



# Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: May 28, 2020 Time: 5:30 p.m. Location: Remote Access Only

The County of Santa Cruz and the State Governor had issued shelter-in-place orders that were in effect during the time of this meeting. In accordance with these orders, the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency conducted its May Board of Directors meeting in an exclusively remote-access format.

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### 1. CONVENE MEETING

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call  
Chair Perri called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Directors (Alternates acting as voting Directors shown in italics):**

E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, L. Farris, A. Franklin, B. McPherson, D. Pollock, R. Stiles, L. Henry, C. Perri

**Alternates (Present as non-voting observers):**

B. Ekwall, J. Koopman, D. Lind, R. Moran

**Staff:**

C. Blanchard, P. Harmon, K. Krotcov, R. Menard, J. Ricker, R. Rogers, S. Ryan, N. Wallace

**Others:**

G. King, J. Murray, T. Rein

- 1.2 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda  
None
- 1.3 Oral communications on items not on the Agenda  
None

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### 2. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- 2.1 Approval of Minutes – April 23, 2020 Board Meeting  
MOTION: Dilles/Engfer to approve the April 23, 2020 Board of Directors meeting minutes.  
AYES: E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, L. Farris, A. Franklin, B. McPherson D. Pollock, R. Stiles, L. Henry, C. Perri  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: J. Leopold

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### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

None

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### 4. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 4.1 Informational Session – Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Elements

##### 4.1.1 GSP Roadmap – May 28, 2020

P. Harmon informed the Board of the updated format of GSP Timeline and Roadmap.

##### 4.1.2 Santa Margarita Basin Degraded Groundwater Quality and Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels – Dave Ceppos (California State University Sacramento) and Georgina King (Montgomery & Associates)

- Proposed Minimum Thresholds and Measurable Objectives for Degraded Groundwater Quality
- Statement of Significant and Unreasonable Conditions for Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels
- Approaches for Developing Minimum Thresholds and Measurable Objectives for Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels

G. King presented information regarding the draft statement of significant and unreasonable conditions for degraded groundwater quality and responded to questions from the Board. D. Ceppos facilitated a discussion by the Board of the draft statement and the Board provided input to staff regarding verbiage and syntax.

MOTION: Stiles/Farris to accept the draft statement of significant and unreasonable conditions for degraded groundwater quality as amended. The statement is appended.

AYES: E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, L. Farris, A. Franklin, B. McPherson, D. Pollock, R. Stiles, C. Perri

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: L. Henry

ABSENT: J. Leopold

G. King presented information on the background, metrics, and approaches for developing minimum thresholds and measurable objectives for degraded groundwater quality. Information was also presented regarding Basin water quality conditions, state standards for water quality, and sustainable management criteria. D. Ceppos facilitated questions and discussion by the Board of this content

MOTION: Cassidy/Stiles to accept the proposed methodology for setting minimum thresholds (MT) and measurable objectives (MO) as preliminary sustainability management criteria (SMC) for degraded groundwater quality.

AYES: E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, A. Franklin, B. McPherson, D. Pollock, R. Stiles, L. Henry, C. Perri

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: L. Farris

ABSENT: J. Leopold

G. King presented information to the Board regarding the draft statement of significant and unreasonable conditions for chronic lowering of groundwater levels and responded to questions. D. Ceppos facilitated a discussion among the Board concerning the verbiage and syntax of the draft statement.

The Board was asked to submit additional input to staff regarding the draft statement of significant and unreasonable conditions for chronic lowering of groundwater levels. The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on June 10.

G. King presented information on the approach for minimum thresholds and measurable objectives for chronic lowering of groundwater levels. Due to the time constraints this presentation was not completed and will be continued at the next Board meeting.

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**5. STAFF REPORTS**

P. Harmon updated the Board on the quarterly cycle for administrative business items and reported that major items such as the FY 2021 budget would be an exception and presented as needed.

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**6. DIRECTORS REPORTS**

None

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**7. FUTURE ITEMS**

- Fiscal Year 2021 Budget (June)
  - Records Retention Policy
  - Financial Controls for Borrowing Money
- Informational Sessions
- Groundwater Sustainability Plan Elements

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**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- SMGWA Youth Outreach Program Update

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**9. EVENTS CALENDAR**

- Third Annual GSA Summit – Groundwater Resources Association of California, June 10 – June 11, 2020 Virtual Event
- WaterReuse California Conference, June 24 – June 25, 2020 Virtual Event
- 2020 ACWA Spring Conference and Exhibition, July 28 – July 31, 2020 Virtual Event

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**10. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Cassidy/Stiles to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

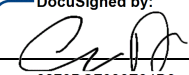
AYES: E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, L. Farris, A. Franklin, B. McPherson, D. Pollock, R. Stiles, L. Henry, C. Perri

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

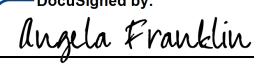
ABSENT: J. Leopold

APPROVED BY:

DocuSigned by:  
  
Chris Perri, Chair

6/26/2020  
Date

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:  
  
Angela Franklin, Secretary

6/26/2020  
Date