



# Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: September 24, 2020 Time: 5:30 p.m. Location: Remote Access Only

In accordance with the Executive Order N-29-20, the meeting was held in a remote-access format.

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### 1. CONVENE MEETING

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- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call  
Chair Perri called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

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

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

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

D. Lind

**Staff:**

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

**Others:**

D. Ceppos, G. King, C. Neill, T. Rein

Alternate J. Koopman entered the meeting at 5:34 and attended in place of Director Franklin.

- 1.2 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
- 1.3 Oral communications on items not on the Agenda  
One comment was heard from Director Henry.

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### 2. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

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- 2.1 Approval of Minutes – August 26, 2020 Special Board Meeting  
MOTION: Cassidy/McPherson to approve the August 26, 2020 special meeting minutes.  
AYES: E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, *J. Koopman*, B. McPherson, D. Pollock, R. Stiles, L. Henry, C. Perri  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: L. Farris  
ABSENT: J. Leopold
- 2.1 Approval of Minutes – August 27, 2020 Board Meeting  
MOTION: Cassidy/Stiles to approve the August 27, 2020 Board of Directors meeting minutes.  
AYES: E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, *J. Koopman*, B. McPherson, D. Pollock, R. Stiles, L. Henry, C. Perri  
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: L. Farris

ABSENT: J. Leopold

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

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None

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**4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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4.1 Status of Projects and Management Action Development for the GSP

S. Ryan reported on the status of Agency projects and management actions and responded to questions.

4.2 Informational Session – Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Elements

4.2.1 GSP Roadmap – September 24, 2020

G. King reported on the progress of the GSP development. The report was accepted without comment.

4.2.2 Sustainable Management Criteria for Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water, Degraded Groundwater Quality, Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels, and Reduction of Groundwater Storage (Dave Ceppos [California State University, Sacramento], Georgina King [Montgomery & Associates], and Chelsea Neill [Balance Hydrologics])

- a. Undesirable Results for Degraded Water Quality, revisit Minimum Threshold for Nitrate
- b. Minimum Thresholds and Undesirable Results for Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels
- c. Significant and Unreasonable Conditions, Minimum Thresholds and Undesirable Results for Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water
- d. Introduction to Reduction of Groundwater in Storage Sustainability Indicator, and Proposed Approaches for Minimum Thresholds and Measurable Objectives

G. King and J. Ricker presented information on undesirable results for degraded water quality and minimum threshold for nitrate. D. Ceppos facilitated a discussion by the Board and staff.

Staff requested that any additional comments from Directors regarding degraded groundwater quality be submitted to N. Wallace by close of business on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting recessed at 7:00

The meeting reconvened at 7:05

No motion was made to change the minimum threshold for nitrate as previously established by the board on May 28, 2020.

G. King presented information on minimum thresholds and undesirable results for chronic lowering of groundwater levels. D. Ceppos facilitated a discussion by the Board and staff.

C. Neill presented information on the revised statement of significant and unreasonable conditions for depletion of interconnected surface water, and the approach for developing minimum thresholds for this sustainability criteria. Information on undesirable results for interconnected surface water was postponed to a future meeting. D. Ceppos facilitated a discussion by the Board and staff.

The Board directed staff to include a discussion on “undue financial burden” definition and on private well owner roles and responsibilities as defined in SGMA in a future meeting agenda.

G. King introduced the reduction of groundwater in storage sustainability indicator. D. Ceppos Facilitated a discussion by the Board and public.

One public comment was heard

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**5. STAFF REPORTS**

None

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**6. DIRECTORS REPORTS**

None

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**7. FUTURE ITEMS**

- Records Retention Policy
  - Financial Controls for Borrowing Money
- Informational Sessions
- Groundwater Sustainability Plan Elements

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**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- None

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**9. EVENTS CALENDAR**

- 2020 ACWA Summer Conference and Exhibition, December 01 – December 04, 2020 Virtual Event

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**10. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Cassidy/Pollock to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

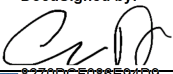
AYES: E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, L. Farris, *J. Koopman*, B. McPherson, D. Pollock, R. Stiles, L. Henry, C. Perri

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

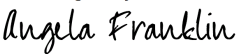
ABSENT: J. Leopold

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Chris Perri, Chair

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