

**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 and Public Hearing of  
June 25, 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-ipa-board-meetings](http://wma-santaynezwater.org/wma-gsa-ipa-board-meetings)

Agenda Item	Discussion or Action
<b>1. Call to Order and Roll Call</b>	Chair Ball called the meeting to order at approximately 9:01 AM (00:0:00). Executive Director Daniel Heimel, called roll to begin the meeting. Chair Ball, Director Stassi, Director Jordan, Director Garner, Director Keeling (ONLINE), and Director Diethofer (ONLINE) were present.
<b>2. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	(00:00:40)
<b>3. Public Comment</b>	(00:01:00) None
<b>4. Public Hearing for Proposed WMA GSA Groundwater Extraction Fee</b>	<p><b>4.a. Open Public Hearing (00:01:45)</b></p> <p><b>4.b.ii. Report on legal objection letters and WMA GSA responses thereto (00:02:12)</b></p> <p><b>4.b. Report from Executive Director (00:05:32)</b></p> <p><b>4.b.i. Fee Study Presentation (Raftelis) (00:07:30)</b></p> <p><b>4.c. Board Comments and Questions (00:11:38)</b></p> <p><b>4.d. Public Comment (00:12:45)</b></p> <p>Joe Brahm?</p> <p>Unknown</p> <p>Clay Walden</p> <p>Marcy Fernandez</p> <p>Unknown</p> <p>Clay Walden</p> <p>Unknown</p> <p>Kristin Worthley (speaking as member of public)</p> <p>Unknown</p> <p>David</p> <p>Unknown</p> <p>Bill Buelow</p> <p>Linda Heard</p> <p>Randy Sharer</p> <p>Clay Walden</p> <p>Randy Sharer</p> <p>Unknown</p> <p><b>4.e. Close Public Hearing (01:23:40)</b></p> <p><b>4.f. Report on tally of written protests to the proposed Groundwater Extraction Fee (01:25:00)</b></p>
<b>5. Action Items</b>	

<p><b>5.a. Review and consider adoption of Resolution Adopting the Groundwater Extraction Fee</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction of the Item (01:25:45)</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> N/A</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u> (01:28:00)</b> Randy Sharer Unknown Bill Buelow Unknown Unknown Unknown</p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u> (01:35:10)</b> The Board moved to approve Item 5.a.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Stassi <b>Second:</b> Director Jordan <b>Ayes:</b> 4 <b>Nays:</b> N/A <b>Abstains:</b> N/A <b>Passes:</b> 4-0</p>
<p><b>5.b. Review and consider adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Groundwater Extraction Fee Charges to be Collected on the Tax Roll for Fiscal Year 2025-2030 and Contract for Collection of Special Taxes, Assessments and Other Charges</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction of the Item (01:35:50)</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u> (01:36:10)</b></p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u> (01:38:00)</b> None</p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u> (01:38:17)</b> The Board moved to approve Item 5.b.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Jordan <b>Second:</b> Chair Ball <b>Ayes:</b> 4 <b>Nays:</b> N/A <b>Abstains:</b> N/A <b>Passes:</b> 4-0</p>
<p><b>5.c. Review and consider approval of request \$250,000 in WMA GSA Member Agency contributions to the WMA GSA for FY 2025/26, transfer of \$98,329.54 in Member Agency credit held in FBO account to WMA GSA, and revised Santa Ynez WMA Joint Powers Authority Cost Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction of the Item (01:39:15)</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u> (01:39:50)</b> Including comment from Bill Buelow and Steve Torigiani</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u> (01:58:40)</b> John (Resident of Vandenberg Village)</p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u> (02:03:30)</b> The Board moved to approve Item 5.c.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Jordan <b>Second:</b> Chair Ball</p>

	<p><b>Ayes:</b> 4  <b>Nays:</b> N/A  <b>Abstains:</b> N/A  <b>Passes:</b> 4-0</p>
<p><b>5.d. Consider approval of Hydrogeology Consultant for Prop 68 Grant Component 5 Monitoring Program Improvements and execution of associated Joint Powers Authorities Cost-Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement Amendment and Task Order and scope modifications to existing EKI contract</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction of the Item</b> (02:03:35)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> (02:03:55)  Including comment from Bill Buelow</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> (02:13:43)  None</p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u></b> (02:15:20)  The Board moved to approve Item 5.d.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Chair Ball (with a not-to-exceed of \$82,198, which includes a 10% contingency)  <b>Second:</b> Director Jordan  <b>Ayes:</b> 4  <b>Nays:</b> N/A  <b>Abstains:</b> N/A  <b>Passes:</b> 4-0</p>
<p><b>5.e. Review and consider approval of proposed invoice review and approval procedures for the WMA GSA</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction of the Item</b> (02:16:00)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> (02:16:15)</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> (02:22:05)  John (Resident of Vandenberg Village)  Randy Sharer</p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u></b> (02:26:40)  The Board moved to approve Item 5.e.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Chair Ball (with addition of upload of monthly financial reports to the WMA GSA website)  <b>Second:</b> Director Jordan  <b>Ayes:</b> 4  <b>Nays:</b> N/A  <b>Abstains:</b> N/A  <b>Passes:</b> 4-0</p>
<p><b>5.f. Review and consider approval of WMA GSA Executive Director and Legal Counsel Rate Changes</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction of the Item</b> (02:27:09)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> (02:29:00)</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b>  None</p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u></b> (02:29:42)  The Board moved to approve Item 5.f.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Jordan  <b>Second:</b> Director Stassi</p>

	<b>Ayes:</b> 4 <b>Nays:</b> N/A <b>Abstains:</b> N/A <b>Passes:</b> 4-0
<b>6. Consent Agenda</b>  <b>6a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2025</b>	<b>Introduction of the Item (02:30:09)</b>  <u><b>Board Discussion</b></u> N/A  <u><b>Public Comment</b></u> N/A  <u><b>Board Action on Consent Agenda (02:30:22)</b></u> The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda  <b>Motion:</b> Director Jordan <b>Second:</b> Chair Ball <b>Ayes:</b> 4 <b>Nays:</b> N/A <b>Abstains:</b> N/A <b>Passes:</b> 4-0
<b>7. Consider Date/Time for Next Regular and/or Special Meetings of the WMA GSA</b>	<b>Introduction of the Item (02:30:40)</b>  WMA GSA Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 2:00 PM at VVCSD Basin-Wide Joint Special Meeting Friday, September 5, 2025 9:00 AM at Buellton CCC
<b>8. WMA GSA Board of Director Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>Introduction of the Item (02:33:50)</b>  <u><b>Board Discussion (02:33:55)</b></u>  <u><b>Public Comment (02:41:00)</b></u> Clay Walden
<b>9. Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:43 AM (02:42:00)



Charlotte Arnao, Board Secretary