

NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

will be held on May 20, 2025, at 5:30 pm
at Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California

Director Steve Jordan will be attending the meeting via teleconference from the following location:
46250 East El Dorado, Indian Wells, CA 92210. Members of the public may join Director Jordan at that location.

AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Additions, if any, to the Agenda
4. 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.)

Staff recommends any potential new agenda items based on issues raised be held for discussion under the Agenda Item "Requests from the Board of Directors for items to be included on the next Agenda".

5. Consideration of EMA GSA Request for Extension of Loan Repayment Terms and Second Request for FY 2024-2025 Loan Contributions
6. Closed Session

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)): In the matter of Petition for Change of City of Solvang for Water Right Permit No. 15878 (Application A022423), which authorizes diversion of water from the Santa Ynez River (underflow) in Santa Barbara County, pending before the State Water Resources Control Board Office of Administrative Hearings.
 - b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(2)): Significant exposure to litigation (Three Matters).
7. Reconvene into Open Session / Closed Session Report
 8. Adjournment

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Board of Directors:

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May 12, 2025

Member Agency Representatives (Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District; Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, I.D. No. 1; City of Solvang; Santa Barbara County Water Agency) and Board of Directors

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EMA GSA)

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BCC: EMA GSA Board of Directors and Legal Counsel

Re: Request for EMA GSA Extension of Loan Repayment Terms

Dear Member Agency Representatives and Board of Directors,

On behalf of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EMA GSA), I am writing to formally request that the Member Agencies provide written approval to postpone repayment of their Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 – 2025 EMA GSA contributions to FY 2027 – 2030. The original repayment terms in the EMA GSA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) called for repayment after December 2026. Therefore, written approval from your agency is needed to extend the payback period.

The repayment would include the \$200,000 that the EMA GSA has received in Member Agency contributions, the additional \$200,000 that is currently being requested in Member Agency contributions, and interest accrued in accordance with the terms of Section 14.3 of the JPA. As stated in the Interim Cost Share Agreement, interest will begin accruing after December 2026 unless your agency indicates in writing that it elects to waive interest or extend the date upon which interest begins to accrue. Further details on the proposed repayment schedule are available in the Groundwater Extraction Fee Rate Study Report, which can be accessed on the EMA GSA website at EMA-SantaYnezWater.org.

We welcome any questions or comments you may have regarding this request. Your continued support of the EMA GSA's efforts in groundwater sustainability and Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Daniel Heimel

Executive Director

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
Eastern Management Area Groundwater
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BCC: EMA GSA Board of Directors and Legal Counsel

Re: Request for Fiscal Year 2024/25 EMA GSA Contribution #2

Dear Member Agency Representatives and Board of Directors,

On behalf of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EMA GSA), I am writing to formally request an additional \$200,000 in funding for continued operation of the EMA GSA. These funds, to be shared equally amongst your agencies (i.e. \$50,000 per agency), are necessary to ensure sufficient funding is available for continued operation of the EMA GSA prior to the implementation of a revenue generating fee and to address short-term cash flow challenges associated with the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program SGMA Implementation Round 2 Grant pursuant to Proposition 68.

Your agencies' contributions to date have been instrumental in helping the EMA GSA achieve significant milestones, including approval of the Groundwater Extraction Fee Rate Study, release of a Proposition 218 Extraction Fee Notice, and adoption of a Well Registration Ordinance. If this current request is fulfilled, the EMA GSA will have received a total of \$400,000 in member agency contributions for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25.

Article 14.2(d) of the EMA GSA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement sets forth the initial \$50,000 contribution from each agency, then notes that other financial contributions may be made by the agencies pursuant to the November 15, 2023 Interim Cost Share Agreement. Under Section 3 of the Interim Cost Share Agreement, activities that will be funded by these additional contributions must be outlined in a Task Order for the agencies' review with associated not-to-exceed dollar amounts plus ten percent contingency per activity. This Task Order is included below.

EMA GSA Expenses	Tasks
Internal Operations/Expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director • Revenue Generating Fee Program Administration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bookkeeping
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Liability Insurance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miscellaneous (internet, room rental, webpage, postage etc.)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website hosting
Legal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Counsel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized Legal Counsel
Total Estimated Expenses to be covered by Agency Contributions from FY 2024-25, including 10% contingency	\$200,000

Attached are the invoices for your agencies' contribution amounts for Fiscal Year 2024/25 EMA GSA Contribution #2. We welcome any questions or comments you may have regarding this request. Your continued support of the EMA GSA's efforts in groundwater sustainability and Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Daniel Heimel

Executive Director

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
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INVOICE: 2025-01
DATE: 05/07/25

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Fiscal Year 2024/25

Please make all checks payable to Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin EMA GSA.

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Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Fiscal Year 2024/25

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