

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

A regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Western Management Area (WMA) in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin was held on Wednesday, 24 October 2018, at the City of Lompoc Water Treatment Plant, 601 E. North Ave., Lompoc, California

- Committee Present: Chris Brooks Steve Jordan Jim Mosby  
Bruce Nix
- Alternates Present: Elizabeth Farnum Art Hibbits Susan Zavolta
- Staff Present: Joe Barget Bill Buelow Amber Thompson  
Bruce Wales Matt Young Loch Dreizler
- Others Present: Vindi Ndulute Jon Picciuolo Shaun Ryan  
Patrick Vowell

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Additions, if any, to the Agenda**

No additions were made.

**IV. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**V. Review and Approve Minutes**

Mr. Brooks submitted the minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2018 for Board approval.

Mr. Jordan made a MOTION to approve the minutes. Mr. Mosby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**VI. Consider Adoption of Conflict of Interest Code**

Mr. Brooks presented the Conflict of Interest Code for discussion. Discussion followed regarding the title "Board of Directors" to be changed to "Directors".

Mr. Brooks made a MOTION to adopt the Conflict of Interest Code as amended changing "Board of Directors" to "Directors". Mr. Nix seconded and it passed unanimously.

**VII. Status update on California Department of Water Resources Proposition 1 Grant**

Mr. Buelow advised that Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD), as Grantee for the Proposition 1 Grant, completed and submitted the requirements as requested from DWR in a letter dated May 7, 2018 with a deadline of mid-June 2018. These include a revised work plan, budget and schedule, and a summary of actual costs anticipated for the tasks requested for reimbursement.

Mr. Buelow advised that the final agreement is expected in a month and possibly after December. In the meantime, SYRWCD received confirmation that certain costs can be submitted for reimbursement in arrears. GSP planning costs are reimbursable.

**VIII. Consider Staff recommendation for selection of Consultant to perform GSP activities in the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin**

Mr. Buelow presented a Staff Memorandum and Recommendation dated October 24, 2018 regarding WMA Staff Recommendation for GSP Consultant in the WMA. Discussion regarding possible need of a nested well, geology issues and nest well total cost split 50/50 between CMA and WMA followed. Mr. Buelow discussed that data compilation will occur and if a separate well is not needed, one will not be drilled. Either way the Committee will be kept in the loop and no well will be installed without Committee approval. Ms. Zavolta advised that Mr. Durbin's model was done independently for the City of Lompoc and is available to be used by WMA GSA. Mr. Buelow added that Durbin's model does not cover the entire WMA.

Mr. Mosby made a MOTION that the WMA GSA recommends that the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, on behalf of the WMA GSA, award a contract for professional services to the Stetson Engineers team to prepare a GSP and conduct related GSP activities for the WMA. Costs for the consultant will be shared as per the Memorandum of Agreement between the WMA Agencies. Mr. Jordan seconded and it passed unanimously.

**IX. Discuss setting regular meetings**

Mr. Buelow suggested setting regular meetings for the WMA GSA Committee to be the on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the 1<sup>st</sup> month of each Quarter at 10:00 am at the City of Lompoc Water Treatment Plant. The next regular meeting date will be January 23, 2019.

Discussion followed, and all agreed to 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the 1<sup>st</sup> month of each Quarter at 10:00 am at the City of Lompoc Water Treatment Plant. Shaun Ryan, host for City of Lompoc Water Treatment Plant, confirmed Web-x is available to use for adding video conference, if needed. Future meeting dates set are January 23, 2019, April 24, 2019, July 24, 2019 and October 23, 2019.


**X. Requests from the Committee for items to be included on the next Agenda**

No requests were made. Deadline of two weeks prior to meeting date to request items to be included on the next Agenda. All requests to be given to Mr. Buelow at SYRWCD.

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Brooks adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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William J Buelow, Secretary

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Chris Brooks, Chairman