

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

**Agenda Item 4a: Minutes of the Special Meeting and Public Workshop (SGMA
Groundwater Extraction Fee Rate Study) of April 23, 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 10:00 AM (00:00:08). Daniel Heimel, Executive Director, called roll to begin the meeting. Chair Ball, Director Stassi, Director Jordan, Director Keeling, and Alternate Director Diethofer were present (00:00:15). Director Jordan participated online.
2. Pledge of Allegiance	(00:00:46)
3. Public Comment	Introduction of the Item (00:01:15) John Fio (00:01:28)
4. Consent Agenda	Introduction of the Item (00:04:13)
4.a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2025	<u>Board Discussion</u> None
4.b. Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 26, 2025	<u>Public Comment</u> None
4.c. Financial Reports and Warrant List with invoices from February 2025 to March 31, 2025	<u>Board Action on Consent Agenda</u> (00:05:25) The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2025 and March 26, 2025, the Financial Reports and Warrant List with invoices from February 2025 to March 31, 2025, and the invoice from Stetson Engineers exceeding the Not-to-Exceed Amount for Annual Sub Report.
4.d. Authorization to approve invoice from Stetson Engineers exceeding the Not-to-Exceed Amount for Annual Sub Report	Motion: Director Stassi Second: Director Keeling Ayes: All Nays: None Abstains: None Passes: 5-0
5. Welcome Executive Director and Introductions	Introduction of the Item (00:06:00) <u>Board Discussion</u> (00:09:36) <u>Public Comment</u> None
6. WMA Board of Directors Officer Appointments	Introduction of the Item (00:11:27) <u>Board Discussion</u>

<p>6.a. Secretary</p> <p>6.b. Treasurer</p>	<p>None</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Board Action</u> (00:12:51) The Board approved the recommendations of the Executive Director for Charlotte Arnao to be appointed as secretary and Dan Heimel to be appointed as treasurer of the WMA GSA.</p> <p>Motion: Director Stassi Second: Director Ball Ayes: All Nays: None Abstains: None Passes: 5-0</p>
<p>7. Letter from SYRWCD regarding Action Plan Prop 68 Grant disbursements</p>	<p><u>Introduction of the Item</u> (00:13:38)</p> <p><u>Board Discussion</u> (00:19:24) Director Stassi – Timeline of when these funds will be requested? (20:40:00) Director Ball – the City of Lompoc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The check was paid as of yesterday • There will be clarifying questions to ensure that there is a nexus • Lompoc is happy to catch up here moving forward. <p>(34:15:00) Director Ball – Lompoc has also contributed funds and hasn't been reimbursed. (36:15:00) Bill Buelow – We have learned that there is money from Lompoc sitting in the account that may be used toward their next cash call if they please.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <p>Bill Buelow (00:24:25, 00:27:12, 00:30:39, 00:31:48) Kristin Worthley (00:28:50)</p> <p><u>Informal Board Action, No Motion Held</u> (00:22:43) The Board will have a future agenda item when a cash call is made to consider approval of payment.</p>
<p>8. Receive and file Groundwater Sustainability Fee Study and consider approval of releasing the Proposition 218 Notices</p>	<p><u>Introduction of the Item</u> (00:39:30)</p> <p><u>Board Discussion</u> (00:48:16)</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <p>Isaac Lawrence (00:41:54, 01:05:51, 01:25:54) Bill Buelow (00:49:45, 01:13:30, 01:28:38) Kristin Worthley (01:08:03)</p> <p><u>Board Action</u> (01:39:14) The Board authorized release of the Proposition 218 notices.</p> <p>Motion: Chair Ball Second: Director Jordan Ayes: All Nays: None Abstains: None Passes: 5-0</p>

<p>9. Loan Contributions – Lompoc update</p>	<p>Introduction of the Item (01:39:42)</p> <p><u>Board Discussion</u> No board discussion was held on this item, but the Board was notified earlier in the meeting that Lompoc fulfilled payment on their loan contribution (00:20:40).</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p>
<p>10. JPA Amendment #1 (Ag Director) update</p>	<p>Introduction of the Item (01:40:25)</p> <p><u>Board Discussion</u> (01:41:33)</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> Bill Buelow (01:41:01) Kristin Worthley (01:42:24)</p> <p><u>Informal Board Action, No Motion Held</u> (01:50:54) The Board will submit any legal questions that may arise related to the proposed JPA Amendment #1 within the upcoming weeks and consider approval thereafter.</p>
<p>11. Consider authorizing Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District representatives to continue providing administrative/secretarial services during the Executive Director transition period</p>	<p>Introduction of the Item (01:51:55)</p> <p><u>Board Discussion</u> (01:53:06)</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> Bill Buelow (01:56:02)</p> <p><u>Board Action</u> (01:58:12) The Board made a motion for the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District to provide services for about 3 months at a not to exceed price of \$2,500 per month, \$7,500 total, and bring back an update to the Board with what is included in the scope.</p> <p>Motion: Chair Ball Second: Director Keeling Ayes: All Nays: None Abstains: None Passes: 5-0</p>
<p>12. Consider changing documentation format (i.e. meeting minutes/recording) for WMA GSA Meetings</p>	<p>Introduction of the Item (01:59:05)</p> <p><u>Board Discussion</u> (02:01:09)</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p><u>Informal Board Action, No Motion Held</u> (02:06:16) The Board directed staff to provide the minutes of today’s meeting in the new proposed format at the next Board meeting for review and consideration.</p>
<p>13. Next WMA GSA Regular Board meeting Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 2:00 p.m. at VVCSD</p>	<p>Introduction of the Item (02:08:12)</p> <p>A regular meeting of the WMA GSA Board will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 2:00 PM.</p>

14. WMA GSA Board of Director Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items	Introduction of the Item (02:08:42) <u>Board Discussion</u> None <u>Public Comment</u> None
15. Adjournment	The meeting of the WMA GSA Board was adjourned at approximately 12:19 PM (02:08:52).

Charlotte Arnao

Charlotte Arnao, Board Secretary