipated water production reported by the applicant is 4.8 acre-feet per year (AFY). The application also estimates a production rate of 12 gallons per minute (gpm) and an average daily runtime of 6 hours per day. This production of 4.8 AFY exceeds the 2 AFY definition of an exempt well.

¹ Santa Barbara County Urgency Ordinance No. 5158 defines a "New well." "New well" means a new groundwater well or replacement of an existing well with a new well that exceeds the production capacity of the existing well as originally permitted or constructed. This definition shall not include geothermal heat exchange wells, cathodic protection wells, or wells constructed for the purpose of monitoring or abating contaminants in underground waters that are associated with a hazardous materials release." (Ordinance No. 5158, Sec. 34A-23(5).)

Summary of Findings

The proposed well has the following properties:

- Well location:
 - The proposed well is located on Assessor's Parcel Number 099-650-012 at 1990 Tularosa Road in Lompoc. This parcel is located near the eastern edge of the Lompoc Upland area of the WMA near the Santa Rita Upland.
 - The parcel is not located within a public water system.
- Proposed well construction and use information:
 - The proposed new well will be completed to a depth of 650 below ground surface (bgs), with perforations starting at 300 feet bgs.
 - The well will be used for domestic purposes on a 40 acre parcel. The planned pumping rate will be 12 gallons per minute for 6 hours per day according to the well permit application, which the applicant reports as 4.8 AFY if pumped.
- Assess groundwater and related conditions:
 - Based on the depth of the proposed well, the produced groundwater will be derived from the Lower Aquifer. Groundwater conditions in the WMA are sustainable with no current undesirable results (defined as significant and unreasonable impacts to sustainability indicators as described in the WMA's Plan and most recent annual report).
- Would the well increase production within the WMA?
 - The proposed well, would be completed in the Lower Aquifer, which is a principal aquifer managed by the GSA and would increase production from a principal aquifer within the WMA.
 - However, the new well would not cause an exceedance of minimum thresholds or cause undesirable results measured at representative wells, as defined in the WMA's Plan and most recent annual report.
 - The proposed new well would not contribute to significant and unreasonable conditions leading to undesirable results related to the sustainability indicators:
 - Chronic water level decline
 - Reduction of groundwater in storage
 - Degradation of water quality
 - Land subsidence
 - Depletion of interconnected surface water and impacts to GDEs

Summary

Based upon the location and planned production from the proposed new well would be completed within a principal aquifer managed by the WMA. Production from this well would not be “inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program” established by the WMA and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin as defined in its Plan.

In our opinion, the GSA should provide a written verification to the County of Santa Barbara Department of Environmental Health for this application with appropriate caveats including the following. Any written verification provided is not a guarantee of the availability of water now or in the future. Based on sustainable management criteria, including but not limited to applicable minimum threshold(s), the GSA may exercise its authority to call for reduction in production from wells within its jurisdiction in accordance with SGMA and as part of the implementation of its Groundwater Sustainability Plan and avoidance of undesirable results.

Indemnification and Limitations of Liability

GSI Water Solutions does not warrant or guarantee that the well will produce the expected amount of water nor that the GSA will not require that extraction from the well be reduced in the future in accordance with its authority to manage the WMA within the sustainability goal presented in WMA’s Plan.

GSI Water Solutions is not responsible for or otherwise liable for any costs, investments, lost revenue, or payments related to any groundwater well permitted or not permitted by the County, including well drilling costs, pumping fees, extraction limits, costs related to well failure, well deepening, increased maintenance, replacement, or operational costs.

The GSA’s issuance of a written verification and the County’s issuance of a well permit to Applicant does not guarantee the extraction of any specific amount of water now or in the future or any defined water level or water quality.

FIRST AMENDMENT
TO JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT FOR
SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY BASIN WESTERN MANAGEMENT
AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

This Agreement is made and effective as of _____, 2024 (Effective Date), pursuant to the California Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Govt. Code, §§ 6500, et seq.) by and among the City of Lompoc (“Lompoc”); Mission Hills Community Services District (“Mission Hills”); Vandenberg Village Community Services District (“Vandenberg”); Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (“SYRW”); and Santa Barbara County Water Agency (“Santa Barbara”) and is the First Amendment of that certain “Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Santa Ynez River Valley Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency dated November 28, 2023 (“JPA”).

The JPA is amended in the following:

A. Article 2.7 is amended to read as follows:

“Article 2.7 “Director(s)” and “Alternate Director(s)” means a Director, Alternate Director, or Agricultural Representative appointed by a Member or appointed by the Directors representing the Members pursuant to Articles 7.2; 7.3; and 7.8.”

B. Article 2.16 is added to read as follows:

“Article 2.16 “Agricultural Representative” means an individual appointed pursuant to Article 7.8 to serve on the Board of Directors as a non-voting member for the purpose of representing the agricultural interests within the WMA.”

C. Article 6.2(a) and (b) are amended to read as follows:

- (a) “The approval of the Board of Directors as specified in Article 11.3;”
- (b) “Amendment of the Agreement in accordance with Article 17.2; and”

D. Article 7.1 is amended to read as follows:

“Article 7.1 Formation of the Board of Directors. The WMA GSA shall be governed by a Board of Directors (“Board”). Directors shall include one representative from each of the Members identified in Article 6.1, and one Agricultural Representative appointed pursuant to Article 7.8.”

E. Article 7.2 is amended to read as follows:

“Article 7.2 Appointment of Director. Directors shall be appointed by the representative Member’s governing body. Each Director representing a Member shall be an elected official or member of management of the appointing Member. This provision shall not be applicable to the Agricultural Representative Director position which shall be filled pursuant to Article 7.8 and subject to Article 7.9.”

F. Article 7.8 is added to read as follows:

“Article 7.8 Appointment of Agricultural Representative Director. The Agricultural Representative Director shall be appointed by the voting Directors serving pursuant to Article 7.2. Said appointment shall be made by a majority of the Board as provided for in Article 11.3(a). Upon such

an appointment, the Agricultural Representative shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board.”

G. Article 7.9 is added to read as follows:

“Article 7.9 Requirements for Agricultural Representative. The Agricultural Representative Director shall be appointed as set forth in Article 7.8 and shall serve until resignation or removal by a Supermajority Approval of the Board per Article 11.3(b). The Agricultural Representative shall serve on the Board for the purpose of representing the agricultural interests within the WMA and should be adequately qualified to represent said interests.”

G. Article 11.2 (f) is added to read as follows:

“(f) The Agricultural Representative Director position shall be non-voting.”

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this First Amendment as of the day and year first above written.

CITY OF LOMPOC

By: _____

MISSION HILLS COMMUNITY
SERVICES DISTRICT

By: _____

VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY
SERVICES DISTRICT

By: _____

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: _____

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER
AGENCY

By: _____

ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED BY:

SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLY BASIN
WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY

By: _____
Secretary to the Board of Directors

By: _____
Chairman

DRAFT ALTERNATIVE NOMINATION PROVISIONS

The Associate Agricultural Director and their alternate listed in Article 2.7.1 shall be appointed as follows:

- (1) Upon request of the Board, the Santa Ynez Water Group, working in conjunction with other agricultural associations or entities having members or doing business within the GSA's boundaries, specifically including but not limited to the Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau, shall solicit applications for the Associate Agricultural Director position through an open public process where such solicitation shall be publicly noticed in a newspaper of general circulation within the WMA and announced at no less than one public meeting of the WMA GSA. The Santa Ynez Water Group shall review all received applications and submit (i.e., nominate) one or more Qualified Nominees for the Associate Agricultural Director position to the Board, where a discussion of the review and nomination process must be provided by the nominating entity as part of an open public meeting of the WMA GSA.

- (2) A "Qualified Nominee" need not be a member of the Santa Ynez Water Group, or any other agricultural association or entity having members or doing business within the GSA's boundaries, but shall satisfy the following qualifications:
 - (i) Be an owner or representative of an owner of property located within the boundaries of the GSA and involved in Commercial Agriculture which produces at least 2 acre-feet per year of groundwater (as defined by SGMA and the WMA GSP) from within the boundaries of the GSA to support Commercial Agriculture on said property;

For purposes of these criteria, "Commercial Agriculture" means a commercial or family farming enterprise whose business is to cultivate the land for growing plants, vines, or other crops for consumption, fiber, biofuel, or raw materials, or the breeding, feeding, or raising of animals, livestock, or poultry for human consumption or other products, all resulting in the marketing and commercial sale of such products. The GSA may require submittal of documentation satisfactory to the GSA, including but not limited to applicable IRS forms, certifying that the property is used for Commercial Agriculture.
 - (ii) Be a resident and registered voter within the boundaries of the GSA; and
 - (iii) The Associate Agricultural Director, or the owner he/she represents, may not be a party to any pending litigation against the GSA, other than as a party to a groundwater rights adjudication affecting the WMA.

DRAFT ALTERNATIVE NOMINATION PROVISIONS

- (iv) Amendments to these criteria may be adopted through resolution by a unanimous vote of the Member Directors.

- (3) After the Santa Ynez Water Group has submitted one or more Qualified Nominees for the Associate Agricultural Director position, the Member Directors will consider said Qualified Nominees for appointment to the Board. Notwithstanding Article 11.3 of this Agreement, said appointment decision shall require a unanimous vote of all the Member Directors (or Alternate as applicable) during a publicly noticed meeting of the WMA GSA where the Directors from each of the Members (or Alternates as applicable) are present and each casts a vote. In the absence of a unanimous vote of approval and appointment by the Member Directors, the Member Directors may request the Santa Ynez Water Group to submit alternative Qualified Nominees in accordance with the process set forth above.

- (4) The Associate Agricultural Director shall be appointed for a term of two years but may be reappointed for multiple terms so long as that Agricultural Director is nominated by the Santa Ynez Water Group in accordance with the processes and requirements set forth above and unanimously approved and appointed by the Member Directors.

- (5) If the Santa Ynez Water Group is unwilling or unable to select and submit one or more Qualified Nominees for the Associate Agricultural Director position to the Board pursuant to the process set forth herein, the Board may request another agricultural association or entity having members or doing business within the GSA's boundaries to perform such process.

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

REVISED DRAFT 5 Year BUDGET 07-24-2024

DRAFT 5 Year BUDGET

	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2028	July 1, 2028 - June 30, 2029
	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months
REVENUES:					
Member Agency Contributions	250,000	250,000	0	0	0
Estimated SGMA Grant Reimbursement *3	1,000,000	1,000,000	415,690	0	0
Interest Income	850	850	850	850	850
SGMA Fees	0	700,000	600,000	550,000	475,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,250,850	\$ 1,950,850	\$ 1,016,540	\$ 550,850	\$ 475,850
EXPENSES					
<u>Internal Operations / Expenses (Assumes 3% increase/yr)</u>					
Executive Director Services *1	227,000	233,810	240,824	248,049	255,490
Outside Services *2	3,600	3,708	3,819	3,934	4,052
Office Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Director Fees	0	0	0	0	0
Travel & Training	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Annual Audit	0	25,000	25,750	26,523	27,318
Insurance	5,010	5,160	5,315	5,475	5,639
Dues (ACWA, CSDA etc)	800	824	849	874	900
Fees Collection Expenses	500	515	530	546	563
Payback Agencies	0	0	250,000	250,000	0
Miscellaneous (internet, webpage, postage etc)	1,000	1,030	1,061	1,093	1,126
SUB-TOTAL INTERNAL OPERATIONS	\$242,910	\$275,047	\$533,149	\$541,493	\$300,088
<u>Legal</u>					
General & Misc.	30,000	30,900	31,827	32,782	33,765
Employment/HR	5,000	5,150	5,305	5,464	5,628
Fees Collection	25,000	25,750	26,523	27,318	28,138
SUB-TOTAL LEGAL	\$60,000	\$61,800	\$63,654	\$65,564	\$67,531
<u>Engineering / Environmental</u>					
General & Misc.		40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Annual DWR Report	0	45,000	46,350	47,741	49,173
Grant Components 2-8 Jan 24-Jun 24	0	0	0	0	0
Grant Components 2-8 Jul 24-Jun 25	1,308,334	0	0	0	0
Grant Components 2-8 Jul 25-Jun 26	0	1,308,334	0	0	0
Technical Support	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
SUB-TOTAL ENGINEERING / ENVIRONMENTAL	\$1,315,334	\$1,400,334	\$93,350	\$94,741	\$96,173
CONTINGENCIES					
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,618,244	\$1,737,181	\$690,153	\$ 701,797	\$ 463,791
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$ (367,394)	\$ 213,668	\$ 326,387	\$ (150,947)	\$ 12,058
Carry-over Adjustment from previous year		-367,394	-153,726	172,661	21,714
NET POSITION		-153,726	172,661	21,714	33,772
RESERVES (GSA Policy Decision)					
Amount in/out of Reserves	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reserves, Total Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*1) Level of Effort (LOE) for Executive Director (15hrs/week) and Admin support (5 hrs/week) plus 3% COLA per year

*2) \$300/month for bookkeeper and AP 2023 rates plus 3% COLA per year

*3) Assumes DWR will hold 10% retention until end of project, or 3rd Qtr 2026

**SANTA YNEZ WMA JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
COST SHARING AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT**

This Cost Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into on _____, 2024, by and among the below listed members of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, a California Joint Powers Authority ("WMA"), located within the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin ("Basin"), each a "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties":

Members:

1. City of Lompoc ("Lompoc")
2. Mission Hills Community Services District ("Mission Hills")
3. Vandenberg Village Community Services District ("Vandenberg")
4. Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District ("SYRWCD")
5. Santa Barbara County Water Agency ("Santa Barbara")

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Parties collectively have a shared interest in implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") covering a portion of the Basin to satisfy the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA");

WHEREAS, the Parties have formed the WMA for the purpose of implementing the WMA GSP which has been previously adopted and approved by the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") and sustainably manage the groundwater of lands within the boundaries of the WMA;

WHEREAS, the WMA, as a new entity, does not have an existing funding source as it has not yet completed a Proposition 218, or other process, legally required before implementing fees and charges;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Parties to engage the services of consultants to revise preform necessary rate studies, provide legal services, and otherwise implement the WMA GSP;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14.2 of the WMA Joint Powers Agreement, the Parties have agreed to fund the WMA in the percentage stated to cover the costs to operate the WMA and retain the necessary consultants until such time as other funds are available;

WHEREAS, at the request of and pursuant to resolutions adopted by the governing bodies of the GSAs within the Basin, including the WMA, SYRWCD entered into Grant Agreement Number 4600015265 ("Grant") with DWR for the purpose of providing reimbursement funding pursuant to Proposition 68 to assist in financing implementation SGMA in the Basin;

WHEREAS, subject to a Subgrant Agreement between the WMA and other GSA's in the Basin, it is expected that certain costs born by the WMA will be reimbursed with Grant funds;

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that sharing the costs associated with the operation of the WMA is beneficial and cost-effective;

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to share costs and be reimbursed for said costs pursuant to this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

AGREEMENT TERMS:

1. Cost Sharing: The Parties agree to collectively share costs associated with the operation of the WMA and hiring of consultants to accomplish the WMA’s purpose until such time as other funding is available, as set forth in Article 14 of the WMA’s Joint Powers Agreement, dated November 28, 2023. Specifically, the Parties contributions shall be as follows:

SYRWCD	50%
Lompoc	25%
Mission Hills	12.5%
Vandenberg	12.5%
Santa Barbara	0%

2. Cash Calls: Upon determination by the Board of Directors of the WMA that funding is needed, a cash call shall be made to the Parties, and each Party shall contribute the percentage set forth above to satisfy the full amount of the cash call. Payments will be made within thirty (30) days written notice to the Parties of the cash call and amount necessary. The Parties shall deposit their respective contributions with the WMA, which will serve as the custodian of the funds. Consultant invoices will be sent directly to the WMA who will facilitate the timely review and payment of invoices.

3. Accounting: WMA shall maintain accurate accounting records and other documentation pertaining to all monies concerning this Agreement. Such records and documentation shall be kept during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of three (3) years following payment of any invoice received. WMA shall make available to any requesting Party the accounting records pertaining to that requesting Party.

4. Grant Reimbursement: If it is determined any costs incurred and born by the WMA can be covered by existing grant funds, and such funds are received by the WMA, each Party shall be reimbursed in an amount equal to its proportionate contribution. The reimbursement shall be made directly to each Party by the WMA.

5. Amendments: This Agreement may only be amended in writing and signed by all Parties hereto.

6. Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

7. Joint Ownership of Work Product: All work product generated pursuant to this Agreement shall be jointly owned by the Parties so that each will have access and ability to utilize said work product.

8. Execution in Parts or Counterparts: This Agreement shall be executed in parts or counterparts, each part or counterpart being an exact duplicate of all other parts or counterparts, and all parts or counterparts shall be considered as constituting one complete original and may be attached together when executed by the parties hereto. Electronic signatures shall be binding.

EXECUTION:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Cost Sharing Agreement as of the date first above written.

City of Lompoc _____

Mission Hills Community Services District _____

Vandenberg Village Community Services District _____

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District _____

Santa Barbara County Water Agency _____

STETSON ENGINEERS
SCOPE OF WORK AND ESTIMATED COST
FOR WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA)
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)
IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT
Fiscal Year 2024/2025

This scope of work is to assist in implementing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Western Management Area (WMA) of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin. The WMA Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) adopted the GSP on January 5, 2022, and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) approved the GSP for the WMA on January 18, 2024. For Fiscal Year 2024/2025, Stetson Engineers proposes the following scope of work supporting general GSP duties and the GSP monitoring network and Data Management System (DMS). All work is on a time and material basis using the attached rate schedule (Attachment A).

Stetson Engineers is committed to the success of the GSP and is prepared to go above and beyond. In addition to the scope of work below, Stetson Engineers are also available to provide additional scopes of work as needed for the Annual Reports, GSP Update, and the various Projects and Management Actions described in the GSP, which Stetson Engineers developed as the primary author.

SUBTASK 1 – GENERAL SUPPORT **(\$2,000)**

This subtask involves miscellaneous work performed by Stetson in support of WMA requests that are not related to the 2022-2026 DWR grant. One of the subtasks involves new verification support. Stetson Engineers will provide WMA GSA staff and GSI support in assessing potential impacts from new well constructions in the WMA, as needed.

SUBTASK 2 – SUPPORT FOR WMA GSA MONITORING **(\$5,000)**

This subtask involves maintaining the local data management system (<https://sywater.info/>). Typical work for the DMS includes uploading the most recent water level data from various sources, including the Reclamation, County, and local water districts; uploading the latest water quality data from the SDWIS database; software updates; quality control of the back-up and security features of the DMS server; and annual maintenance fee for the server. As needed, this subtask also supports the GSA in implementing the proposed GSA monitoring elements in the GSP as requested by the GSA.



Standard Billing Rate Schedule Professional Fees

Principal	\$249.00	Per Hour
Special Project Director	\$249.00	Per Hour
Project Manager, Senior	\$216.00	Per Hour
Supervisor I	\$216.00	Per Hour
Supervising Soil Scientist	\$201.00	Per Hour
Supervisor II	\$201.00	Per Hour
Supervisor III	\$195.00	Per Hour
Senior I	\$173.00	Per Hour
Senior II	\$156.00	Per Hour
Senior III	\$141.00	Per Hour
Construction Manager	\$141.00	Per Hour
Construction Manager / Oversight	\$124.00	Per Hour
Senior Construction Inspector	\$124.00	Per Hour
Senior Field Geologist	\$141.00	Per Hour
Senior Associate	\$135.00	Per Hour
Associate I	\$129.00	Per Hour
Associate II	\$121.00	Per Hour
Associate III	\$116.00	Per Hour
Associate Soil Scientist	\$116.00	Per Hour
Senior Assistant	\$108.00	Per Hour
Assistant I	\$103.00	Per Hour
Assistant II	\$98.00	Per Hour
Assistant Soil Scientist	\$98.00	Per Hour
Assistant III	\$93.00	Per Hour
GIS Manager	\$129.00	Per Hour
GIS Specialist I	\$106.00	Per Hour
GIS Specialist II	\$96.00	Per Hour
Technical Illustrator	\$93.00	Per Hour
AutoCAD Technician	\$93.00	Per Hour
Soil Technician	\$81.00	Per Hour
Aide I	\$75.00	Per Hour
Aide II	\$65.00	Per Hour
Aide III	\$60.00	Per Hour
Project Coordinator I	\$141.00	Per Hour
Project Coordinator II	\$103.00	Per Hour
Project Coordinator III	\$93.00	Per Hour
Contract Management	\$108.00	Per Hour
Administrative I	\$75.00	Per Hour
Administrative II	\$70.00	Per Hour
Administrative III	\$65.00	Per Hour

Effective January 1, 2023

Direct Expense Rates

Expense Description	Billing Rate
Mileage	\$* / Mile
Reproduction: Black & White (In-House)	\$0.15 / Page
Reproduction: Color - 8.5" x 11" (In-House)	\$0.89 / Page
Reproduction: Color - 11" x 17" (In-House)	\$1.89 / Page
Plotter Reproduction (In-House)	\$1.50 / Sq. Ft.
Survey Equipment	\$120.00 / Day

Notes:

- 1) * Mileage is billed at the current IRS approved mileage rate and may be subject to change.
- 2) Subcontractor services will be charged at cost plus 10% administration fee.
- 3) All other project reimbursable expenses (i.e. telephone, commercial transportation, meals, lodging, postage, outside reproduction, etc.) will be billed at cost.
- 4) Testimony fees are 150% of standard rates and apply to depositions, court time and time spent on stand-by at attorney's request. Travel time and preparation time is charged at standard rates. Stetson Engineers Inc. authorizes only staff at associate classification or higher to testify as expert witnesses.