

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING
SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN
EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

HELD AT

SANTA YNEZ CSD – COMMUNITY ROOM
1070 FARADAY STREET, SANTA YNEZ, CA

AT 6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Introductions and review of SGMA in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
- IV. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
- V. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the Committee relating to any non-Agenda matter within the Committee’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 Committee at this meeting on any public item not on the Agenda.)
- VI. Consideration and possible Committee action on the following Administrative Items:
 - A. Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair
 - B. Review and approve minutes of last meeting of January 24, 2019
- VII. Receive update on GSP activities in the Eastern Management Area
- VIII. Receive update on the Draft Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement between three GSAs
- IX. Consider approval of Draft Guidelines and Application for a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) for the Eastern Management Area
- X. Discuss room fee for next regular meeting date and time: Thursday, July 25, 2019, 6:30 PM and determine location of future meetings
- XI. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments
- XII. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES
Santa Ynez River Valley Basin
Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency

A regular meeting of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area (EMA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) was held on Thursday, January 24, 2019, at 6:30 PM at the City of Solvang, Council Chambers, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, California.

EMA GSA Committee Members Present:

Joan Hartmann Brett Marymee Karen Waite Kevin Walsh

Alternate EMA GSA Committee Members Present:

Cynthia Allen

Member Agency Staff Present:

Bill Buelow Amber Thompson Matt van der Linden Matt Young

Others Present:

Meighan Dietenhofer Mark DuBose Tim Gorham Jefferson Litten
Gay Infanti Mark Infanti Eric Tambini

I. Call to Order

Mr. Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to Call Roll. All Committee Members were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Walsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Introductions and Review of SGMA in Santa Ynez River Valley Basin

Mr. Walsh invited all in attendance to introduce themselves and say who they represent, if applicable. Mr. Walsh welcomed and thanked all in attendance.

Mr. Buelow reviewed history of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements and what has been completed so far in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, including the creation of the three GSAs in the Basin (EMA, CMA, WMA) and the DWR Prop. 1 Grant (Grant) funding.

Mr. Buelow requested public comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Walsh requested staff from the member agencies of the GSA to prepare a brief written history/summary/timeline of SGMA activities in the Basin similar to Mr. Buelow's verbal review to be made available for Committee Members, staff and the public and he requested it be updateable so all can be aware of additions to activities at the same time.

IV. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions were made.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Review and Approve Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of the EMA GSA on October 25, 2018 were considered for Committee approval. Ms. Waite noted that item XI (b) on page 3 should be corrected to read “Ms. Waite made a motion”, instead of Mr. Walsh and to remove the prior sentence. Mr. Marymee noted that item XII on page 4 should be corrected to reflect the motion referring to the EMA as the correct location instead of Santa Ynez.

Mr. Marymee made a MOTION to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Waite seconded. The motion passed on vote of 3-0-1 with Ms. Hartmann abstaining.

VII. Staff update on Consultant for GSP activities in the Eastern Management Area

Mr. Young provided background on the consultant selection. Mr. Young advised that the County Water Agency, at the recommendation of the EMA GSA, offered a contract to the team led by GSI and requested the addition of Stetson to the team. GSI and Stetson were unable to come to an agreement on the scope of work and level of involvement to include Stetson in that team. Staff thus developed an alternate approach that the three non-county agencies contract Stetson Engineers to coordinate and collaborate with GSI’s team on the GSP to ensure coordination between the three GSAs in the Basin. Mr. Young indicated that budget for collaboration between GSI and the other two GSAs is already included in the contract between GSI and the County. Staff will work together to develop a contract for Stetson. Mr. Young informed the Committee that the GSI contract with the County is scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors for approval on February 12, 2019.

Mr. Walsh inquired regarding the status of the appeal requested by Dudek on October 25, 2018. Mr. Young advised that Dudek has decided not to appeal.

The Committee discussed if they needed to make a new motion since the motion made on October 25, 2019 was not followed as specified. The Committee decided a new motion was appropriate.

Ms. Waite made a MOTION that the EMA GSA Committee recommend the County Water Agency contract with GSI for GSP work in the EMA with further direction for member agency staff to create an independent contract between Stetson Engineers and SYRWCD/City of Solvang/ID No. 1 for Stetson Engineers to work on the technical aspects of the GSP on behalf of the EMA. Ms. Hartmann seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Consider Adoption of Conflict of Interest Code

Mr. Buelow presented the Conflict of Interest Code for adoption and advised it had been noticed and posted for 45-day review from December 10, 2018 through January 23, 2019, and that no comments were received. The Committee was advised that legal

counsels for each of the EMA GSA agencies reviewed the Conflict of Interest Code and found it acceptable.

Mr. Marymee made a MOTION to adopt the Conflict of Interest Code. Ms. Hartmann seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Update on Draft First Amendment to the EMA Memorandum of Agreement

Mr. Buelow summarized the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which was signed in 2017 between the four agencies to form the EMA GSA. A more definitive framework is needed for issues relating to banking, finance, cost sharing, and staffing and to formalize how the GSA will function and govern. The amendment will also function as a foundation for future agreements that may be created post-GSP submittal and possibly a Joint Powers Authority in the future to implement the GSP. Legal counsels for each of the four agencies are working with respective staff on a draft. Once a draft is complete, it will be submitted to the Committee for review and approval.

X. Update on Draft Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement between three GSAs

Mr. Buelow explained the purpose and need for an Intra-Basin Administrative Agreement between the three GSAs. The agreement will provide a framework for issues like cost sharing, hiring of consultants, exchange of information, and grant fund sharing.

Mr. Walsh asked for public comment. Questions and discussion ensued on agencies working together, how groundwater interacts between the three Management Areas and adjacent basins, the connectivity of groundwater, and previous hydrogeological studies.

XI. Report on establishing a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) for the Eastern Management Area

Mr. Buelow advised that creation of a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) was suggested by Ms. Farnum at the last EMA Committee meeting. Mr. Buelow read a January 24, 2019 Staff Memo recommending development of a CAG for the EMA and requesting direction from the Committee.

The Committee considered and discussed developing a CAG for the EMA. Ms. Waite recommended the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians (Chumash Tribe) be invited to be included in the CAG. Mr. Walsh agreed. Mr. Young advised that two other basins in Santa Barbara County both have advisory committees. Ms. Hartmann recommended creating a description for the role of the CAG, including bringing information from the community back to the Committee; defining parameters of the CAGs role; and determining what sectors need representation in each GSA. Ms. Waite supports establishing a CAG and recommended representation from Los Olivos, Santa Ynez, Solvang, and the Chumash Tribe. Ms. Hartman recommended representation from environmental, agriculture, and ranching interests.

The Committee agreed with the recommendations in the memo and requested member agency staff to continue working on a framework for the CAG. Mr. Marymee requested staff provide draft written guidelines for the CAG process for Committee review at the next meeting.

XII. Next regular meeting Date and Time

The next regular meeting date of the EMA GSA will be Thursday, April 25, 2019, 6:30 PM at the Santa Ynez CSD Community Room, 1070 Faraday Street, Santa Ynez, California.

XIII. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments

Mr. Walsh commented that a representative from the Chumash Tribe was at the last EMA GSA Committee meeting but is not present tonight. The Chumash Tribe owns a large area of land in the EMA and he wants to ensure they are not left out of the meetings. He suggested that someone meet with the Chumash Tribe and ask how or if they want to participate in SGMA. Mr. Buelow advised that during the GSA formation process, SYRWCD reached out to the Chumash Tribe and gave a briefing to the Chumash Tribe's Executive Board and received a letter of intent to participate in SGMA in areas that pertain to their reservation within the SYRWCD boundaries. However, outside of those SYRWCD boundaries, they are like any other citizen in the County area of the EMA. The Chumash Tribe is being sent notices of the EMA GSA meetings. Mr. Young advised that during the formation process, the Chumash Tribe was invited to join the EMA GSA Committee but declined to be part of the Committee. They are not being excluded. The Citizen Advisory Group may be a venue for the Chumash Tribe to participate in the process.

Ms. Waite asked if title "Memorandum of Agreement" was in fact a legal Agreement or not. Mr. Buelow advised that the SGMA statute allowed use of either Memorandum of Agreement or Joint Powers Authority.

Mr. Buelow thanked the City of Solvang for hosting the meeting and advised the next meeting will be held at the Santa Ynez CSD.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Walsh adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William J Buelow, Secretary

ATTEST:

Kevin Walsh, Chairman

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Citizen Advisory Group Guidelines

The Eastern Management Area (EMA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Committee, comprised of officials appointed from the member agencies of the EMA GSA (Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District; Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1; City of Solvang; and Santa Barbara County Water Agency) is responsible for implementing the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in the EMA of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) and for coordinating its activities with other agencies and GSAs in the Basin. Among other comprehensive efforts, the EMA GSA Committee (Committee) is overseeing the preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the EMA. Members of the public are strongly encouraged by the Committee to attend all meetings of the EMA GSA and to provide input and information to the Committee throughout the GSP development process. Additionally, the Committee is forming a Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) to provide an additional level of public input to the Committee on various issues related to the preparation of the GSP. The Western Management Area (WMA) GSA and the Central Management Area (CMA) GSA are also considering the designation of a CAG or similar group for their respective portions of the Basin.

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 EMA 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 EMA 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 EMA 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 EMA. 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 EMA 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 EMA 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 EMA. 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 EMA 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 EMA GSP and in coordinating those efforts with the WMA GSA and the CMA GSA in the development of their respective GSPs. Member 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 EMA 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.

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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Term of the CAG. Initially it is expected that the CAG will be in place at least through the submittal of the GSP to DWR in January of 2022.

Dismissal of CAG Members. CAG members serve at-will and at the pleasure of the Committee. In its sole discretion, the Committee may dismiss any member or all members of the CAG at any time with or without cause.

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 EMA GSA, provided that the Committee may call for fewer or additional CAG meetings on an as-needed basis.

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Citizen Advisory Group Application

If you are interested in serving on the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area (EMA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), please complete and return the following Application to Bill Buelow (bbuelow@syrwcd.com) by [ADD DATE].

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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.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

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

Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> NGO Representative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Well Owner/Producer | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Well Owner/Producer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Agency Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> California Native American Tribe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of a landowner | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Eastern 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 EMA. (Please use additional page if more space is needed.)

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: _____

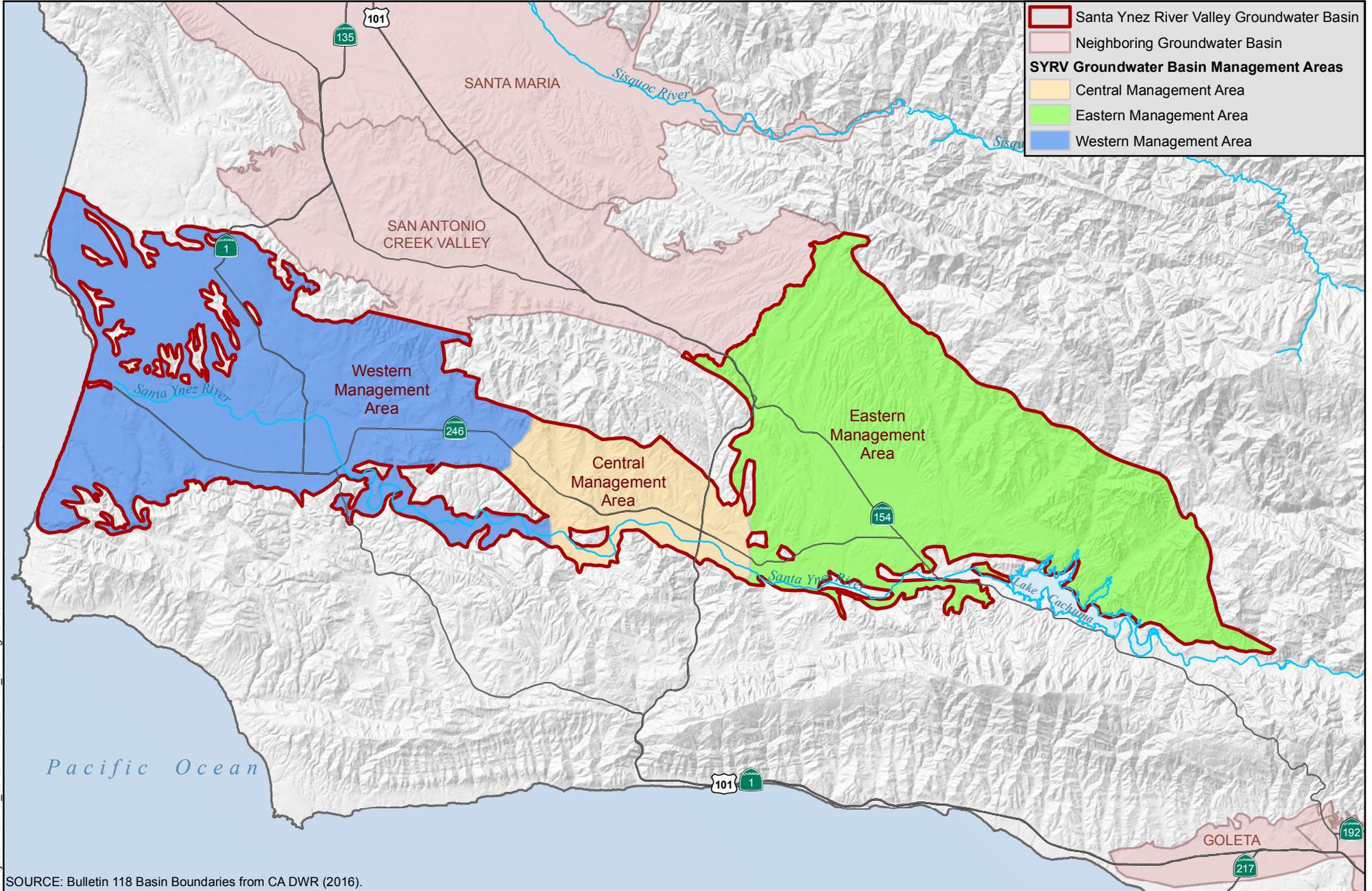
Daytime Phone Number: _____

3.

Name: _____

Affiliation/Relationship: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____



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



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

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER
BASIN MANAGEMENT AREAS**

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FIGURE 1