

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN EASTERN  
MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
(EMA GSA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Agenda Item 3.a.: Minutes of the Regular/Special Meeting of August 28, 2025**

The following is a summary of the actions taken at the SYRVGB EMA GSA Board of Directors Meeting. The official record for the meeting is the recording that can be found at:

<https://www.ema-santaynezwater.org/ema-gsa-jpa-board-meetings>

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion or Action</b>
<b>1. Call to Order and Roll Call</b>	Chair Joos called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM. Daniel Heibel, Executive Director, called roll to begin the meeting. Director Circle, Vice Chair Orona, Director Hartmann, Director Marymee and Chair Joos were present.
<b>2. Public Comment</b>	Chair Joos initiated the Public Comment period for non-agenda items. No public comment was made.
<b>3. Consent Agenda</b>  <b>3.a. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes for the June 26, 2025 EMA GSA Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing.</b>  <b>3.b. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and Bill Payment List.</b>	<p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> (00:01:05)</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Board Action on Consent Agenda</u></b> The Board approved of the Meeting Minutes for the June 26, 2025 EMA GSA Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing (00:00:05).</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Marymee  <b>Second:</b> Director Hartmann  <b>Ayes:</b> All  <b>Nays:</b> None  <b>Passes:</b> 5-0</p> <p>The Board approved of the Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and Bill Payment List (00:08:55).</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Director Marymee  <b><u>Second:</u></b> Director Circle  <b><u>Ayes:</u></b> All  <b><u>Nays:</u></b> None  <b><u>Passes:</u></b> 5-0</p>
<b>4. Action Items</b>	
<b>4.a. Review and consider approval of Professional Services Agreement with GSI for the 5-Year GSP Evaluation</b>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (00:09:19)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> (00:13:40)</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b>  Tim Nicely (00:24:07)  Mary Heyden (00:30:57)  Paeter Garcia (00:32:25)  Kevin Merrill (00:44:00, 00:46:32)</p>

	<p><b><u>Board Action</u></b> (00:40:02) The motion to approve Agenda Item 4.a. did not pass.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Hartmann <b>Second:</b> Chair Joos <b>Ayes:</b> 3 <b>Nays:</b> 2 <b>Fails:</b> 3-2 as a supermajority approval is needed.</p>
<p><b>4.b. Receive verbal update on input from the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) and consider approval of Ordinance amending the existing Well Registration requirements.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (00:50:02)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> (00:53:25)</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> Mary Heyden (01:03:33) Gay Infanti (01:04:32) Lisa Severy (01:05:42) Matt Young (01:07:44) Tim Nicely (01:10:26) Paeter Garcia (01:10:51) Lisa Severy (01:12:29) Mary Heyden (01:14:06)</p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u></b> (01:19:30) The Board moved to accept the Amendment to Ordinance No. 2025-01.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Hartmann <b>Second:</b> Chair Joos <b>Ayes:</b> All <b>Nays:</b> None <b>Passes:</b> 5-0</p>
<p><b>4.c. Receive verbal update on input from the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) and consider approval of Well Metering and Reporting Ordinance.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (01:20:06)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> (01:26:38)</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> Matt Young (01:30:42) Kevin Merrill (01:31:00) Tim (01:32:08) Steve Jordan (01:33:35) Lisa Severy (01:34:06, 01:36:23) Name not provided (01:41:01)</p> <p><b><u>Informal Board Action (No Motion Held)</u></b> (01:34:35) The Board directed staff to revise the draft Well Metering and Reporting Ordinance to incorporate Board suggestions and present it for consideration at the next Board meeting.</p>
<p><b>5. Informational Items</b></p>	
<p><b>5.a. Groundwater Extraction Fee Implementation Update</b></p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (01:43:25)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> None</p>

	<p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p>
<p><b>5.b. New EMA GSA Well Permits Approved by County of Santa Barbara EHS</b> i. None</p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (<a href="#">01:49:48</a>)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p>
<p><b>5.c. Prop 68 Grant and EMA GSA Initiatives Update</b></p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (<a href="#">01:50:11</a>)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p>
<p><b>6. Consider Date/Time for Next Regular and/or Special Meetings of the EMA GSA.</b></p> <p>a. Potential next Basin-Wide Joint Special Meeting Friday, September 5, 2025, 9:00 AM at Buellton CCC</p> <p>b. Next EMA GSA Regular Board Meeting Thursday, September 25, 2025, 4:00 PM at SYCSD Meeting Room</p> <p>c. Action Plan Workshops</p> <p>i. Friday, September 12, 2025, 4:00 PM – EMA GSA Workshop at Santa Ynez CSD</p> <p>ii. Friday, September 19, 2025, 1:00 PM – Basin-wide Workshop at Buellton City Council Chambers</p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (<a href="#">01:51:26</a>)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p>
<p><b>7. Board of Directors Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items</b></p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (<a href="#">01:53:46</a>)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> Director Circle proposed a future agenda item to discuss the opportunities and legal considerations of including an agricultural representative in EMA GSA Member Agency Representatives meetings (01:54:32).</p> <p>Executive Director Dan Heimel proposed a future agenda item for Board consideration of policies and procedures related to agenda setting (01:57:39).</p> <p>The Board and staff agreed to bring Agenda Item 4.a back for consideration at a future meeting, as the motion failed at this meeting (01:59:01).</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p>
<p><b>8. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Chair Joos adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:13 PM (<a href="#">02:09:55</a>).</p>