

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN WESTERN
MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
(WMA GSA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Agenda Item 4a: Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 19, 2025

The following is a summary of the actions taken at the WMA GSA Board of Directors Meeting. The official record for the meeting is the recording that can be found at:

wma-santaynezwater.org/wma-gsa-jpa-board-meetings

Agenda Item	Discussion or Action
1. Call to Order and Roll Call	Chair Ball called the meeting to order at approximately 2:02 PM (00:00:01). Executive Director Daniel Heibel called roll to begin the meeting. Chair Ball, Director Stassi, Director Jordan (ONLINE), Director Keeling, and Alternate Director Diethofer (ONLINE) were present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance	(00:02:05)
3. Public Comment	(00:02:30) None
4. Consent Agenda a. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes for the Special Meeting and Public Hearing of June 25, 2025. b. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes for the March 7, 2025, Joint Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for the CMA GSA, EMA GSA, and WMA GSA. c. Monthly Financial Reports.	Introduction of the Item (00:03:08) Board Discussion (00:04:27) Public Comment None. Board Action (00:11:03) The Board moved to approve Item 4.a. Motion: Director Stassi Second: Director Keeling Ayes: 4 Nays: N/A Abstains: N/A Passes: 4-0
5. Action Items	
5.a. Review and consider approval of Task Order for Stetson Engineers to prepare the WMA GSA Water Year 2025 Annual Report under the August 28, 2024 Agreement for Engineering, Geology and Hydrogeology Consulting Services and Task Order for Stetson Engineers to prepare the Consolidated Water Year 2025 Annual Report under the Joint Cost	Introduction of the Item (00:12:09) Board Discussion (00:14:27) Public Comment (00:14:45) Bill Buelow Isaac St. Lawrence Board Action (00:30:31) The Board moved to approve Item 5.a. Motion: Director Keeling Second: Director Jordan Ayes: 4

<p>Share and Reimbursement Agreement between the EMA, CMA and WMA.</p>	<p>Nays: N/A Abstains: N/A Passes: 4-0</p>
<p>5.b. Receive update on WMA GSA Groundwater Extraction Fees collection and review and consider approval of Resolution Establishing a Process to Appeal the Groundwater Extraction Fee Levied Upon Parcels Extracting Groundwater.</p>	<p>Introduction of the Item (00:31:22)</p> <p><u>Board Discussion</u> (00:36:32)</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None.</p> <p><u>Board Action</u> (00:43:12) The Board moved to approve Item 5.b. with revision to the reference on the Template Appeal Form to replace the reference to “estimated water usage” with “volume of extracted groundwater” for improved clarity and internal consistency.</p> <p>Motion: Director Stassi Second: Chair Ball Ayes: 4 Nays: N/A Abstains: N/A Passes: 4-0</p>
<p>5.c. Review and consider approval of Professional Services Agreement with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP for Professional Audit Services for Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and for the WMA GSA to perform biannual audits going forward</p>	<p>Introduction of the Item (00:43:46)</p> <p><u>Board Discussion</u> (00:46:37)</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> (00:47:16) Name not provided</p> <p><u>Board Action</u> (00:47:55) The Board moved to approve Item 5.c.</p> <p>Motion: Director Stassi Second: Director Keeling Ayes: 4 Nays: N/A Abstains: N/A Passes: 4-0</p>
<p>5.d. Review and consider approval of 2026 WMA GSA Board of Directors Meetings Schedule.</p>	<p>Introduction of the Item (00:48:22)</p> <p><u>Board Discussion</u> (00:49:35)</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None.</p> <p><u>Board Action</u> (00:51:28) The Board moved to approve Item 5.d. with revision to tentatively reschedule the August 26th Board Meeting to September 2nd at 2:00 PM to avoid conflict with the annual CSD state meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Chair Ball Second: Director Stassi Ayes: 4 Nays: N/A</p>

	<p>Abstains: N/A Passes: 4-0</p>
6. Informational Items	
6.a. Receive updates on Proposition 68 Grant Projects from EKI.	<p>Introduction of the Item (00:51:53)</p> <p>Board Discussion (01:09:35)</p> <p>Public Comment None.</p>
6.b. Verbal Report from Executive Director on September 2025 Action Plan Workshops.	<p>Introduction of the Item (01:18:10)</p> <p>Board Discussion (01:22:46)</p> <p>Public Comment None.</p>
6.c. WMA GSA Legal Counsel Updates.	<p>Introduction of the Item (01:24:14)</p> <p>Board Discussion None.</p> <p>Public Comment None.</p>
6.d. Verbal Report from Executive Director on the Potential Addition of Ag Director to the WMA GSA Board.	<p>Introduction of the Item (01:28:36)</p> <p>Board Discussion (01:31:38)</p> <p>Public Comment None.</p>
7. Consider Date/Time for Next Regular and/or Special Meetings of the WMA GSA.	<p>Introduction of the Item (01:43:41)</p> <p>Board Discussion (01:44:03) Director Jordan requested an agenda item for a future Basin-Wide Joint GSAs Special Meeting to discuss a consolidated report to reduce the cost of preparing separate annual reports for each Management Area.</p> <p>The Board provided input on the scheduling of Basin-Wide Joint GSAs Special Meetings, recognizing the benefit of a tentative quarterly meeting schedule and holding these meetings on at least an annual or biannual basis, but encouraging only holding these meetings if there is a substantive agenda that warrants a meeting.</p> <p>Public Comment None.</p>
8. WMA GSA Board of Director Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items.	<p>Introduction of the Item (01:48:25)</p> <p>Board Discussion (01:48:38) Director Jordan proposed that if by February 2026 Staff hasn't reached an alternate recommendation to the Board for consideration regarding adding an Agricultural Director to the WMA GSA Board, there should be an agenda item for the Board to consider adding the Director.</p>

	<u>Public Comment</u> None.
9. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:53 PM (01:51:26).

Charlotte Arnao

Charlotte Arnao, Board Secretary