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Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Citizen Advisory Group Guidelines

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Purpose of the Citizens Advisory Group

SGMA requires the Committee to consider the interests of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the CMA during development of the GSP, including the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater. Collaborative and inclusive processes will assist in making the GSP more resilient by increasing public buy-in, promoting compliance, and enhancing the quality of information on which the GSP is based. The Committee has established an open and ongoing list of interested persons to whom notices are and will be sent regarding meetings of the CMA GSA, GSP development, and other SGMA-related activities. The purpose of a CAG is to provide an additional level of public input to the Committee in a way that represents different categories of groundwater uses and users in the CMA as set forth by SGMA. At various points during development of the GSP, the CAG may be asked to provide its perspective on elements or sections of the GSP and on the final draft of the GSP that will be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

To ensure an efficient and collaborative process, the Committee will appoint members to the CAG that reflect a diversity of interests and different types of groundwater uses and users in the CMA. As requested by the Committee, the CAG will provide input to the Committee relating to various elements or sections of the GSP, including but not limited to those pertaining to stakeholder engagement, data management, the hydrogeologic conceptual model and numeric groundwater model, water budgets, sustainability goals, monitoring programs, and projects and management actions.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Committee is solely responsible for all matters relating to the CAG, including but not limited to the formation, membership, function, organization, operation, management, and dissolution of the CAG. The Committee may request staff from the member agencies of the CMA GSA to help administer the CAG process.

Staff Role. Responsibility for carrying out administrative aspects of the CAG process may be delegated to staff from the member agencies of the CMA GSA. At the request of the Committee, staff will schedule CAG meetings, prepare and circulate agendas, distribute materials to the CAG members for review, facilitate the meetings, prepare meeting minutes, and undertake other related tasks.

CAG Member Role. At times determined by the Committee, CAG members will be asked to provide input or recommendations on various elements or sections of the GSP and related topics. In addition to providing their individual perspectives, CAG members serve in respective capacities that represent different categories of groundwater uses and users in the CMA. All CAG members are expected to work collaboratively with each other, with other stakeholders and members of the public, with the Committee, with staff of the member agencies of the CMA GSA, and with the other GSAs, related agencies, and agency staff members throughout the Basin. CAG members may be asked to develop consensus opinions, comments, and input on the topics they are asked to address, recognizing however that consensus among the CAG members may not always be practicable and may not occur for a given topic. Input received from the CAG will be considered by the Committee in the process of developing the CMA GSP and in coordinating those efforts with the WMA GSA and the EMA GSA in the development of their respective GSPs. Members of the CAG serve on a strictly voluntary basis and, subject to being dismissed from the CAG at the discretion of the Committee, all CAG members are expected to be available and commit their time and efforts for the entire GSP process through at least January 2022.

Governance. All matters relating to the CAG, including but not limited to the formation, membership, function, organization, operation, management, and dissolution of the CAG shall remain within the sole discretion of the Committee. Certain procedural items relating to the CAG are set forth below.

Applications and CAG Selection. In order to be considered for selection as a member of the CAG, individuals must complete and submit an Application to the Committee. The Application form, included with these Guidelines as Attachment A, solicits specific information about the applicant, including the applicant's interest in serving on the CAG and the applicant's background and related qualifications. The Committee, and/or ad hoc subcommittee thereof, and/or staff of the member agencies of the CMA GSA, will review and evaluate the applications received. Applicant interviews may be conducted, and all selections to the CAG shall be made by and within the sole discretion of the Committee. The CAG applications will be screened by an ad-hoc committee consisting of one or more CMA GSA Committee members with the assistance of staff from the CMA member agencies. Applications are due June 21, 2019 by 5 PM.

Please send them to: Bill Buelow at bbuelow@SYRWCD.com, or by mail P.O. 719, Santa Ynez, CA 93460.

Composition of the CAG. The Committee shall determine how many members will serve on the CAG, where initially it is anticipated that the CAG will have a total of seven (7) members. Depending on applications received and other factors, and at any time, the Committee may decide to change the size of the CAG, tailor its representative composition, or determine not to form or to dissolve the CAG.

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Filling a Vacancy on the CAG. In the event a vacancy occurs on the CAG, the Committee may appoint a new member to fill the vacancy without conducting a new application process, or may re-open the application process to fill the vacancy.

Meetings. The need for and frequency of CAG meetings shall be determined by the Committee, where initially it is anticipated that regular CAG meetings will be scheduled approximately two weeks after each regular quarterly meeting of the CMA GSA, provided that the Committee may call for fewer or additional CAG meetings on an as-needed basis.

ATTACHMENT A

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Citizen Advisory Group Application

If you are interested in serving on the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area (CMA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), please complete and return the following Application to Bill Buelow (bbuelow@syrwcd.com) by June 21, 2019.

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As set forth in the CAG Guidelines, members of the CAG are selected by the Committee and serve at the discretion of the Committee for a process that is expected to last at least through completion of the GSP in January 2022. Replacements on the CAG, if needed, would be made by the Committee.

ATTACHMENT A

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

What is your relationship to the Central Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin? (See Attached Map)

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Resident
- ☐ Domestic Well Owner/Producer
- ☐ Public Agency Representative
- ☐ Landowner
- ☐ Representative of a landowner
- ☐ NGO Representative
- ☐ Agricultural Well Owner/Producer
- ☐ California Native American Tribe
- ☐ Business Owner
- ☐ Other: _____

Why are you interested in serving on the CAG? (Please use additional page if more space is needed.)

What type or category of groundwater uses or users in the Central Management Area do you propose to represent?

What unique experience or expertise will you contribute if selected to the CAG? Please explain any technical knowledge you have regarding water resource issues in the CMA. (Please use additional page if more space is needed.)

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Are you committed to fully participate in the CAG process through completion of the GSP in January 2022? Do you have particular time or timing limitations that may impact your ability to serve as a member of the CAG?

Please provide the names and contact information for three personal and/or professional references.

1.

Name: _____

Affiliation/Relationship: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

2.

Name: _____

Affiliation/Relationship: _____

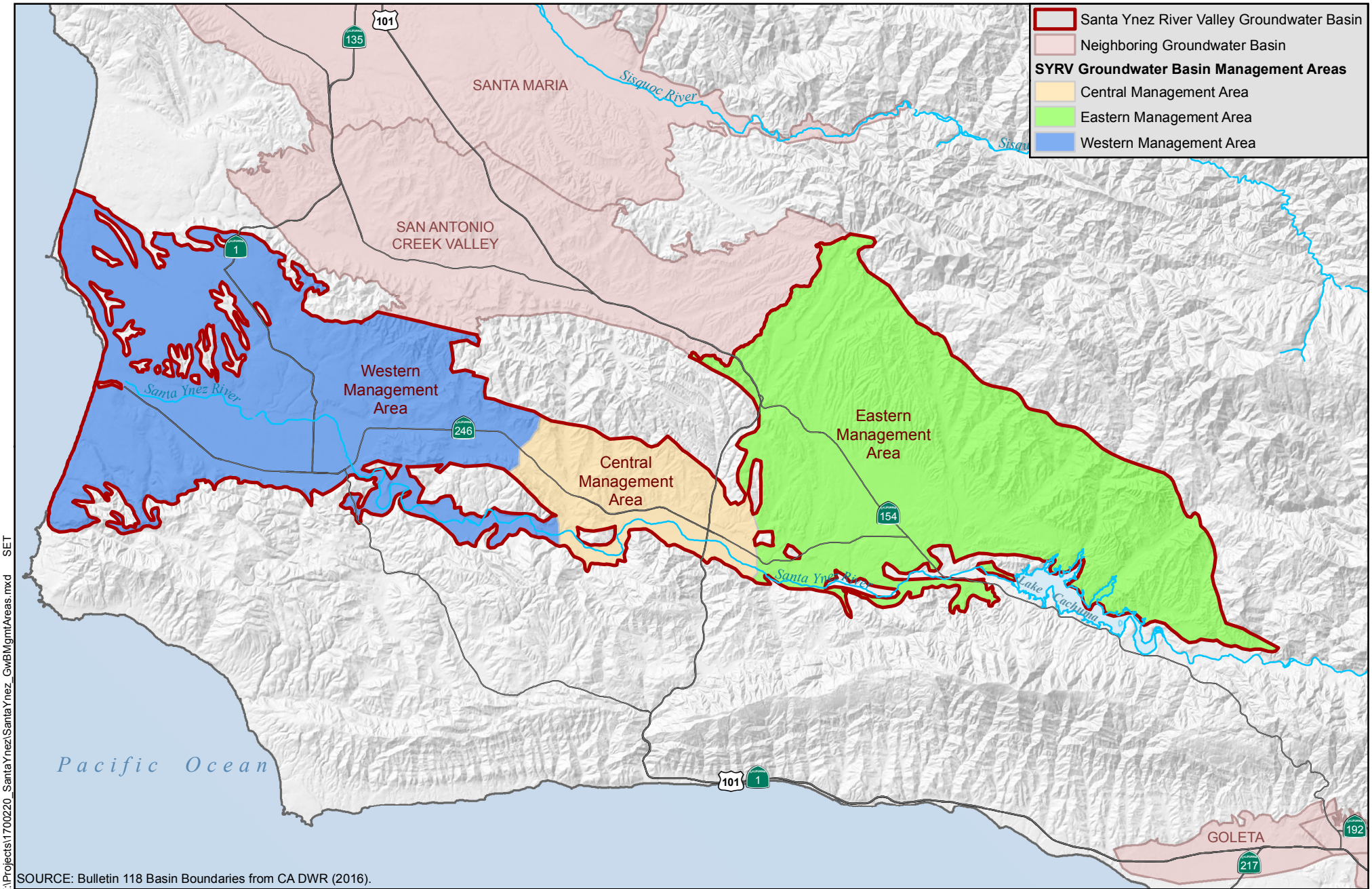
Daytime Phone Number: _____

3.

Name: _____

Affiliation/Relationship: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____



SOURCE: Bulletin 118 Basin Boundaries from CA DWR (2016).

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Santa Ynez River Valley
Groundwater Basin GSA Formation
Santa Barbara County, California

SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN MANAGEMENT AREAS

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