

## NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

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

HELD AT  
BUELLTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
140 WEST HIGHWAY 246, BUELLTON, CALIFORNIA

AT 10:00 A.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

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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 May 22, 2023 and August 7, 2023
5. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List
6. Receive update on Polo Village Well Access
7. Review and Summary of Request(s) for CMA GSA Written Verification under Executive Order N-7-22 as amended in Executive Order N-5-23 for well permits processed by County EHS in the CMA:
  - a. APN 137-250-067 – Novatt (750 E. Hwy 246, Buellton, CA)
8. Review and consider proposed addition to well verification request forms for the CMA
9. Update on Rate Study
10. Discuss SGMA Governance for the CMA
11. Next CMA GSA Regular Meeting, Monday, September 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California
12. CMA GSA Committee reports and requests for future agenda items
13. Adjournment

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin May 22, 2023

A regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Central Management Area (CMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

CMA GSA Committee Members Present: Art Hibbits and John Sanchez

CMA GSA Committee Member (Remote): Cynthia Allen

Member Agency Staff Present: Rose Hess and Amber Thompson

Member Agency Staff Present (Remote): Bill Buelow and Matt Young

Others Present: Joel Baker, Doug Circle, Paeter Garcia, Larry Lahr, and Sharyne Merritt

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

CMA GSA Committee Chair Art Hibbits called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Ms. Thompson to call roll. Two CMA GSA Committee Members were present providing a quorum. In addition, one Alternate Committee Member was attending online.

#### 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 March 27, 2023

The minutes of the CMA GSA Committee meeting on March 27, 2023 were presented for GSA Committee approval. There was no discussion or public comment.

CMA GSA Committee Member John Sanchez made a MOTION to approve the minutes of March 27, 2023, as presented. GSA Committee Member Art Hibbits seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment, The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Review and Consider Approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List**

The CMA GSA Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2022-23 Periods 7 through 9 (through March 31, 2023) and the Warrant Lists for January, February, and March 2023. There was no discussion.

CMA GSA Committee Member John Sanchez made a MOTION to approve the Warrant Lists of January, February, and March 2023 (Check Nos. 1003-1006) totaling \$4,659.25, as presented. GSA Committee Member Art Hibbits seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Receive Update on Polo Village Well Access**

Mr. Buelow provided an update on the efforts to secure monitoring access to a well located off McMurray Road near an access road at the to be developed Polo Village. Discussion followed. There was no public comment and no action.

**7. Review and Summary of Request(s) for CMA GSA Written Verification under Executive Order N-7-22 and other well permits processed by County EHS in the CMA**

**a. None at the time**

There was nothing to report.

**8. Discuss SGMA Governance for the CMA**

Mr. Buelow reported that staff, with member agencies attorneys, began the process to convert the existing Memorandum of Agreement to a Joint Powers Authority the CMA GSA. There was no discussion, no public comment, and no action.

**9. Informational Correspondence**

**a. Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau, April 5, 2023**

**b. State Water Resources Control Board, April 14, 2023**

**c. Santa Barbara Cattlemen's Association, May 3, 2023**

The Committee received the written communications and discussion followed. Staff advised that the Letter to DWR from Natalie Stork was received by DWR through the SGMA portal on GSPs after the comment period ended. The letter is being reviewed by staff and member agencies attorneys and a response will be forthcoming. The other two letters are informational and supportive of an ag representative.

Ms. Sharyne Merritt provided public comments. She asked for clarification regarding comments regarding river alluvium on the State Water Resources Control Board letter. She recommended that responses be sent to those who submit letters in favor of ag representation on the GSAs. Discussion followed. There was no action.

**10. Next CMA GSA Regular Meeting, Monday, June 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Buellton City Council Chambers**

The next scheduled CMA GSA regular meeting will be Monday, June 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

CMA GSA Committee Member Art Hibbits thanked the City of Buellton for allowing the CMA GSA Committee to use the City Council Chambers.

**11. CMA GSA Committee reports and requests for future agenda items**

CMA GSA Committee Chair Art Hibbits reported that he submitted his resignation to the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, effective June 30, 2023.

Ms. Rose Hess, City of Buellton, reported that the City of Buellton's water shortage contingency plan has been developed and is available on the City's website for public comment.

**12. Adjournment**

GSA Committee Chair Art Hibbits adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

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Cynthia Allen, Chair

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William J. Buelow, Secretary

## MEETING MINUTES

### Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin August 07, 2023

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, August 07, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

CMA GSA Committee Members Present: Cynthia Allen, John Sanchez, and Meighan Diethofer (non-voting Acting Alternate)

CMA GSA Committee Alternate Member Present: Steve Jordan

Member Agency Staff Present: Bill Buelow and Amber Thompson

Member Agency Staff Present (Remote): Matt Young

Others Present: Paeter Garcia and Steve Torigiani (Young Woodridge, LLP)

Others Present (Remote): Doug Circle, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), and Miles McCammon (Stetson Engineers)

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

CMA GSA Committee Vice Chair John Sanchez called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Mr. Buelow called roll. Two CMA GSA Committee Members were present providing a quorum. In addition, one Alternate Committee Member and one non-voting Acting Alternate Committee Member were present.

#### 2. Discussion and Consider Appointment of CMA GSA Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Buelow reported that Director Art Hibbits, previous CMA GSA Chair, recently retired from the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD). The SYRWCD Board appointed Cynthia Allen as Committee Member and Steve Jordan as Alternate Committee Member representing the SYRWCD Board to the CMA GSA Committee. Discussion followed.

CMA GSA Committee Member John Sanchez made a MOTION to nominate CMA GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen as Chair and CMA GSA Committee Member John Sanchez as Vice-Chair. CMA GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

No additions or deletions were made.

**4. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**5. Review and approve sending DWR a joint GSA Response to SWRCB staff comments on the CMA, WMA and EMA GSPs.**

Mr. Steve Torigiani of Young Wooldridge LLP, legal counsel for CMA/WMA/EMA Member Agency Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, gave a presentation regarding a proposed GSA response to the April 14, 2023 State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff comment letter concerning the three Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plans' (GSPs') characterization of the subsurface water within the Santa Ynez River Alluvium above the Lompoc Narrows and below Bradbury Dam. Mr. Torigiani explained that all three GSPs characterized such alluvium subsurface water as river underflow and as part of the surface water system, and not "groundwater" as defined by Water Code section 10721(g) of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The GSPs' characterization was based on the GSAs' investigation of the groundwater basin's surface and groundwater systems, as expressly authorized and required by SGMA, and best available science. Support for such characterization included a December 2021 Technical Memorandum prepared by Stetson Engineers (Stetson) documenting the hydrogeological basis for characterization of such subsurface water as underflow and water flowing in a known and definite channel, and thus part of the surface water system, which memorandum was appended to all three GSPs. He noted that the GSPs were submitted to DWR in January 2022, the public comment period for each GSP ended in June 2022, and that the SWRCB staff comment letter was surprisingly received almost a year after close of the public comment period through the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR's) GSP portal.

Mr. Torigiani summarized the main assertions made in the SWRCB staff comment letter. First, the comment letter asserts that all GSAs must presume all subsurface water is groundwater, unless and until the SWRCB decides otherwise, even if best available science indicates the subsurface water is not groundwater as defined by SGMA. Second, the letter suggests that the Buellton Reach of the alluvium – which is a relatively small reach of the river, does not meet the *Garrapata Creek* Decision four-test for a "subterranean stream," in particular, the part that requires the underlying bed and banks of the subsurface channel to be "relatively" impermeable in comparison to the permeability of the soils that comprise the alluvium. He noted that the comment letter does not recognize that "underflow" is a legal subset of a subterranean stream, and does not provide any evidence or argument contrary to Stetson's characterization of the subject surface water as underflow. In fact, the SWRCB staff comment letter does not mention Stetson's 2021 Technical Memorandum.

Mr. Torigiani presented the August 4, 2023 Staff Memorandum from GSA Agency Staff Members and described the attached cover letter and 2023 Stetson underflow report prepared as the proposed response to the SWRCB staff comment letter. Mr. Torigiani explained that the cover letter is focused on responding to the legal issues raised by the comment letter, including the SWRCB staff comment letter's assertion that all subsurface water must be presumed to be groundwater until the SWRCB determines otherwise, and the Stetson underflow report is focused on responding to the geological, scientific and other technical issues raised by the comment letter. Mr. Torigiani explained that SGMA expressly states that "water flowing in a known and definite channel," which includes river "underflow" and a "subterranean stream," is not groundwater for SGMA management purposes. He further explained that the Stetson underflow report includes analyses based on best available science demonstrating that the subject subsurface water meets the elements for "underflow," as set forth in the *Garrapata Creek* Decision (based on the 1899 *Pomeroy* case) as well as the elements for a "subterranean stream" (if the subsurface water is not underflow) as also set forth in the *Garrapata Creek* Decision. Accordingly, based on best available science, the subject subsurface water is not groundwater as defined by SGMA.

Regarding the issue of the permeability of the bed and banks of the alluvium in the Buellton Reach questioned by the SWRCB staff comment letter, Mr. Torigiani pointed out that the Stetson's underflow report concludes that such physical condition exists in that reach as the alluvium is 40 to 800 times more permeable than the underlying bed and banks which is comparable to other situations where the SWRCB found a subterranean stream to exist when applying the *Garrapata Creek* Decision test. Mr. Torigiani noted that the SWRCB staff comment letter did not expressly question the permeability of the alluvial channel in any other reach of the river above the narrows.

In conclusion, Mr. Torigiani said that the Stetson underflow report reaffirms, bolsters, and provides further support for, based on best available science, the GSPs' characterization of the subsurface water within the alluvium above the Lompoc Narrows as part of the surface water system and not part of the groundwater system or groundwater. Thus, the GSAs are not required or authorized to manage such surface water pursuant to SGMA, and if the GSAs did manage such subsurface water lawsuits from riparian or other pumpers of underflow could arise. Mr. Torigiani also mentioned that the Stetson underflow report also identifies several prior SWRCB decisions and orders that consistently characterized and permitted the subject subsurface water as "underflow," including subsurface water within the Buellton Reach. Finally, Mr. Torigiani noted that the lengthy proposed response was the result of a significant collaborative effort necessitated by the importance of issues raised by the SWRCB staff comment letter relative to the adequacy of the GSPs and the basin, and all GSA Agency attorneys and managers had the opportunity to review and provide input.

Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

CMA GSA Committee Member John Sanchez made a MOTION for the CMA GSA Committee to approve the Response in substantially the form presented and authorizes its chair or other committee member, if the chair is unavailable, to sign the cover letter transmitting the Response to DWR on behalf of the GSA. GSA Committee Member

Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment and the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Consider Changing the Date of the Next CMA GSA Regular Meeting to Monday, August 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Buellton City Council Chambers**

Mr. Buelow reported that the next CMA GSA regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 28, 2023. However, member agency staff and at least one CMA GSA Committee Member are scheduled to be out of town that day attending a conference. Staff recommendation was to change the August regular meeting to Monday, August 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m., at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California. Discussion followed.

CMA GSA Committee Member John Sanchez made a MOTION to change the August regular meeting to Monday, August 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m. CMA GSA Committee Member Cynthia Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment and the motion passed unanimously.

**7. CMA GSA Committee reports and requests for future agenda items**

There were no requests.

**8. Adjournment**

GSA Committee Chair Cynthia Allen adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

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Cynthia Allen, Chair

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William J. Buelow, Secretary



**CMA GSA**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2023

	<u>Jun 30, 23</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1150 - Five Star Bank Checking #5978	31,581.04
Total Checking/Savings	<u>31,581.04</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>31,581.04</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>31,581.04</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
3000 - Ret Earnings	32,373.47
Net Income	<u>-792.43</u>
Total Equity	<u>31,581.04</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>31,581.04</u></u>

## CMA GSA Profit & Loss YTD Comparison April through June 2023

	<u>Apr - Jun 23</u>	<u>Jul '22 - Jun 23</u>
<b>Income</b>		
4000 · Oper Assess fr Member Agencies	0.00	31,146.09
4500 · Grant Revenue	0.00	48,133.33
4600 · Interest Income	12.16	52.77
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>12.16</u>	<u>79,332.19</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	12.16	79,332.19
<b>Expense</b>		
5320 · Office Expense (incl postage)	0.00	24.70
5330 · Outside Staff Support	300.00	1,200.00
5350 · Public Relations	0.00	163.20
6100 · Stakeholder Engagement	13.78	13.78
6280 · GSP - AEM Survey	0.00	45,607.37
6400 · Annual Report	25,198.33	28,526.08
6500 · GSP Implementation	1,112.99	3,999.99
6510 · Well Verification Support	541.75	589.50
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>27,166.85</u>	<u>80,124.62</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-27,154.69</u></u>	<u><u>-792.43</u></u>

**CMA GSA**  
**Transaction Detail by Account**  
 April 2023 through June 2023

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Clr</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2300 - Deposits - Well Verification									-1,342.50
	Bill	04/12/2023	02024.001-3	GSI Water Solutions			2000 - Accounts Payable	1,142.30	-200.20
	Bill	05/11/2023	02024.001-4	GSI Water Solutions			2000 - Accounts Payable	187.50	-12.70
	Bill	06/12/2023	APN 099-210-065	Seasmoke, LLC	Refund		2000 - Accounts Payable	0.20	-12.50
	Bill	06/12/2023	099-240-058	Hudson River, LLC	Refund		2000 - Accounts Payable	12.50	0.00
Total 2300 - Deposits - Well Verification								1,342.50	0.00

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE  
CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA (CMA)  
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

**APRIL 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1007	04/12/23	GSI Water Solutions	January 2023 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 1,142.30
1008	04/12/23	Stetson Engineers	January-February 2023 Engineering Service (WY2022 Annual Report & GSP Implementation Work)	\$ 11,879.75
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 13,022.05</b>

**MAY 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
NONE				
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ -</b>

**JUNE 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1009	06/13/23	GSI Water Solutions	April 2023 Well Verification Review (paid by Well Owner Deposits)	\$ 187.50
1010	06/13/23	Hudson River LLC	Refund Unexpended Deposit - Well Verification Review	\$ 12.50
1011	06/13/23	SeaSmoke LLC	Refund Unexpended Deposit - Well Verification Review	\$ 0.20
1012	06/13/23	Stetson Engineers	March & April 2023 Engineering Service (WY2022 Annual Report & GSP Implementation Work)	\$ 14,973.32
1013	06/13/23	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	Reimburse costs for SantaYnezWater.org & SantaYnezWater.com website domains paid by SYRWCD 3/29/2023 & 5/8/2023 (\$41.34 total split 1/3 per GSA)	\$ 13.78
1014	06/13/23	Valley Bookkeeping	2023 2nd Quarter Bookkeeping (April, May, June 2023)	\$ 300.00
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 15,487.30</b>

**TOTAL CHECKS THIS QUARTER: \$ 28,509.35**



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## Review of New Well Application in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, Central Management Area APN: 137-250-067 (WP EH-LAU-23-000008), 750 HWY 246

**To:** Santa Ynez River Valley CMA GSA Parties  
**From:** Tim Nicely, PG, CHg and Katie O'Malley, GSI Water Solutions, Inc.  
**Date:** August 18, 2023

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This memorandum presents our review of an application to install a well within the Central Management Area (CMA). Our review was conducted on behalf of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area 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 well<sup>1</sup>

1. would not be "inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program" established by the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Plan) adopted by that 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 for a new 6-inch diameter well completed to a depth of 80 feet for domestic use. The production rate of this existing well is unknown. The anticipated water production reported by the applicant is 1.5 acre feet per year (AFY). We've calculated an approximate production of 1.7 AFY based on the planned pumping rate and average run time provided by the applicant. This is a domestic well for individual use which produces less than 2 AFY thereby meeting the definition of an exempt well.

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<sup>1</sup> Santa Barbara County Urgency Ordinance No. 5158 defines a "Replacement Well" as follows: "[A] water well to be constructed of equal or less production capacity as an existing well as originally permitted or constructed, when said existing well shall be destroyed under permit within 90 days of completion of the replacement well. This definition does not apply to individual domestic or public water supply wells." (Ordinance No. 5158, Sec. 34A-23(8).)

## Summary of Findings

The proposed new well has the following properties:

- Well location:
  - The proposed new well is located on Assessor's Parcel Number 137-250-067, at 750 Highway 246 Solvang, California, which is within the Santa Ynez River Alluvium Subarea of the Central Management Area.
  - This parcel is located within the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District.
  - The new well location is within less than 1,000 feet of two existing wells, one of which is a dry well.
- Proposed well construction and use information:
  - The proposed well will be completed within the Santa Ynez River Alluvium, which not included in the single principal aquifer within the CMA.
  - The well will be used for domestic purposes. The applicant anticipates a water production of 1.5 AFY. The planned pumping rate of 50 gallons per minute for 0.5 hour per day which we've calculated to be 1.7 AFY. The parcel is located on a 63-acre parcel.
  - The proposed well depth is 80 feet, with length of perforations 40-60 ft. However, the estimated depth to first perforations is 50 ft which conflicts with the well depth and the length of perforations.
  - A proposed well of this design could produce more water than stated on this permit application if completed within the Santa Ynez River Alluvium.
  - For clarity, via email to the SYWCD from the well owner, this is a new well in addition to the existing agricultural well because the existing well does not have a sanitary seal.
- Based on the geologic setting at the site, the well would be completed within the Santa Ynez River Alluvium, which is not managed by the GSA.
- Assess groundwater conditions:
  - Because the proposed new well will not be completed within an aquifer managed by the GSA, an assessment of the groundwater and related conditions is not relevant to this well.
- Would the well increase production within the CMA?
  - The proposed well is produces water from the Santa Ynez River Alluvium and is therefore not managed by the CMA.

## Summary

The proposed well is a new well. Furthermore, the proposed well is not located within area managed by the CMA and therefore the planned production from the proposed new well would NOT be “inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program” established by the GSA and would NOT decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin based upon conditions observed at the present time.

In our opinion, the GSA should provide a written verification to the County of Santa Barbara Department of Environmental Health for this application.

## Indemnification and Limitations of Liability

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

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.

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**  
**CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**  
**WELL REGISTRATION AND REPORTING FORM**

Please complete a separate Well Registration and Reporting Form for **each** well that you own and operate within the Central Management Area of the Basin. Please return completed Form(s) to the CMA Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CMA GSA) by mail to P.O. Box 719, Santa Ynez, California 93460 or via email to [cmg@santaynezwater.org](mailto:cmg@santaynezwater.org).

**1. WELL OWNER** (Attach list of all owners; also include tenants, if any.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number/Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. WELL LOCATED ON PROPERTY**

I certify that a groundwater well (or wells) exists on the property located above in Item 1.

I certify that the well (or wells) is also registered with the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District.

**3. WELL INFORMATION**

Owner's Designation of Well:

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one of the following:

This well is active.

This well is inactive.

This well is abandoned. Date abandoned: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. WELL LOCATION**

Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): \_\_\_\_\_ Well Used to Serve APN(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (*If different than mailing address above*): \_\_\_\_\_

Well Location (Lat/Long): \_\_\_\_\_



Well Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Well Number/Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. ANNUAL WATER USE INFORMATION** (Please see Information & Instructions attached.)

- Agricultural Use (list number of acres and crop category(ies)) \_\_\_\_\_
- Livestock Watering (number and type of animals) \_\_\_\_\_
- Domestic (number of persons served) \_\_\_\_\_
- Combined Use (check applicable boxes) \_\_\_\_\_
- Municipal or Industrial \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (specify use): \_\_\_\_\_

Structures served by this well, if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**6. PUMP AND METER INFORMATION**

Type of pump (turbine, centrifugal, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Horsepower: \_\_\_\_\_

Pump output (in GPM): \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box if the well has a water meter and complete the information below.

Manufacturer/Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Meter Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Electric Utility Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type:

- Propeller     Ultrasonic     Electromagnetic
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the meter have a totalizer?     Yes     No

Meter Recording Units: (check one)

- Gallons                       100s of Gallons                       1000s of Gallons
- Acre-Feet                       HCF (hundred cubic feet)                       Cubic Feet
- Other – Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Meter serves well only:     Yes     No    If no, describe other facilities served by the meter:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. OTHER INFORMATION** (From well driller's information, escrow reports, or Santa Barbara County records)

Well Permit No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date SB County EHS Final Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

Date well completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date water production began: \_\_\_\_\_

Well depth in feet: \_\_\_\_\_ Well diameter in inches: \_\_\_\_\_ Casing perforation interval: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth (in feet) to water:    Static: \_\_\_\_\_ Pumping: \_\_\_\_\_ As of what date? \_\_\_\_\_

Drillers Log Available\*                       Electric Log Available\*                      \*Do not send

Well Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Well Number/Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. AGREEMENT TO REPORT WELL PRODUCTION**

In accordance with CMA GSA Resolution No. 2022-002 of the Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Policy for Administering Requests for Well Verifications, I hereby agree to register the groundwater well identified in this Form with the CMA GSA, and to report groundwater production from the well semi-annually to the CMA GSA using groundwater production reporting documentation provided by the CMA GSA.

**9. DECLARATION**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that this Well Registration and Reporting Form has been examined by me and the information provided herein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_