

Special Meeting of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
will be held at **6:30 pm, Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

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AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Additions, if any, to the Agenda
- III. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any non-agenda matter within the Board’s jurisdiction. The total time for all public participation shall not exceed fifteen minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes. No action will be taken by the Board at this meeting on any public item.)
- IV. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 10, 2021

- V. Public Hearing on the 43rd Annual Engineering Survey and Report on Water Supply Conditions of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, 2020-2021
- VI. General Manager Report – Status, discussion and possible Board action on the following subjects:
 - A. Retirement Plan Changes
 - B. Three-Year Budget Projections and Rate Options
 - C. Draft Preliminary Budget FY 2021-22
 - D. Redistricting – Census Review of Division Boundaries
 - E. 2021-22 Drought Outlook
 - F. 2021 Water Rights Releases
- VII. Groundwater Program Manager Report:
 - A. Groundwater Production, Reporting, and Charges
 - B. SGMA Update
 - 1. Receive GSP Consultant Update
 - 2. Receive GSP Stakeholder Engagement Update
 - 3. Receive Telecon Memorandum of Conversation with DWR
 - 4. Receive Financial Update for GSP Projects
- VIII. Attorney Report
- IX. Reports, acts by Board members, questions of staff, status reports, announcements, observations, and other matters, and/or communications not requiring action
- X. Requests from the Board of Directors for items to be included on the next Agenda.
- XI. The next Regular Meeting and Public Hearing is scheduled for June 2, 2021.

In compliance with the California Water Code, regular meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday in March, June, September and December at various locations within the District. Special meetings may be held at any location within the District.

XII. Closed Session

To accommodate the teleconferencing format of this meeting, the public participation phone line will be closed for a specified amount of time while the Board of Directors convenes into closed session. Upon the conclusion of the specified amount of time, the public participation phone line will be reopened for the remaining Agenda Items.

The Board will hold a closed session to discuss the following items:

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1)): Wolff vs SYRWCD, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, Case No. 20CV01552
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1)) relating to proceedings pending before the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regarding Permits 11308 and 11310 issued on Applications 11331 and 11332 of the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the Cachuma Project, and complaints filed by the California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance regarding the operation of the Cachuma Project and SWRCB Order WR 89-18; proposed changes to the place and purpose of use of waters obtained through aforementioned permits for the Cachuma Project; and Reclamation’s Petition for Reconsideration or Rehearing re Order WR 2019-0148; and proceedings related to SWRCB Permit No. 15878 (Application A022423) held by the City of Solvang including the City of Solvang’s Petitions for Change and Extension of Time.
- C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(2)): Significant exposure to litigation (One Matter).
- D. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(4)): Possible initiation of litigation (One Matter).

XIII. Reconvene into Open Session / Closed Session Report

XIV. Adjournment

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

March 10, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2020. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and Governor Newsom's Executive Orders to protect public health by issuing shelter-in-home standards, limiting public gatherings, and requiring social distancing, this meeting occurred solely via teleconference as authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Order Nos. N-29-20 and N-33-20 and in accordance with the Santa Barbara County Health Office Order 2020-12.14.

Directors Present: Cynthia Allen Mark Altshuler Steve Jordan Brett Marymee

Director Absent: Art Hibbits

Others Present: General Manager Kevin Walsh, Groundwater Program Manager Bill Buelow, Board Secretary Amber Thompson, and Legal Counsel Steve Torigiani

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Allen called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Ms. Thompson called roll. All Directors except for Director Hibbits were present providing a quorum.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment. Ms. Thompson announced she did not receive any public comments prior to the meeting.

V. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES

President Allen submitted the minutes of the special meeting of December 02, 2020 for Board approval. Director Marymee made a MOTION to approve the minutes. Director Jordan seconded the motion and it passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Cynthia Allen, Mark Altshuler, Steve Jordan,
Brett Marymee

NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT, Directors: Art Hibbits

VI. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

A. Receive and File Fiscal Year 2019-20 Audit

Mr. Walsh advised that the District has not received the Final Audit from the Independent Auditor yet. Only minor unsubstantial changes were made from the Draft version presented in December 2020. This item will be delayed until the next meeting.

B. Surface Water Report

Mr. Walsh presented the Rainfall and Reservoir Status Report, Cachuma Daily Operations Report, Downstream Users Accounting Report and Groundwater Level Graphs. There were no comments.

C. Financial Reports, Monthly Warrant Reports and 1st Quarter Investment Report

Mr. Walsh presented the financial report through December 31, 2020. The Board reviewed the financial reports and notable items for Period 7 of FY 2020-21. Discussion followed, no action.

Mr. Walsh presented the Quarterly Investment Report for 2nd Quarter of FY 2020-21 and said investments were made in accordance with policy and sufficient funds are available to meet District obligations in accordance with law.

Mr. Walsh presented Warrant Lists for December 2020, January and February 2021. Director Jordan made a MOTION to ratify the warrant lists as presented (nos. 5201-5247 including ACHs) for a total of \$169,113.40. Director Altshuler seconded, and it passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Cynthia Allen, Mark Altshuler, Steve Jordan,
Brett Marymee
NOES, Directors: None
ABSENT, Directors: Art Hibbits

D. Consider Resolution No. 701 – Re-Adopting an Investment Policy

Mr. Walsh stated a review of the District's Investment Policy was done and no changes were made. He presented Resolution No. 701 with corrections for clerical errors. Director Jordan waived reading of the Resolution and MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 701, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT RE-ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY. Director Marymee seconded the motion, and the Resolution was adopted and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Cynthia Allen, Mark Altshuler, Steve Jordan,
Brett Marymee
NOES, Directors: None
ABSENT, Directors: Art Hibbits

E. Draft Preliminary Budget FY 2021-22

Mr. Walsh presented a Memorandum dated March 10, 2021 regarding Draft Budget FY 2021-22. He reviewed the Draft Budget for FY 2021-22 as well as a comparison of FY 2020-21 Budget versus Projected Actuals. Discussion followed, no action.

Director Altshuler requested staff to model changes in Groundwater Production Rates to create a balanced budget for FY 2021-22. Director Marymee suggested also projecting the budget out for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24.

F. Required Ethics Training and Conflict of Interest

Mr. Walsh reviewed the requirements of Board members and employees to complete Ethics Training and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training as well as file an Annual Form 700 by April 1, 2021. Discussion followed, no action.

VII. GROUNDWATER PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT

A. Groundwater Production, Reporting, and Charges

1. Groundwater Revenue July to December 2020 Update

Mr. Buelow reviewed income received from Groundwater Pump Charges and Groundwater Production reported to date since January 1, 2021. Discussion followed, no action.

2. Preliminary 43rd Annual Engineering and Survey Report on Water Supply Conditions of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, FY 2020-2021

Mr. Buelow presented the Preliminary Report summarizing groundwater pumping for FY 2020-2021 in the District. He stated the Report provides information on revenues collected and groundwater production from FY 2019-2020 and the first half of FY 2020-2021 through February 13, 2021. Discussion followed, no action.

B. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

1. GSP Consultant Update

Mr. Buelow reported that GSAs have released Draft Groundwater Conditions Tech Memos, for WMA and CMA. Public review periods for the documents extends through mid-March 2021. Citizen Advisory Groups for each Management Area are meeting to discuss documents. Staff and consultant teams continue to work on administrative drafts of Water Budget. Consultants are expected to release Draft Water Budget Memos for all three GSAs during the next quarter. A third SGMA Newsletter is being prepared for distribution through member agency utility bills. There were no comments.

2. Financial Update for GSP Projects

Mr. Buelow reviewed expected costs for SGMA to the District for FY 2019-20,

FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22. The total District share is expected to be approximately \$1.1 million with \$648,000 being reimbursed by DWR's Prop 1 and Prop 68 Grants, leaving the District to fund \$531,000 for the current SGMA efforts. There were no comments.

3. Aerial Electromagnetic (AEM) Survey Update

Mr. Buelow reported that SkyTEM mobilized to the Santa Ynez Valley on November 14, 2020 and flew the entire basin in three weeks. Consultants are processing data collected during the SkyTWM AEM Survey of all three Management Areas. Ramboll will work with the GSI and Stetson teams to integrate the final data into the GSPs. There were no comments.

4. Dates of Future GSA Meetings

Mr. Buelow reported that the GSA Committees plan to meet monthly through August 2021. He provided tentative GSA Committee Meeting dates for planning purposes. There were no comments.

C. Well Registration Efforts

1. Delinquent and New Well Registration Outreach

Mr. Buelow reported on status of communications with well owners who have delinquent registrations and those already registered with District with newly drilled additional wells. He advised that staff has implemented a new system to identify new well permits issued through County Environmental Health Services and communicate with new well owners. There were no comments.

2. Tularosa Mutual Water Company Update

Mr. Buelow reported that staff received delinquent groundwater reporting and charges for the past five years. However, penalties and interest fees are still delinquent. A letter was sent to Tularosa Mutual Water Company representatives in reply to the non-payment of penalties and interest. Since the District received the late reporting, staff did not proceed with an Investigation and Reporting. Discussion followed, no action.

VIII. ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Steve Torigiani reported on a couple of legislative items.

IX. REPORTS, ACTS BY BOARD MEMBERS, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, STATUS REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS, AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS NOT REQUIRING ACTION

Director Marymee asked about status of Cloud Seeding plans for Santa Barbara County.

X. REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no requests.

XI. CONSIDER SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 28, 2021 AND DETERMINATION OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Board meeting will be a Special meeting tentatively planned for April 28, 2021 at 6:30 pm, location to be determined. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it may be held via video/teleconference call.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm and will include a Public Hearing, location to be determined. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it may be held via video/teleconference call.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:00 pm, the Board recessed for ten minutes then convened into Closed Session from 8:10 pm to 8:45 pm.

XIII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION/REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

President Allen advised there is nothing to report from Closed Session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Cynthia Allen, President

Amber M. Thompson, Secretary

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 10, 2021

TO: Cynthia Allen Mark Altshuler Art Hibbits
Brett Marymee Steve Jordan Steve Torigiani

FROM: Kevin D. Walsh

SUBJECT: Retirement Plan Changes

During FY 2020-21 budget preparation, a review of other nearby government agencies (ID1, SYCSD, VVCSD, Solvang, Buellton, Lompoc, County SB) showed that they each contribute equal to or exceeding 7% of salaries to their employee retirement plan(s). The District provides an IRS 457 plan (government equivalent of a 401k) in lieu of a “qualified retirement plan”. At that time, the Board determined that the District’s 3% match maximum be increased to 7% in a two-step process with an increase of 2% for FY 2020-21, and another 2% increase for FY 2021-22. The reason for this change was to bring the District benefits on par with similar agencies and be more competitive for recruitment and retention of qualified employees.

For many agencies participating in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), employees are required to make a 7% contribution to receive a 7% match. If the Board desires to more closely “mimic” the PERS system, then a change should be made from the current 2 to 1 employee to employer contribution ratio, to a PERS-like 1 to 1 ratio. Currently, the District matches 50% of the employee contribution up to the maximum 5% of employee’s annual salary (7% on July 1st) thus requiring an employee to contribute at least 10% (14% on July 1st) to receive the maximum match benefit.

This policy change for FY 2021-22 would result in the District still contributing a 7% of salary maximum match, as previously approved, while the employee contributes at least 7% (instead of 14% from the employee). This does not change the dollar amount the District determined to implement last year. It only changes the employee contribution amount required to receive the maximum District match benefit.

Recommended Motion:

Move to Approve the attached summary description of the District’s Retirement Program. (Full details are in the contract with Lincoln Financial Group. This action does not affect any terms or conditions of that contract.)

Roll Call Vote

RETIREMENT PROGRAM

IRC 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan

EMPLOYEE PAID WITH EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION

LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP (457 PLAN)

Lincoln Financial Advisor: David Almeida

805-973-5917

David.almeida@LFG.com

LFAventura.com

GROUP PLAN NUMBER: GP47050

Eligibility and coverage begin:

- Full time employees – First day of employment
- Part time employees (30 hours per week or more) – First day of employment
- Part time employees (less than 30 hours per week) – Not eligible
- Participation is voluntary.

Each pay period, the employee has the option to voluntarily have deducted from their paycheck an amount to be contributed to the employees 457(b) account, up to the maximum limits as allowed by law. The District will match the voluntary contribution on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to a maximum of 7% of the employee's pay period salary.

Employee will receive a quarterly statement directly from Lincoln Financial Group.

- The 457(b) Plan allows employees to defer taxation on retirement savings into future years.
- Both contributions and earnings on investments are tax-deferred.
- The 457(b) Plan offers employees a choice of investment options.
- Contributions and Withdrawals are prescribed by the US Internal Revenue Code.
- The District 457(b) Plan allows for Roth contributions, rollovers, loans, and emergency withdrawals under specified conditions.

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 28, 2021

TO: Cynthia Allen Mark Altshuler Art Hibbits
Brett Marymee Steve Jordan

FROM: Kevin D. Walsh

SUBJECT: Three-Year Budget Projection and Rate Increase Discussion

Recommendation

- Review possible rate increases and give direction to staff
- Final Budget to be presented at June Meeting for adoption

Three-Year Budget Projection (Worksheet Attached)

For FY 2021-22

Revenues are based on:

- A 3% rate increase in Groundwater Charge Rates, using the most recent 5 full fiscal years historical groundwater production average from 2015-16 to 2019-20.
- A conservative \$5,000 increase in tax revenue based on County of Santa Barbara estimates.
- A continued decrease in Interest Income based on the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) that is currently experiencing a 0.035% daily return.
- The District's share of the reimbursement of the 10% retention on SGMA grant funds.

Expenses are based on FY 2020-21 estimates plus any known changes that will occur in that next 12-month period.

For FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24

Revenues are based on:

- Back-to-back 3% rate increases above FY 2021-22 in each year for both Groundwater Charge Rates and Property Taxes.
- No change to Interest Income.
- No SGMA grants or any other type of SGMA income.

Expenses are based on back-to-back 3% increases on all items in each year, except for SGMA expense.

Estimated SGMA expenses for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 are more or less place holders on what might be expected for continued leadership from the District as the transition is made from strictly a planning effort to reporting and implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans. If a governance structure with funding is in place, say by the end of 2022, perhaps the costs for SGMA could be cut by half, or more. That would affect the bottom line in a very positive way, showing a balanced budget in 2022-23, with near recovery of reserve deficits in 2023-24.

The Three-Year Projection shows that in the third year there is a turn toward a balanced budget. It should be noted that weather can affect revenues and reserves by about \$30-40,000 in any given year. Interest income for FY 2021-22 is expected to drop by about \$40,000 compared to two years ago. A three percent increase in Groundwater Charge Rates equates to about \$18,000 increased revenue per year.

Groundwater Charge Rates Calculation Worksheet (Attached)

Groundwater Charge Rates are the only source of income over which the District has control. For the past few years revenues have been less than expenses. Reserves have provided a degree of rate stabilization in the form of “backfill” due to the lag in DWR grant reimbursements for the SGMA effort and un-reimbursable SGMA costs. Groundwater Charge Rates have not been increased since the Board action in June 2018 for the FY 2018-19 Budget.

While Legal and Engineering expenses have remained constant for the last four years, this is not likely sustainable in the future. Most other costs have increased. A modest 3% rate increase was chosen because it follows the defined strategy of the District of allowing Reserves to be depleted for a time and then rebuilt over a similar time frame. It appears that 3% accomplishes this goal.

Other options are available, including higher or lower across the board increases, or a flat dollar amount increase only in Other Water (eg. domestic) and/or Special Water (eg. Recreation irrigation). Legislative statute limits rates in that the rate of Other Water must be between 3 to 5 times higher than the rate for Agricultural water. Currently, the District’s rate for Other Water (\$25.00) is about 3.5 times higher than the Agricultural Water rate (\$7.15) while Special Water (\$14.30) is two times the Agriculture Water rate.

Rates must be set each year depending upon need.

It is recommended that the Board direct staff to prepare a final budget which includes a 3% increase for all zones and all categories for FY 2021-22.

Next year we can review the impact of this increase and make a more informed decision for future years.

BUDGET WORKSHEET
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGET
JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022; JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023; JULY 1, 2023- JUNE 30, 2024

PRELIMINARY DRAFT with 3% Rate Increase (as of 4/22/2021)

	2020-21	3% Rate Incr. 2021-22	Est. unknown 2022-23 3%	Est. unknown 2023-24 3%
	PROJECTED	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
REVENUES:				
Groundwater Charge Rates	581,000	591,483	609,227	627,504
SB County Property Taxes	326,000	335,800	345,874	356,250
Interest Income	12,455	8,400	8,400	8,400
SGMA Grant Reimbursement	354,458	64,800	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	1,273,913	1,000,483	963,501	992,154
EXPENSES				
<u>Internal Operations / Expenses</u>				
Employee Salaries	359,000	383,000	394,490	406,325
Payroll (SS and Medicare)	27,000	27,300	28,119	28,963
Employee Benefits	5,200	5,000	5,150	5,305
Retirement Plan Contributions	17,950	26,800	27,604	28,432
Outside Services	5,000	5,000	5,150	5,305
Office Expense	34,000	34,000	35,020	36,071
Director Fees	2,000	2,000	2,060	2,122
Travel & Training	7,000	7,000	7,210	7,426
Annual Audit	10,700	11,000	11,330	11,670
Insurance & Worker's Comp	17,879	17,500	18,025	18,566
Dues and LAFCO Fees	2,500	2,700	2,781	2,864
Groundwater Charges Program	45,000	46,000	47,380	48,801
Miscellaneous	3,000	3,000	3,090	3,183
SUB-TOTAL INTERNAL OPERATIONS	536,229	570,300	587,409	605,031
<u>Legal</u>				
General & Misc.	10,000	10,000	10,300	10,609
Downstream Releases / Upper SYR Operations	5,000	5,000	5,150	5,305
WR Decision (2019-0148)	25,000	25,000	25,750	26,523
Fisheries Issues	25,000	20,000	20,600	21,218
Employment/HR	5,000	5,000	5,150	5,305
Groundwater Program	0	5,000	5,150	5,305
SUB-TOTAL LEGAL	70,000	70,000	72,100	74,263
<u>Engineering / Environmental</u>				
General & Misc.	10,000	10,000	10,300	10,609
Annual GW Report	15,000	15,000	15,450	15,914
Downstream Releases Operations	65,000	65,000	66,950	68,959
Upper SYR Operations	10,000	10,000	10,300	10,609
WR Decision (2019-0148)	25,000	25,000	25,750	26,523
Fisheries Hydrology	40,000	40,000	41,200	42,436
Other Consultants	15,000	15,000	15,450	15,914
SUB-TOTAL ENGINEERING / ENVIRONMENTAL	180,000	180,000	185,400	190,962
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER ACT (SGMA)	694,000	190,600	100,000	50,000
CONTINGENCIES	20,081	50,000	50,000	50,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,500,310	1,060,900	994,909	970,256
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$ (226,397)	\$ (60,417)	\$ (31,408)	\$ 21,898
RESERVES				
Amount from Reserves	\$ 255,000	\$ 60,417	\$ 31,408	\$ (21,898)
Reserves, Total Balance	\$ 1,964,578	\$ 1,912,561	\$ 1,889,553	\$ 1,919,851

GROUNDWATER RATE CALCULATION WORKSHEET

Rate Increase of 3 %

3% Rate increase each year for all water types FY 21-22, FY 22-23, FY 23-24

ALL ZONES ARE SAME RATE

	<u>AG</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	
18-19	7.15	14.30	25.00	\$ 555,327.00	*1
19-20	7.15	14.30	25.00	\$ 549,164.00	*1
20-21	7.15	14.30	25.00	\$ 581,000.00	*2
5-yr Avg production	7.15	14.30	25.00	\$ 574,255.30	*3
21-22	7.36	14.73	25.75	\$ 591,482.96	*3
22-23	7.59	15.17	26.52	\$ 609,227.45	*3
23-24	7.81	15.63	27.32	\$ 627,504.27	*3

- *1. FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20: Actual amounts from Independent Auditor Report
- *2. FY 2020-21: April 1, 2021 projected amount
- *3. FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24: Estimated Annual Pumpage is 5-year average of Groundwater Production from FY 2015-16 through FY 2019-20.

Estimated Annual Pumpage (5-year average)	Current Rates	Estimated Revenue with NO rate change
36,648.4 AF AG water produced	\$ 7.15	\$ 262,036.06
1,646.8 AF Special water produced	\$ 14.30	\$ 23,549.24
11,546.8 AF Other water produced	\$ 25.00	\$ 288,670.00
49,842.00 TOTAL		\$ 574,255.30

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 28, 2021

TO: Cynthia Allen Mark Altshuler Art Hibbits
Brett Marymee Steve Jordan

FROM: Kevin D. Walsh

SUBJECT: Preliminary Draft Budget for FY 2021-22

Recommendation

- Review Preliminary Draft Budget for FY 2021-22 and give direction to staff to prepare a final budget that includes a 3% rate increase.
- Final Budget to be presented at June Meeting for adoption

Preliminary Draft Budget for FY 2021-22 (Attached)

REVENUES:

Groundwater Charge Rates. Groundwater Charge Rates are the only source of income over which the District has control. Estimated by calculating a five-year average for the volume of groundwater production then applying a 3% rate increase to each water type.

Property Tax Revenue. Projected by assuming a similar amount as last year with a conservative \$5,000 increase. We are in a period of continued increasing property values.

Interest Income. Assumed to be \$4,000 less than the amount expected to be received this year. This is due to a significant decrease in the State Local Investment Fund (LAIF) interest rate.

SGMA Grant Reimbursement. This amount is based upon the anticipated receipt of the 10% retention withheld on all prior California Department of Water Resources (DWR) grant disbursements under Propositions 1 and 68. These grants were for the expenses of the activities associated with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Groundwater Sustainability Planning (GSP) activities. The grant reimbursement figure is the District's 50% share of the retention, not the total held at DWR.

EXPENSES:

Total expenses for Internal Operations are estimated to be about 6.6% more than the FY 2020-21 budgeted amounts. Increases are the result of an increase in salaries due to change

in the employment status of the District Administrator from part-time to full time, and an increase in retirement plan contributions.

Legal and Engineering costs are expected to remain the same as budgeted for FY 2020-21. The State Water Board released a final Water Rights Order (WRO 2019-148) in 2019. The new WRO contains several Terms and Conditions with regard to studies and plans. SYRWCD staff plus legal counsel and technical consultants are now working with the US Bureau of Reclamation to satisfy the Terms and Conditions that directly and indirectly affect water rights in the Santa Ynez and Lompoc Valleys. It is expected that an equal amount of the Legal and Engineering efforts on this new Water Rights Order will occur in FY 2021-22 as did in FY 2020-21.

Total expenses for SGMA will decrease from last year, as the work on the three Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) will hopefully be completed on or before the January 2022 submittal deadline. The costs to the District for each of the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are accounted for separately as per each of the three Memoranda of Agreement, which the SYRWCD is party to in each GSA.

CONTINGENCIES:

Expenditures from contingencies are for unexpected and unforeseeable costs.

RESERVES:

Reserves provide for contingencies, unexpected large expenditures, and rate stabilization. The District has set a goal of \$1.6 million in reserves for the State Water Board hearing activities including potential litigation, and \$400,000 in reserves for other contingencies. At this point the reserve goals are not projected to be met for FY 2021-22, falling about \$80,000 short. Transfers out of reserves for FY 2021-22 are forecasted at about 6% of the total budget, compared to 13% last year.

BUDGET WORKSHEET
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGET
JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

(9-month actuals) **PRELIMINARY DRAFT** (revised 4/22/2021)

	2020-21 BUDGET	2020-21 <u>As of</u> <u>April 12</u> ACTUAL	2020-21 PROJECTED	2021-22 3% Rate Increase BUDGET
REVENUES:				
Groundwater Charge Rates	535,000	580,100	581,000	591,483
SB County Property Taxes	321,000	189,292	326,000	335,800
Interest Income	26,000	10,345	12,455	8,400
SGMA Grant Reimbursement	323,000	354,458	354,458	64,800
TOTAL INCOME	1,205,000	1,134,195	1,273,913	1,000,483
EXPENSES				
<u>Internal Operations / Expenses</u>				
Employee Salaries	354,000	267,127	359,000	383,000
Payroll (SS and Medicare)	27,000	19,155	27,000	27,300
Employee Benefits	6,000	3,882	5,200	5,000
Retirement Plan Contributions	17,700	12,625	17,950	26,800
Outside Services	5,000	2,853	5,000	5,000
Office Expense	34,000	26,005	34,000	34,000
Director Fees	3,000	675	2,000	2,000
Travel & Training	7,000	419	7,000	7,000
Annual Audit	10,700	-	10,700	11,000
Insurance & Worker's Comp	16,000	17,859	17,879	17,500
Dues and LAFCO Fees	6,500	2,426	2,500	2,700
Groundwater Charges Program	45,000	35,431	45,000	46,000
Miscellaneous	3,000	500	3,000	3,000
SUB-TOTAL INTERNAL OPERATIONS	534,900	388,957	536,229	570,300
<u>Legal</u>				
General & Misc.	10,000	6,713	10,000	10,000
Downstream Releases / Upper SYR Operations	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
WR Decision (2019-0148)	25,000	15,944	25,000	25,000
Fisheries Issues	25,000	4,809	20,000	20,000
Employment/HR	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Groundwater Program	0	4,346	5,000	5,000
SUB-TOTAL LEGAL	70,000	31,812	70,000	70,000
<u>Engineering / Environmental</u>				
General & Misc.	10,000	1,740	10,000	10,000
Annual GW Report	15,000	111	15,000	15,000
Downstream Releases Operations	65,000	44,335	65,000	65,000
Upper SYR Operations	10,000	3,239	10,000	10,000
WR Decision (2019-0148)	25,000	2,937	25,000	25,000
Fisheries Hydrology	40,000	15,891	40,000	40,000
Other Consultants	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
SUB-TOTAL ENGINEERING / ENVIRONMENTAL	180,000	68,253	180,000	180,000
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER ACT (SGMA)	694,000	272,048	694,000	190,600
CONTINGENCIES	50,000	20,081	20,081	50,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,528,900	781,151	1,500,310	1,060,900
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$ (323,900)	\$ 353,044	(226,397)	\$ (60,417)
RESERVES				
Amount from Reserves	\$ 323,900	\$ 255,000	255,000	\$ 60,417
Reserves, Total Balance	\$ 1,873,825	\$ 1,962,498	1,964,578	\$ 1,912,561

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 28, 2021

TO: Cynthia Allen Mark Altshuler Art Hibbits
Brett Marymee Steve Jordan

FROM: Kevin D. Walsh

SUBJECT: Redistricting – Review of Division Boundaries

Recommendation

- Receive report. Give direction to staff.

Discussion

Every 10 years, when the decennial US Census is taken, Congressional Seats are reapportioned, and other political sub-divisions of the State, like Senate and Assembly Districts, and County Supervisorial Districts must be reviewed and boundaries adjusted based on population changes. The SYRWCD is also subject to this review for its 5 divisions.

The current census results are 6 months late, causing problems for several entities with regard to completing work in time for the November 2021 elections. We do not have elections in 2021. Further we are subject to the State of California Elections Code Section 22000. This allows for boundary adjustments to be made up to 180 days prior to the November 2022 election, which would be sometime in March 2022.

For the 2002 and 2012 efforts, the District used Dennis Loyst of JDL Mapping Services. JDL Mapping assisted with providing information on census tracts in relation to the District boundaries (not always the same), populations in tabular form, and options for boundary lines. A review of the files and conversations with the former general manager of the District indicate that the services provided by Mr. Loyst were entirely satisfactory. (Two of the 5 current directors were here for the 2012 Division boundary adjustment.) I have asked Mr. Loyst for a proposal for the 2022 effort.

For 2002 and 2012 there was a desire to balance the competing interests of reasonable representation based on hydrology, acknowledgement of the largest water use sector via proper agricultural representation, existing political boundaries and established communities.



Late Census Could Affect Special District Re-Districting

By Vanessa Gonzales posted 9 days ago

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Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the U.S. Census Bureau is behind in completing its mandate to complete the census on time, resulting in a six-month delay of its release to states.

Without this data, state and local electoral divisions cannot be adjusted to reflect the new population changes or comply with various state and federal voting laws. Those local agencies with boards elected at-large from throughout the entire jurisdiction are unaffected.

While the State of California was able to avail itself of a California Supreme Court decision pushing back deadlines for the state's redistricting commission related to state offices, such as the State Assembly, State Senate, and Board of Equalization, this action does not apply to local agencies. Therefore, special districts with boards elected by-division, or by-district, may not have time to meet impending statutory deadlines unless further action is taken by the State Legislature.

Some special district principal acts, such as community service districts, recreation and park districts, and fire protection districts, have a November 1, 2021 deadline to reapportion their electoral division boundaries, if they have electoral divisions. Additionally, there may be other unique situations throughout the codes.

Given that the U.S. Census Bureau has recently stated that their target date for delivery of tabulated data is September 30, 2021, this leaves mere weeks to conduct a transparent and compliant redistricting process, rather than they many months afforded under normal conditions.

Special districts has are collectively governed by dozens of enabling acts and scores of special acts, as well as other code references that may point to their unique deadlines for redistricting. To resolve this dilemma, CSDA is working with the Office of State Senator Steve Glazer (D – Orinda) and the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments to point all special district election laws to an existing statute currently being used by some districts in the Elections Code ([EC § 22000](#)). This code section provides a flexible, over-arching solution by allowing for lines to be drawn up to 180 days prior to a general election.

CSDA successfully requested these amendments and will continue working with the author's office on [SB 594 \(Glazer\)](#) to achieve this resolution while continuing to investigate other potential scenarios.

If your district or district type has a unique situation, an election in a month other than November (that requires redistricting) or has any other feedback about the proposed changes, please reach out to CSDA Legislative Representative Anthony Tannehill at anthonyt@cstda.net.

[Register Now](#) to learn more on the topic at this year's virtual [Special Districts Legislative Days](#) where Paul Mitchel, President, Redistricting Partners will be lead the breakout session:

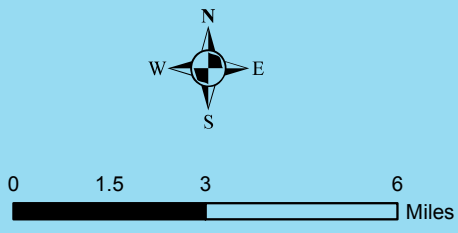
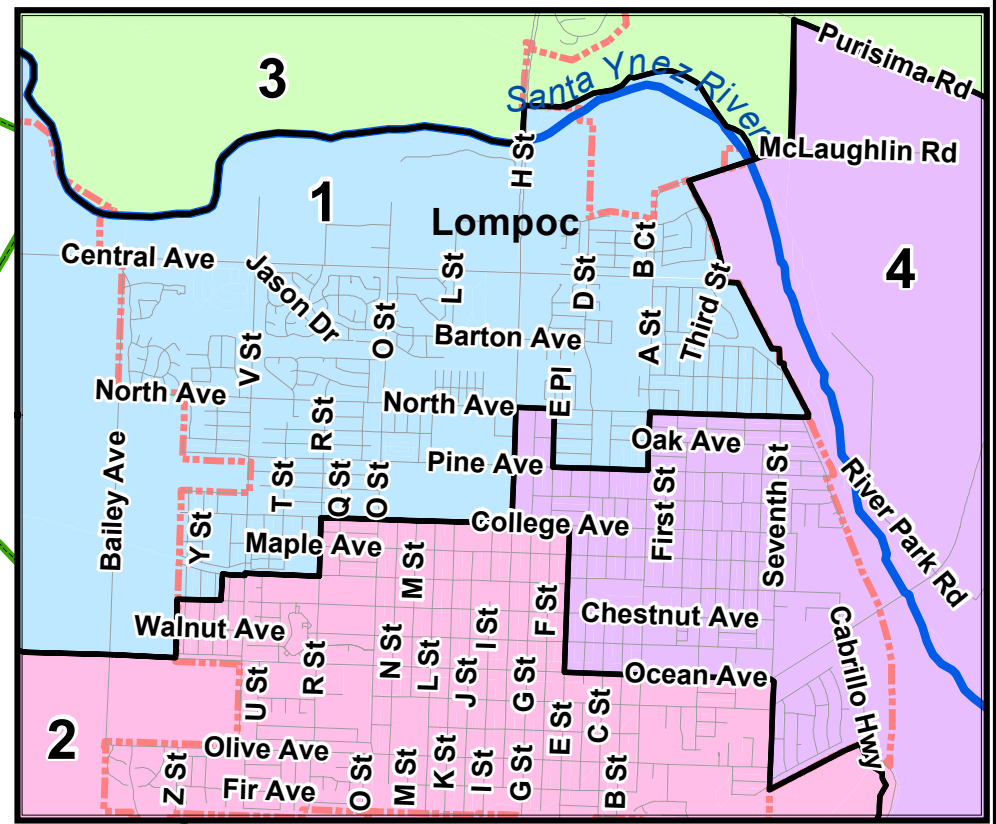
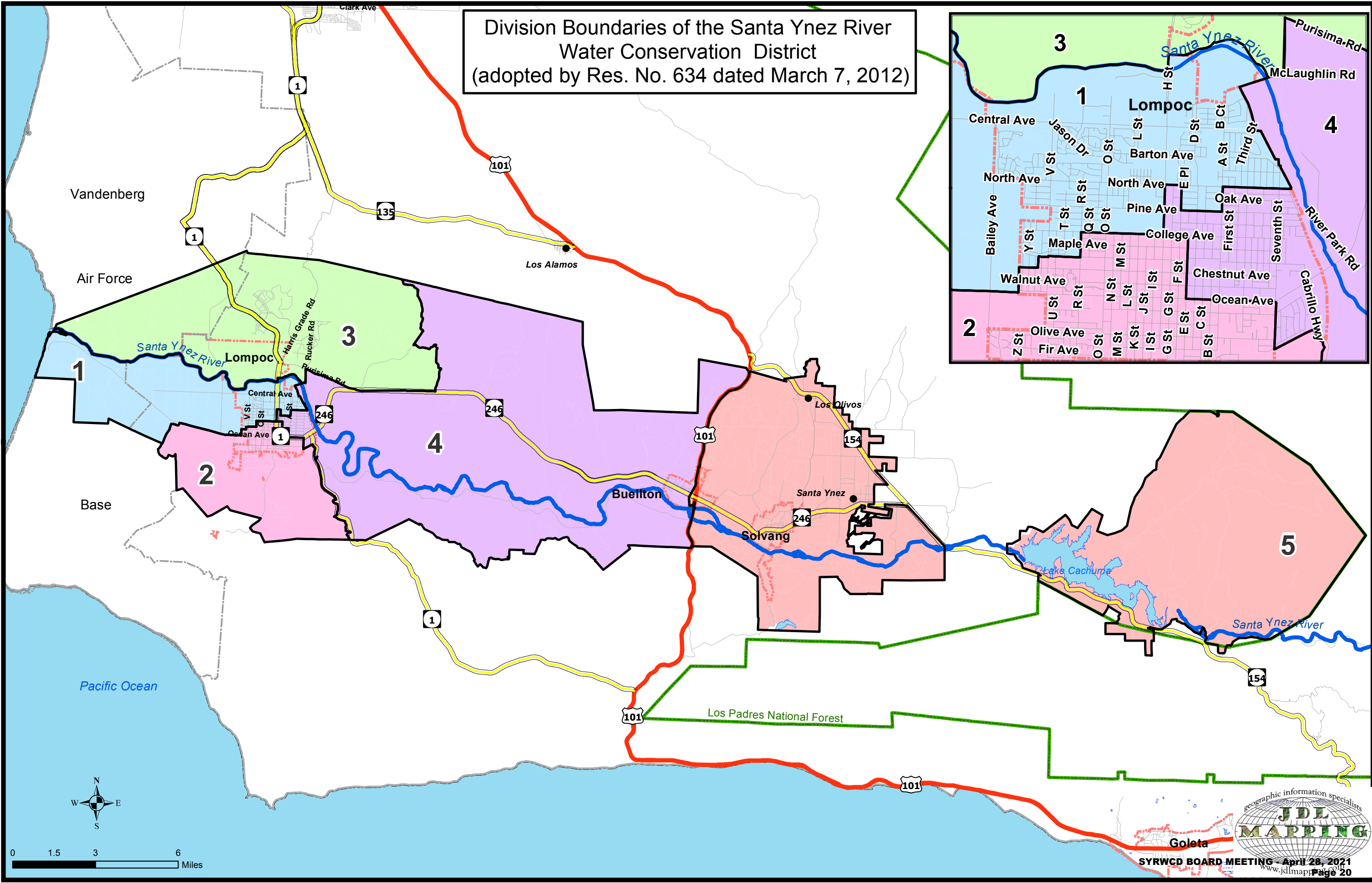
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Division Boundaries of the Santa Ynez River
Water Conservation District
(adopted by Res. No. 634 dated March 7, 2012)





Santa Barbara County - Flood Control District

130 East Victoria Street, Santa Barbara CA 93101 - 805.568.3440 - www.countyofsb.org/pwd

Rainfall and Reservoir Summary

Updated 8am: 4/19/2021

Water Year: 2021

Storm Number: NA

Notes: Daily rainfall amounts are recorded as of 8am for the previous 24 hours. Rainfall units are expressed in inches. All data on this page are from automated sensors, are preliminary, and subject to verification.

*Each Water Year (WY) runs from Sept 1 through Aug 31 and is designated by the calendar year in which it ends

County Real-Time Rainfall and Reservoir Website link: > <http://www.countyofsb.org/hydrology>

Rainfall	ID	24 hrs	Storm 0day(s)	Month	Year*	% to Date	% of Year*	AI
Buellton (Fire Stn)	233	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.54	53%	51%	
Cachuma Dam (USBR)	332	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.51	55%	53%	
Carpinteria (Fire Stn)	208	0.00	0.00	0.01	4.52	27%	26%	
Cuyama (Fire Stn)	436	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.62	51%	47%	
Figueroa Mtn. (USFS Stn)	421	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.37	41%	39%	10.3
Gibraltar Dam (City Facility)	230	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.63	42%	40%	9.4
Goleta (Fire Stn-Los Carneros)	440	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.14	52%	50%	
Lompoc (City Hall)	439	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.68	77%	73%	8.0
Los Alamos (Fire Stn)	204	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.41	58%	55%	
San Marcos Pass (USFS Stn)	212	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.17	43%	42%	
Santa Barbara (County Bldg)	234	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.31	42%	40%	
Santa Maria (City Pub.Works)	380	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.16	57%	54%	
Santa Ynez (Fire Stn /Airport)	218	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.31	55%	53%	
Sisquoc (Fire Stn)	256	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.31	44%	42%	

County-wide percentage of "Normal-to-Date" rainfall : **50%**

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall : **47%**

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall calculated assuming no more rain through Aug. 31, 2021 (End of WY2021).

AI (Antecedent Index / Soil Wetness)

6.0 and below = Wet (min. = 2.5)
6.1 - 9.0 = Moderate
9.1 and above = Dry (max. = 12.5)

Reservoirs

Reservoir Elevations referenced to NGVD-29.

**Cachuma is full and subject to spilling at elevation 750 ft.

However, the lake is surcharged to 753 ft. for fish release water.

(Cachuma water storage is based on Dec 2013 capacity revision)

Click on Site for Real-Time Readings	Spillway	Current	Max.	Current	Current	Storage	Storage
	Elev. (ft)	Elev. (ft)	Storage (ac-ft)	Storage (ac-ft)	Capacity (%)	Change Mo.(ac-ft)	Change Year*(ac-ft)
Gibraltar Reservoir	1,400.00	1,375.67	4,559	602	13.2%	-22	-1,608
Cachuma Reservoir	753.**	724.26	193,305	117,798	60.9%	-2,047	-25,977
Jameson Reservoir	2,224.00	2,213.18	4,848	3,588	74.0%	-19	-700
Twitchell Reservoir	651.50	540.62	194,971	2,960	1.5%	-165	-860

ACWA ADVISORY

DROUGHT
April 21, 2021

Governor Declares Drought in Two Counties; Issues State of Emergency Proclamation

Gov. Newsom today proclaimed a drought emergency in Sonoma and Mendocino counties, noting the severe conditions in the Russian River Watershed. The proclamation helps agencies access important resources and provides the State Water Resources Control Board with authority to adopt emergency regulations to curtail water rights in the counties. It does not include conservation mandates.

Newsom announced the drought emergency during a press conference from Lake Mendocino, which is at a record low, noting that not all regions of the state are experiencing the same extreme conditions. He said a targeted, sequential approach was appropriate, and he would extend the order as needed.

In conjunction with the emergency declaration, Newsom directed state agencies to take immediate action to bolster drought resilience and prepare for impacts on communities, businesses and ecosystems. These actions recognize the state's strengthened drought resilience following California's most recent drought.

ACWA member agencies continue to plan for and invest in projects and programs that diversify supplies and advance water use efficiency to prepare for drought and impacts of climate change on our state's water resources. During the press conference, Newsom, Secretary for Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot and State Water Board Chair Joaquin Esquivel noted the importance of partnerships with local water agencies and complimented Sonoma County Water Agency for its work with Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO).

"Local public water agencies take dry year conditions very seriously and plan for and invest in local solutions to ensure preparedness for dry years. ACWA stands ready to work collaboratively with members, and in partnership with the state and federal governments to protect and maximize our available water supplies," said Executive Director Dave Eggerton.

In addition to extensive advocacy on water use efficiency proposals at the Legislature and at state agencies, ACWA has been working on several fronts to respond to emerging water efficiency and drought issues and to keep its members apprised of developments. Activities include:

1. **Resources:** ACWA has launched a new website page, www.acwa.com/drought, to serve as a resource for member agencies looking for more information about drought issues. In addition, ACWA's water use efficiency webpage, www.acwa.com/water-use-efficiency, provides information about ongoing regulatory efforts, including the development of urban water use objectives.
2. **Information clearinghouse:** As it has in past drought, ACWA will serve as an information clearinghouse for the media and public by sharing member agencies' stories of investment in water management and drought resiliency. Share your stories **SYRUCO BOARD MEETING - April 28, 2021** website at www.acwa.com/drought.

3. **Communications toolkits:** Members are encouraged to educate their local communities about water resiliency investments and the importance of state and federal funding to improve aging water infrastructure and ensure a more reliable, resilient water supply. ACWA previously prepared the following documents to assist member agencies as they engage with customers and stakeholders at the local level.

- [Drought talking points](#)
- [Agriculture-related talking points](#)
- [“Increasing Climate Resiliency” handout](#) for use with customers
- The Department of Water Resources’ Save Our Water campaign has a [partner toolkit](#) with videos, bill inserts, social media graphics and other materials (in English and Spanish) that water agencies can download and use to communicate with customers about water use efficiency.

Questions

For questions about the State of Emergency Proclamation, please contact ACWA Regulatory Relations Manager [Chelsea Haines](#).



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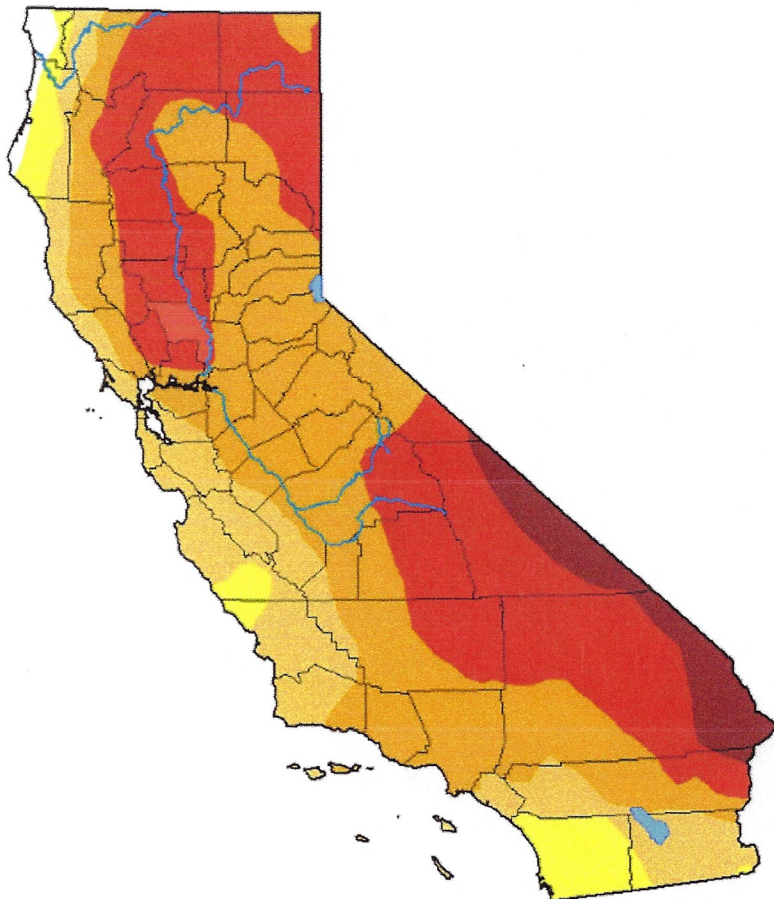


Local News



Solvang Declares Stage One Drought Emergency as Rainfall Remains Light








Related measures include urging residents to reduce water usage by 15% and adding restrictions on washing vehicles and using sprinklers



Map released: Thurs. April 15, 2021

Data valid: April 13, 2021 at 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity:

-  None
-  D0 (Abnormally Dry)
-  D1 (Moderate Drought)
-  D2 (Severe Drought)
-  D3 (Extreme Drought)
-  D4 (Exceptional Drought)
-  No Data

Author(s):

Deborah Bathke, National Drought Mitigation Center

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying **text summary** for forecast statements.*

This screenshot shows the U.S. Drought Monitor declaring most of Santa Barbara County as having a moderate drought condition because of lower-than-normal rainfall.

By Janene Scully, Noozhawk North County

Solvang has declared a stage one drought emergency to encourage people to conserve water after lower-than-normal rainfall in the state where officials are again closely monitoring dry conditions.

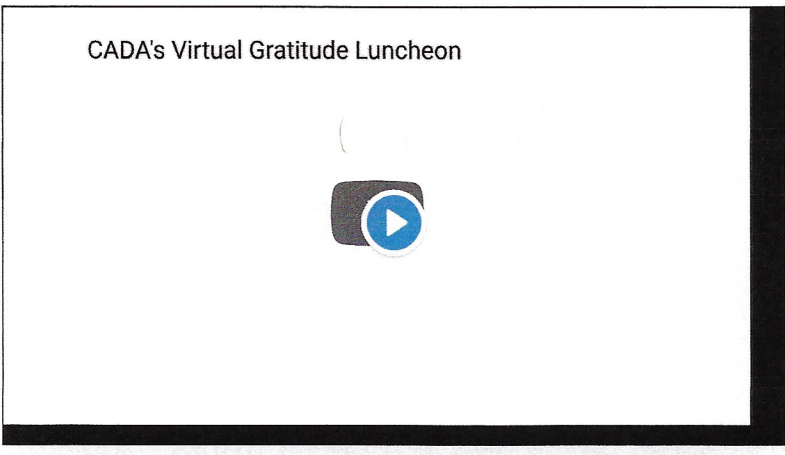
The City Council also agreed to authorize the purchase of supplemental water after hearing that State Water Project deliveries to customers will be a small percentage



of allocations.

The stage one drought emergency calls for Solvang residents to voluntarily reduce water usage by 15% and adds mandatory measures because of drought conditions in California and Santa Barbara County.

"In general, the main thrust of it is communicating with our residents and customers, letting them know we're in a water supply shortage and drought conditions have developed and asking for a 15% voluntary cutback," said Matt van der Linden, public works director and city engineer. "We found in the past drought the residents didn't cut back 15%, but they did cut back and that helped quite a bit."



Join our Annual "virtual" Gratitude Luncheon to support CADA's Mentor Program Tuesday, April 27th, 12:30pm - 1:30pm. The Mentor Program matches at-risk local youth, grades 3-8 with trained, caring adult mentors. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this FREE event!

The [U.S. Drought Monitor](#) has labeled the county as being in a moderate drought status, the second of a six-stage level of intensity ranging from abnormally dry to exceptional drought status.

This past February, typically the month with the heaviest rainfall, marked the fourth driest February during the past 127 years, with 2021 being the 56th driest year so far, according to the Drought Monitor.

Santa Barbara County tallies show rainfall sits at 50% of normal.

"It's concerning for the long term," said Tom Fayram of the [Santa Barbara County Water Resources Division](#). "We're very dry, and our supply situation is very concerning."

With the State Water Project deliveries expected to be just 5%, Fayram said he is eager to see what next winter brings in terms of precipitation.

"It's certainly concerning for water supply. Our winter's over for all practical purposes," Fayram said. "If we don't get rain next year, we're going to be eerily close to where we were entering the last drought, which some could argue we're still in."

That last drought started in 2012, he said.

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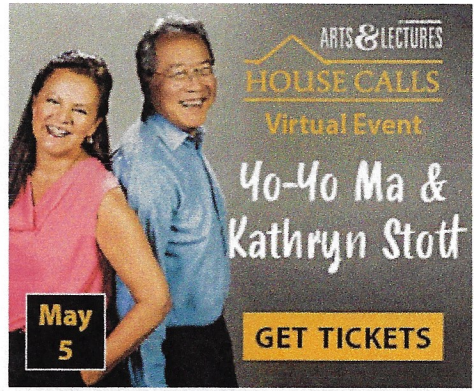
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"What we don't know, but what we're told, is that droughts are going to be longer and more severe with climate change, and then of course rainstorms could be more severe, too," Fayram said.

Solvang's stage one measures also limit watering of lawn to night — 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. for schools and parks — and encourages restaurants to serve a glass of water only upon request.

Residents should use sprinklers only between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. from March through October.

Other measures include requiring people to use commercial car-washing facilities and avoid hosing driveways except in health and safety situations.

The State Water Project typically supplies about 50% of Solvang's water, with most of the rest pumped from wells.

In early December, the state issued a forecast calling for a 10% allocation to State Water Project members, typically a conservative estimate.

However, the revised estimate ended up being even lower, just 5% of the allocation, matching the historical low last seen in 2013.

"With that allocation dripping from 10 to 5%, that really creates problems for us," van der Linden said.

He recommended spending up to \$400,000 and securing 400 to 600 acre feet of supplemental water for the city to help boost supply. An acre foot of water adds up to 326,000 gallons, or enough water to cover an acre of land — about the size of a football field — 1 foot deep.

This isn't the first time Solvang has looked to buy supplemental water.

During the drought from 2012 to 2017, the city purchased more than 2,000 acre feet of supplemental water "to get through that time and not have a dramatic impact to our residents and our businesses," according to van der Linden.

— *Noozhawk North County editor Janene Scully can be reached at jscully@noozhawk.com. Follow Noozhawk on Twitter: @noozhawk, @NoozhawkNews and @NoozhawkBiz. Connect with Noozhawk on Facebook.*



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Subject: Preliminary Schedule: SYRWCD 89-18 Water Rights Release for 2021

With reference to Exhibit D to the 2002 Settlement Agreement (Appendix 2 to WRO 2019-0148), this is to inform you of the Preliminary Schedule for the 2021 WR 89-18 Cachuma Project water rights releases.

We anticipate a downstream release that could begin as soon as July 2021, but more likely beginning in August 2021. The release is tentatively scheduled to last three to four months. The anticipated amount to be released is 8-12,000 acre-feet.

This Preliminary Schedule is circulated for purposes of maximizing comingling of Member Unit deliveries from CCWA during those months when downstream water rights releases occur.

Please keep in mind this is a Preliminary Schedule, subject to change, not yet finalized. When making reference to this notification in any reports or documents, please indicate such.

Please call me with any questions.

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C A C H U M A
 Santa Ynez River - Downstream Users Accounting
 March 2021

SUMMARY

RESERVOIR

	Computed Inflow	402.3
Releases		499.9
Fish	499.9	
Water rights	0.0	
Leakage	0.0	
Spills		0.0
Valves	0.0	
Spillway	0.0	
Leakage	0.0	
	Total Downstream Releases . .	499.9
Diversions		1976.2
South Coast	1974.8	
Park (SYRWCD ID #1)	1.4	
SYRWCD ID #1	0.0	
	Total Reservoir Outflows . .	2476.1
CCWA Inflow	0.0	
Releases Affecting Accounts	0.0	
Project Savings	0.0	

ABOVE NARROWS ACCOUNT (ANA)

	Previous Months ANA	10070.0
ANA Credit	402.3	
Releases from ANA	0.0	
BNA Releases Not Reaching Narrows	0.0	
ANA Dewatered Storage: Current	15321.0	
Previous	13189.0	
Change	2132.0	
Spills Reducing ANA	0.0	
Current ANA		10472.3

BELOW NARROWS ACCOUNT (BNA)

	Previous Months BNA	4365.0
Measured Flow at Narrows	978.8	
Salsipuedes Creek Contribution	134.5	
Releases from BNA	0.0	
BNA Releases Reaching Narrows	0.0	
Constructive Flow at Narrows	978.8	
Elevation of Indicator well (feet)	0.0	
Percolation from Measured Flow	918.6	
Percolation from Constructive Flow	918.6	
BNA Credit	0.0	
Spills Reaching Narrows	0.0	
BNA Dewatered Storage: Current	15267.0	
Previous	16003.0	
Change	-736.0	
Spills Reducing BNA	0.0	
Current BNA		4365.0

Notes: All values are in acre-feet unless otherwise indicated.
 Date of Report: 04/09/2021
 USING SAN LUCAS CREEK AS FIRST CHECKPOINT
 UPSTREAM OPERATIONS ADJUSTMENT ALL NEG OR ZERO

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 28 April 2021

TO: Cynthia Allen Mark Altshuler Art Hibbits
Brett Marymee Steve Jordan Steve Torigiani
Kevin Walsh Amber Thompson

FROM: Bill Buelow, Groundwater Program Manager

SUBJECT: Groundwater Program Manager Report

AGENDA ITEM VII

A. Groundwater Production, Reporting, and Charges

- 1) Receive Update on Groundwater Revenue for July to December 2020. The cumulative total of groundwater fees received from January 1, 2021 to present is **\$308,704** for the first half of FY 20-21 groundwater reporting period.

Staff Recommendation: No action. This item is informational only.

B. SGMA Update

- 1) Receive GSP Consultant Update. GSAs released Draft Water Budget Tech Memos for the EMA, WMA and CMA. Public review of these documents extends through early May. Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) meetings in each GSA continue to be held to review and discuss each section of the GSP released for public comment.

Staff Recommendation: No action. This item is informational only.

- 2) Receive GSP Stakeholder Engagement Update. Staff distributed the third SGMA Newsletter to District constituents. Distribution of the Newsletters has resulted in increased website visits to SantaYnezWater.org.

Staff Recommendation: No action. This item is informational only.

- 3) Review Telecon Memorandum summary of conversation with DWR Staff regarding SGMA Status of Santa Ynez River and River Alluvium. See attached Telecon Memorandum between District and DWR Staff regarding status of Santa Ynez River Alluvium with SGMA GSPs.

Staff Recommendation: No action. This item is informational only.

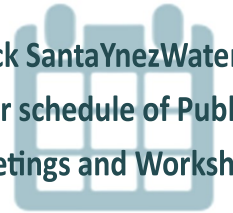
- 4) Receive Financial Update for GSP Projects. Attached Estimates to Complete for EMA, CMA and WMA.

Staff Recommendation: No action. This item is informational only.

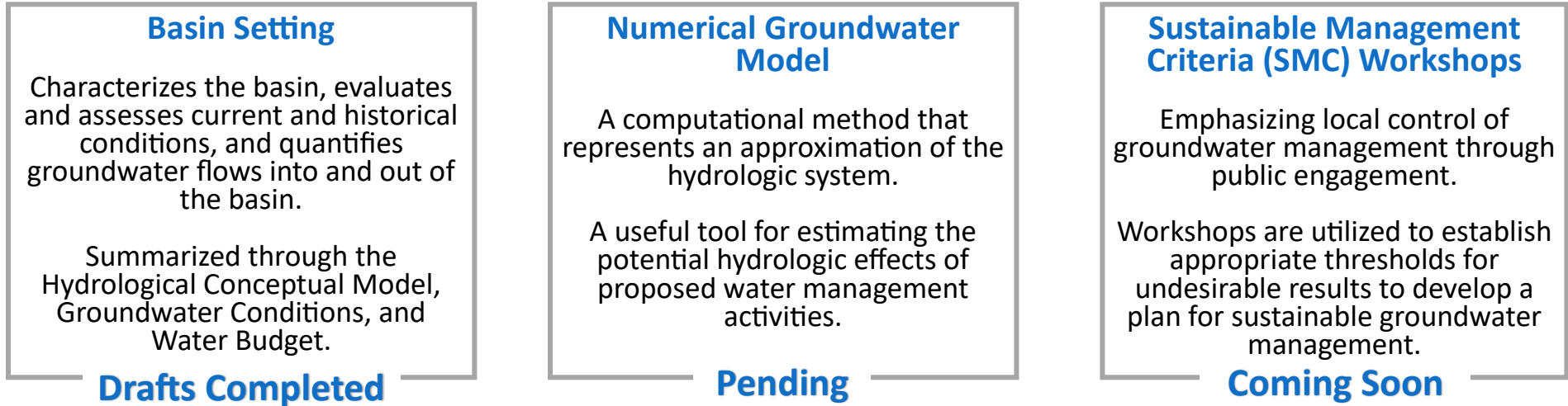
Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), enacted January 2015, creates a new framework for groundwater management. The management plan developed by this process will regulate future groundwater use and will be completed in early 2022.

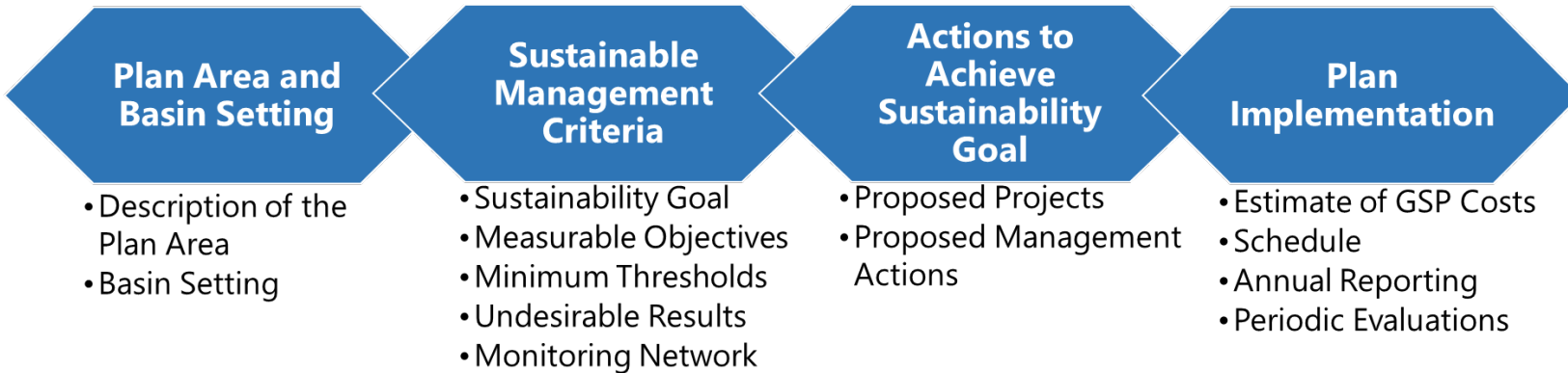
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The building blocks that inform a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) are:



Groundwater Sustainability Plan Sections



The various DRAFT documents/chapters released for this plan will be compiled and form the larger GSP document as shown to the left. There are **multiple opportunities for the public to comment** on the chapters and full GSP before it is finalized in 2022.

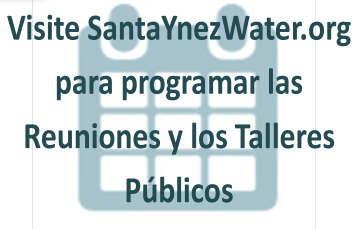
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Cuenca del Agua Subterránea del Rio Valle Santa Ynez

La Ley de Gestión Sostenible del Agua Subterránea (SGMA, por sus siglas en inglés), promulgada en enero de 2015, crea un marco para la gestión del agua subterránea. El plan de gestión desarrollado por este proceso regular el uso futuro del agua subterránea y se completará a principios del 2022.



Los componentes que informan el Plan de Sostenibilidad del Agua Subterránea (GSP, por sus siglas en inglés) son:

Configuración de la Cuenca

Caracteriza la cuenca, evalúa y determina las condiciones actuales e históricas, y cuantifica el flujo del agua subterránea hacia y desde la cuenca.

Resumido por el Modelo Conceptual Hidrológico, las Condiciones del Agua Subterránea y el Presupuesto del Agua.

Modelo del Agua Subterránea Numérica

Un método computacional que representa una aproximación del sistema hidrológico .

Una herramienta útil para calcular los efectos hidrológicos potenciales de las actividades propuestas sobre la gestión del agua.

Talleres Sobre los Criterios de la Gestión Sostenible (SMC)

Enfatizar el control local de la gestión del agua subterránea a través de la participación del público.

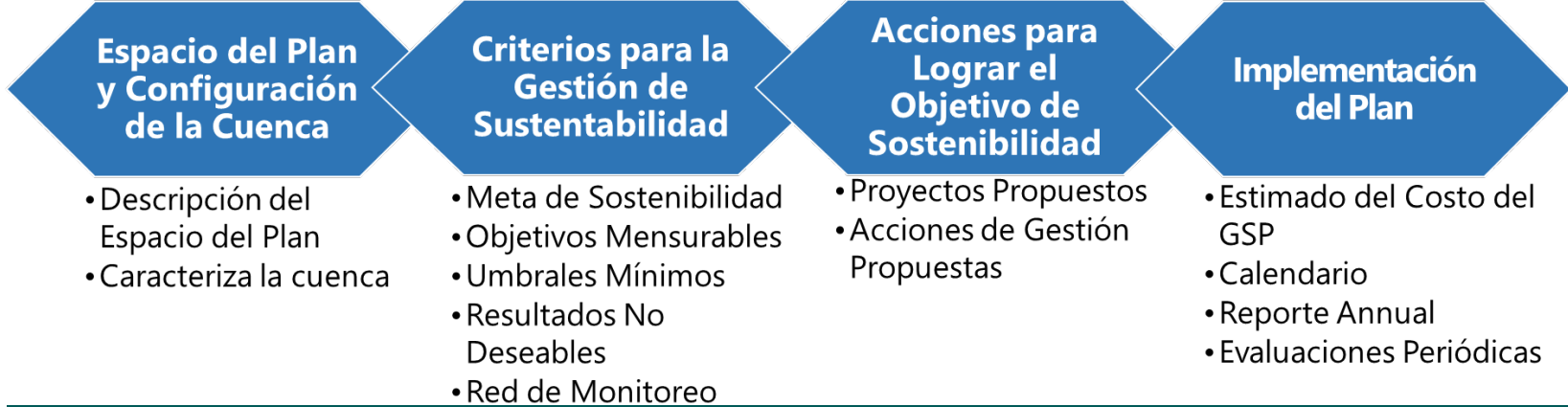
Los talleres se utilizan para establecer umbrales adecuados de los resultados no deseables para poder desarrollar un plan para la gestión del agua subterránea sostenible.

Proyectos Finalizados

Pendiente

Próximamente

Secciones del Plan de Sostenibilidad Del Agua Subterránea



Los diversos BORRADORES de los documentos y capítulos publicados para este plan serán recopilados a partir del documento GSP más grande como se muestra a la izquierda. **Habrà múltiples oportunidades para que el público comente** sobre los capítulos y el GSP completo antes de que se finalice el proyecto en el 2022.

Para más información, anuncios sobre las juntas, o para revisar y comentar sobre los documentos, por favor visite

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STAFF MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 19, 2021

TO: File

FROM: B. Buelow

SUBJECT: Summary of Telephone Conversation with A. Regmi 04-15-2021

As a follow up to several emails (attached) from Anita Regmi at DWR, a call was scheduled between Bill Buelow of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) and Anita Regmi of the southern regional office of the State of California, Department of Water Resources (DWR) to discuss the issue of the Santa Ynez River Alluvium (River Alluvium) in the three Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) currently being prepared for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin).

Ms. Regmi said that DWR needs to know more about this subject as it has come up during several recent GSA meetings and there have been specific questions that have been asked by various agencies such as NOAA.

Ms. Regmi reiterated that DWR had received some information from SYRWCD in response to earlier requests, but that she still did not understand the source of the boundary of the Santa Ynez River Alluvium. Mr. Buelow reiterated the previous request of January 25, 2021 by Ms. Regmi was about data collected by riparian pumpers and where it was sent and stored. Mr. Buelow sent Ms. Regmi a link to the eWRIMS system, where riparian pumpers upload pumping records to maintain compliance with the State Board.

Mr. Buelow then clarified that the extent of the River Alluvium extends upstream from the Lompoc Narrows to Bradbury dam and corresponds to the District's Zone A plus some additional areas of River Alluvium between the two non-contiguous sections of the District. The management of the River Alluvium as surface water or surface water underflow accords with the State Water Resource Control Board's (State Board) assertion of jurisdiction over River surface and subsurface water as underflow. This is documented in various State Board Orders, including D886, 73-37, 89-18, and most recently, 2019-0148, and has been accepted for a long time.

Mr. Buelow further explained that SGMA's definition of groundwater specifically excludes subsurface "water flowing through a known and defined channel," which is essentially how the State Board has defined subsurface water in the River Alluvium. Mr. Buelow pointed out this was done intentionally by the two agencies so there would be no jurisdictional overlap. Ms. Regmi she appreciated and understood the clarification.

Ms. Regmi stressed that all three GSPs need to more clearly document the status of wells screened in the River Alluvium. She added that there needs to be a better explanation of the process of evaluating each well and the GSAs will need to provide DWR with documentation of sources and citations. She further explained that as currently drafted, the reviewers of the GSPs will not understand the assertion of the exemption of wells in the River Alluvium. Mr. Buelow thanked Ms. Regmi for the feedback and said he would pass along the information to the GSAs.

Ms. Regmi indicated that the declaration of the exemption to SGMA “is a big deal” and further explained that DWR’s request for more information is a “heads-up” to the GSAs. Mr. Buelow explained that the GSAs will provide additional details about the status of wells in the River Alluvium and explained that the GSAs are currently contemplating how this will be done (either in the body of the GSPs and/or adding an appendix with technical information to each GSP). Ms. Regmi appreciated the information and indicated that DWR will require the GSAs to verify that every well that classified as “exempt from SGMA” is reporting its pumping to the State Board. In addition, DWR will need to know how each exempt well was surveyed or screened to determine its status as a riparian well and exempt from SGMA.

Mr. Buelow offered to send Ms. Regmi a link to the current State Board order 2019-0148. Ms. Regmi said she would appreciate the information.

Mr. Buelow asked Ms. Regmi about other basin’s that consolidate or separate post GSP submittal and asked if there was a specific process that GSAs must follow. Ms. Regmi said that she thought it was straight forward so long as there are no material changes. If there are material changes, then a public hearing process would need to be followed. Ms. Regmi said that she would ask her manager for more information on the process and pass it along.

From: Regmi, Anita@DWR
To: Bill Buelow
Cc: "[Lawler, Curtis \(curtisl@stetsonengineers.com\)](mailto:Lawler, Curtis (curtisl@stetsonengineers.com))"
Subject: RE: Status of wells in River Alluvium
Date: Thursday, April 01, 2021 7:50:37 AM

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Good morning Bill,

I would like to follow up on the topic discussed in the email below. We have been receiving inquiries related to the GSA's process of SGMA implementation and specifically regarding the subarea identified as River Alluvium. Therefore, it is even more important for us to understand the source of the River Alluvium boundary so that we can provide guidance to all interested parties. I am interested in knowing the data source of this boundary and who determined this boundary. I will appreciate a response.

Thank you.

Anita

Anita Regmi
DWR-Southern Region Office
Cell Phone: (818) 429-2414

From: Regmi, Anita@DWR
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:27 AM
To: Bill Buelow <bbuelow@syrwcd.com>
Cc: 'Lawler, Curtis (curtisl@stetsonengineers.com)' <curtisl@stetsonengineers.com>
Subject: RE: Status of wells in River Alluvium

Good morning Bill,

I have a follow up request for information regarding the subareas where the wells are identified as River wells in the Santa Ynez River Valley groundwater basin. I reviewed the information available under the State Board on its Electronic Water Rights Information Management System which provides information about surface water diversions and wells with existing water rights. I have also reviewed the information pertaining to the River Alluvium Subarea from the draft HCM. I am trying to understand how the boundary of the subarea "River Alluvium" was drawn. Your email below says "It is well documented that wells in the River and River alluvium are under the jurisdiction of the State Water Resources Control Board". My recollection from one of the GSA meetings is that the River Alluvium boundary was drawn by the State Board. I will appreciate it if you could direct me to the document which discusses how the boundary is drawn. BTW, I also checked the reference made in HCM about the boundary in question, the referenced document does not discuss anything about the scientific or the legal basis of the boundary and about who created this boundary.

Thank you.

Anita

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From: Regmi, Anita@DWR
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 9:54 AM
To: Bill Buelow <bbuelow@syrwcd.com>
Cc: 'Lawler, Curtis (curtisl@stetsonengineers.com)' <curtisl@stetsonengineers.com>
Subject: RE: Status of wells in River Alluvium

Good morning Bill,

Thank you for your email. The link you have provided below is helpful. The database and documents available through the link below shows that many of the water users in the Santa Ynez Valley Groundwater Basin have various types of water rights. The State Water Board and the state courts have authority to administer the water rights and they enforce water right laws. I will look into details to understand how the existing water rights address the groundwater in the Basin. SGMA does not change any of the existing water rights, therefore, I will dig further to understand if the area with existing water rights are exempt from management under SGMA. I will get back to you on this topic in near future.

Thank you.
Anita

Anita Regmi
DWR-Southern Region Office
Cell Phone: (818) 429-2414

From: Bill Buelow <bbuelow@syrwcd.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 5:32 PM
To: Regmi, Anita@DWR <Anita.Regmi@water.ca.gov>; 'Lawler, Curtis (curtisl@stetsonengineers.com)' <curtisl@stetsonengineers.com>
Subject: RE: Status of wells in River Alluvium

Hi Anita,

Thanks again for touching base with us on this matter. My apology for the delayed response, it has been a busy time for the three GSAs and the District.

The purpose of my email is to address your question during the last CMA meeting and follow-up email below relating to current data, data reporting, and well construction information for wells in the Santa Ynez River and Santa Ynez River alluvium (River). It is well documented that wells in the River and River alluvium are under the jurisdiction of the State Water Resources Control Board. As such, all applicable reporting data for the River, such as diversions, well locations, well construction data, maps, etc. are filed with the State Board (not the Regional Water Quality Control Board). The data is made publicly available by the State Board on its Electronic Water Rights Information Management System (referred to as "eWRIMs"). The eWRIMs system is very comprehensive and can be found at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/ewrims/.

As you know, under SGMA surface water is analyzed and handled differently than groundwater. The three GSAs are in the process of addressing both the River and Basin groundwater resources in accordance with the SGMA statute and implementing the SGMA regulations with the preparation of three GSPs.

We sincerely appreciate your follow-up and look forward to our ongoing work together.

Regards,
Bill

Bill Buelow, PG

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BBuelow@SYRWCD.com

From: Regmi, Anita@DWR <Anita.Regmi@water.ca.gov>

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 11:05 AM

To: Bill Buelow <bbuelow@syrwcd.com>; 'Lawler, Curtis (curtisl@stetsonengineers.com)' <curtisl@stetsonengineers.com>

Subject: RE: Status of wells in River Alluvium

Hi Bill and Curtis,

Thank you for reaching out. As I mentioned in the meeting today, I would like to see the current data, how and where these data are being reported. If these data are being reported as surface water data to the regional water quality control board, please provide some information on the

program, water quality management plan (if any), and the well constructions (screen-interval) for the wells in question if possible.

Thank you.

Anita

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From: Bill Buelow <bbuelow@syrwcd.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Regmi, Anita@DWR <Anita.Regmi@water.ca.gov>
Cc: 'Lawler, Curtis (curtisl@stetsonengineers.com)' <curtisl@stetsonengineers.com>
Subject: Status of wells in River Alluvium

Anita,
Thanks for your comment during today's CMA meeting.
We would like to follow up with you regarding this topic at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

Bill Buelow, PG

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CMA MARCH 2021 DRAFT - 04/16/2021

CMA	Original Budget <small>Authorized 2/8/2019</small>	Original Budget <small>Authorized 12/8/20</small>	Change Order 1 <small>Authorized 8/14/2019</small>	Change Order 2 <small>Requested Authorization</small>	Change Order 3 <small>Authorized 12/16/20</small>	Total	Costs to Date <small>Thru MARCH 2021</small>	Estimate to Complete	Estimate at Completion	Variance	Notes/Comments
01 - Stakeholder Engagement	\$88,814	\$0	\$15,411	\$25,000	\$0	\$129,225.00	\$107,418.07	\$21,806.93	\$129,225.00	(\$25,000.00)	
02 - Data Management System	\$74,053	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$74,053.00	\$74,828.14	\$0.00	\$74,828.14	\$0.00	Note: Went Over Budget by \$775.14
03 - HCM	\$200,150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$200,150.00	\$176,202.24	\$23,947.76	\$200,150.00	\$0.00	DOES NOT INCLUDES AEM (See Row 9 for AEM)
CMA Airborne Electromagnetic	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118,080.50	\$118,080.50	\$32,719.50	\$85,361.00	\$118,080.50	\$0.00	AEM Tracking for 2711-03, see 2770-002.
03 - HCM TOTALS	TOTALS \$200,150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118,080.50	\$318,230.50	\$208,921.74	\$109,308.76	\$318,230.50	\$0.00	Total of 2711-03 plus 2770-002
04 - Water Budget	\$119,654	\$0	\$0	\$57,200	\$0	\$176,854.00	\$134,953.47	\$41,900.53	\$176,854.00	(\$57,200.00)	
05 - Monitoring/Measurement	\$24,135	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,135.00	\$4,606.25	\$19,528.75	\$24,135.00	\$0.00	
06 - Sustainable Management Criteria	\$0	\$21,395	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,395.00	\$138.75	\$21,256.25	\$21,395.00	\$0.00	
07 - Projects and Management Actions	\$0	\$34,877	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,877.00	\$0.00	\$34,877.00	\$34,877.00	\$0.00	
08 - GSP Document	\$0	\$64,056	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$64,056.00	\$0.00	\$64,056.00	\$64,056.00	\$0.00	

Total **\$506,806.00** **\$120,328.00** **\$15,411.00** **\$82,200.00** **\$118,080.50** **\$842,825.50** **\$530,866.42** **\$312,734.22** **\$843,600.64** **-\$82,200.00**

AUTHORIZED NTE TOTAL, Minus Pending Authorizations of \$25,000 for Subtask 01 and \$57,200 for Subtask 04: **\$760,625.50**

4/16/2021

EMA
Estimate at Completion and Budget Variance

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EMA	Authorized Budget	Original Budget	Change Order 1	Change Order 2	Total	Costs to Date	Estimate to Complete	Estimate at Completion	Variance	Notes/Comments	
		Pending Authorization		Pending Authorization		Includes Final Oct Invoice					
EMA - Not Billed by Subtasks	\$96,590	\$96,590	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$96,590	\$43,203.33	\$53,386.67	\$96,590.00	\$0.00	Note: Not Billed by Subtasks

Total **\$96,590.00** **\$0.00** **\$0.00** **\$0.00** **\$96,590.00** **\$43,203.33** **\$53,386.67** **\$96,590.00** **\$0.00**

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WMA MARCH 2021 DRAFT - 04/16/2021

WMA	Orig. Budget Authorized 2/9/2019	Orig. Budget Authorized 12/8/20	Change Order 1 Authorized 8/14/2019	Change Order 2 Requested Authorization	Change Order 3 Authorized 12/16/20	Total	Costs to Date Thru MARCH 2021	Estimate to Complete	Estimate at Completion	Variance	Notes/Comments	
01 - Stakeholder Engagement	\$148,562	\$0	\$15,411	\$0	\$0	\$163,973	\$126,270.15	\$37,702.85	\$163,973.00	\$0.00		
02 - Data Management System	\$120,287	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,287	\$120,235.14	\$51.86	\$120,287.00	\$0.00		
03 - HCM	\$261,083	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$261,083.00	\$234,370.44	\$26,712.56	\$261,083.00	\$0.00	Original Budget of \$156,875 removed per letter dated 1/8/21. THIS ROW DOES NOT INCLUDE AEM, see Row 9 for AEM	
WMA Airborne Electromagnetic	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118,080.50	\$118,080.50	\$32,750.06	\$85,330.44	\$118,080.50	\$0.00	AEM Tracking for 2710-03, see 2770-001.	
03 - HCM TOTALS	TOTALS	\$261,083	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118,080.50	\$379,163.50	\$267,120.50	\$112,043.00	\$379,163.50	\$0.00	Total of 2710-03 plus 2770-001
04 - Water Budget	\$111,941	\$0	\$0	\$133,200	\$0	\$111,941	\$260,240.24	\$0.00	\$260,240.24	(\$148,299.24)	Over budget by \$15,099.24 (1,381.24 in February plus \$13,718.00 in March)	
05 - Monitoring/ Measurement	\$36,222	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,222	\$6,451.25	\$29,770.75	\$36,222.00	\$0.00		
06 - Sustainable Management Criteria	\$0	\$35,825	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,825	\$182.75	\$35,642.25	\$35,825.00	\$0.00		
07 - Projects and Management Actions	\$0	\$57,187	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$57,187	\$0.00	\$57,187.00	\$57,187.00	\$0.00		
08 - GSP Document	\$0	\$89,796	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$89,796	\$0.00	\$89,796.00	\$89,796.00	\$0.00		

Total **\$678,095.00** **\$182,808.00** **\$15,411.00** **\$133,200.00** **\$118,080.50** **\$994,394.50** **\$780,500.03** **\$362,193.71** **\$1,142,693.74** **-\$148,299.24**

AUTHORIZED NTE TOTAL, Minus Pending Authorizations of \$133,200 for Subtask 04: **\$861,194.50**

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