

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

**Agenda Item 3a: Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of June  
26, 2025**

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

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Agenda Item	Discussion or Action
<b>1. Call to Order and Roll Call</b>	Chair Joos called the meeting to order at approximately 4:02 PM. Daniel Heimel, Executive Director, called roll to begin the meeting. Alternate Director Heyden, Vice Chair Orona, Alternate Director Dietenhofer, Director Marymee and Chair Joos were present (00:00:01). Director Hartmann joined the board shortly after and replaced Alternate Director Dietenhofer (00:00:55).
<b>2. Public Comment</b>	Chair Joos initiated the Public Comment period for non-agenda items (00:00:50). No public comment was made.
<b>3. Public Hearing for proposed EMA GSA Groundwater Extraction Fee</b>	<p><b>3.a. Open Public Hearing (00:01:37)</b></p> <p><b>3.b. Report from Executive Director (00:06:12)</b></p> <p><b>3.b.i. Fee Study Presentation (Water Resources Economics) (00:09:00)</b></p> <p><b>3.b.ii. Report on legal objection letters and EMA GSA responses thereto (00:19:02)</b></p> <p><b>3.c. Board Comments and Questions (00:20:45)</b></p> <p><b>3.d. Public Comment (00:29:35)</b></p> <p>(00:30:43) Name not provided</p> <p>(00:34:24) Kelly Rose</p> <p>(00:38:06) Brian Macy</p> <p>(00:40:39) David Beard</p> <p>(00:42:47) Ed Batastini</p> <p>(00:44:08) Richard Gray</p> <p>(00:46:24) Dan Roberts</p> <p>(00:48:39) Michael St. Denis</p> <p>(00:51:42) Michelle de Werd</p> <p>(00:54:24) Bill Grove</p> <p>(00:57:48) Henri Grimm</p> <p>(00:58:56) Mike Hadley</p> <p>(00:59:53) Bernadette Hindman</p> <p>(01:00:41) Lynn Lavayen</p> <p>(01:04:47) Mike Hadley</p> <p>(01:06:18) Kim Switzer</p> <p>(01:11:30) Lynn Lavayen</p> <p>(01:12:42) Doug Clay</p> <p>(01:13:31) David Heald</p> <p>(01:15:14) Jo Knatz</p> <p>(01:16:42) Michael St. Denis</p> <p>(01:19:59) Brian Macy</p> <p>(01:21:12) Laurie Donovan</p> <p>(01:25:11) David Heald</p>

	<p>See 01:26:52 for EMA GSA Legal Counsel responses to public comments.  (01:50:20) Stoney Scheer  (01:50:59) Mike Hadley  <b>3.e. Close Public Hearing</b> (<a href="#">01:51:42</a>)  <b>3.f. Report on tally of written protests to the proposed Groundwater Extraction Fee</b>  (<a href="#">02:02:51</a>)</p>
<p><b>4. Action Items</b></p>	
<p><b>4.a. Review and consider adoption of Groundwater Extraction Fee Ordinance</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction of the Item</b> (<a href="#">02:04:12</a>)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> (02:06:06)</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b>  (02:12:34) Randy Murphy  (02:16:45) Henri Grimm  (02:16:57) Bernadette Hindman  (02:17:36) Matt Young</p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u></b> (02:11:48, 02:18:39)  The Board moved to adopt the Groundwater Extraction Fee Ordinance as presented and directed staff to develop, with consultation of the Citizen Advisory Group, some incentives for landowners to engage in groundwater recharge.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Hartmann  <b>Second:</b> Director Orona  <b>Ayes:</b> All  <b>Nays:</b> None  <b>Abstains:</b> None  <b>Passes:</b> 5-0</p>
<p><b>4.b. Review and consider adoption of Resolution Adopting Appeal Process for Levy of Groundwater Extraction Fee, Contract for Collection of Special Taxes, Assessments and Other Charges, and Resolution Authorizing Groundwater Extraction Fee Charges to be Collected on the Tax Roll.</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction of the Item</b> (<a href="#">02:19:02</a>)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> (02:20:39)</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> (02:21:46)  None</p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u></b> (02:22:56)  The Board moved to accept Item 4.b.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Orona  <b>Second:</b> Director Hartmann  <b>Ayes:</b> 5  <b>Nays:</b> 0  <b>Abstains:</b> 0  <b>Passes:</b> 5-0</p>
<p><b>4.c. Review recommendations and consider approval of Hydrogeology Consultant for Prop 68 Grant Component 5 Monitoring Program Improvements and execution of associated</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction of the Item</b> (<a href="#">02:23:25</a>)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> (02:25:51)</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b>  (02:28:06) Doug Clay</p>

<p><b>Amendment to the Cost-Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement and Task Order</b></p>	<p><b><u>Board Action</u></b> (02:31:08) The Board moved to accept Item 4.c.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Hartmann <b>Second:</b> Director Marymee <b>Ayes:</b> 5 <b>Nays:</b> 0 <b>Abstains:</b> 0 <b>Passes:</b> 5-0</p>
<p><b>4.d. Review and consider adoption of an EMA GSA Well Metering and Reporting Ordinance</b></p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (<a href="#">02:31:32</a>)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> (02:34:00)</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> (02:37:08) Bill Buelow (02:38:14) Steve Jordan (02:41:02) Matt Young (02:46:30) Lisa Severy (02:47:42) Brian Macy (02:48:31, 02:50:28) Doug Clay</p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u></b> (02:51:56) The Board moved to revisit Item 4.d. at the regular Board meeting in August and directed staff to meet with the Citizen Advisory Group to review the Ordinance beforehand.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Hartmann <b>Second:</b> Director Marymee <b>Ayes:</b> 5 <b>Nays:</b> 0 <b>Abstains:</b> 0 <b>Passes:</b> 5-0</p>
<p><b>4.e. Review and consider approval of Professional Services Agreement Amendment with GSI for Monitoring Network Expansion and Refinement Analysis</b></p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (<a href="#">02:52:25</a>)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> (02:53:26) None</p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u></b> (02:53:36) The Board moved to approve Item 4.e.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Hartmann <b>Second:</b> Director Orona <b>Ayes:</b> 5 <b>Nays:</b> 0 <b>Abstains:</b> 0 <b>Passes:</b> 5-0</p>
<p><b>4.f. Review and consider approval of Professional Services Agreement with</b></p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (<a href="#">02:54:02</a>)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> (02:55:02)</p>

<p><b>Geosystems Analysis for EMA GSA GDE Survey</b></p>	<p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> (02:54:57) None</p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u></b> (02:55:19) The Board moved to approve Item 4.f.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Orona <b>Second:</b> Director Hartmann <b>Ayes:</b> 5 <b>Nays:</b> 0 <b>Abstains:</b> 0 <b>Passes:</b> 5-0</p>
<p><b>4.g. Review and consider approval of Professional Services Agreement Amendment with Confluence Engineering Solutions for Executive Director Services for FY 2025/26</b></p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (<a href="#">02:55:44</a>)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> (02:57:00)</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> (03:00:04) Randy Murphy</p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u></b> (03:00:36) The Board moved to approve Item 4.g.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Marymee <b>Second:</b> Director Orona <b>Ayes:</b> 5 <b>Nays:</b> 0 <b>Abstains:</b> 0 <b>Passes:</b> 5-0</p>
<p><b>5. Consent Agenda</b></p> <p><b>5.a. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes for the May 22, 2025 EMA GSA Regular Board Meeting</b></p> <p><b>5.b. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List for May, 2025</b></p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (<a href="#">03:00:58</a>)</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion</u></b> (03:02:25)</p> <p><b><u>Board Action on Consent Agenda</u></b> (03:03:03) The Board approved of the meeting minutes for the May 22, 2025 EMA GSA Regular Board Meeting and the Financial Statements and Warrant List for May, 2025.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Director Marymee <b>Second:</b> Director Orona <b>Ayes:</b> All <b>Nays:</b> None <b>Abstains:</b> None <b>Passes:</b> 5-0</p>
<p><b>6. Informational Items</b></p> <p><b>6.a. New EMA GSA Well Permits Approved by County of Santa Barbara EHS</b></p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (<a href="#">03:03:38</a>)</p> <p>There were no new EMA GSA Well Permits approved by County of Santa Barbara Environmental Health Services at this time.</p>
<p><b>7. Consider Date/Time for Next Regular and/or Special Meetings of the EMA GSA</b></p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of the Item</u></b> (<a href="#">03:04:10</a>)</p>

	The next EMA GSA Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the SYCSD Meeting Room. The next Basin-Wide Joint Special Meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 5, 2025 at 9:00 AM in Buellton CCC.
<b>8. Board of Directors Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>Introduction of the Item</b> ( <a href="#">03:06:56</a> ) None
<b>9. Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 PM ( <a href="#">03:08:05</a> ).