



# Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: July 23, 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 July 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 5:31 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

**Staff:**

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

**Others:**

D. Ceppos, G. King, B. Maxfield, J. Murray, C. Neill, T. Rein

- 1.2 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
- 1.3 Oral communications on items not on the Agenda  
No comments were heard.

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### 2. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- 2.1 Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2020 Board Meeting
- MOTION: Stiles/Franklin to approve the May 28, 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

## 2.2 Term Expiration of Well Owner Representatives

MOTION: McPherson/Stiles to approve item 2.2 Term Expiration of Well Owner Representatives for discussion by the Board.

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

T. Rein presented information to the Board on Agency bylaws as they relate to the term limits of Well Owner Representatives. A. Franklin and E. Cassidy indicated their interest in serving additional 3-year terms. The Board discussed the information and directed staff to add bylaw amendments concerning Well Owner Representative term cycle and privileges of the alternate representative to the October meeting agenda.

MOTION: Pollock/McPherson to withhold from initiating the Well Owner Representative selection process for the term beginning August 2020.

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 – July 23, 2020

G. King presented information on the shifting content and format of regular Board Meeting informational sessions.

##### 4.1.2 Communication and Outreach Plan, Interconnected Surface Water, Degraded Groundwater Quality, and Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels (Dave Ceppos [California State University, Sacramento], Georgina King [Montgomery & Associates], Jennifer Murray [Miller Maxfield]), and Chelsea Neill [Balance Hydrologics])

- Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Communication and Outreach Plan
- Basin Conditions for Interconnected Surface Water
- Draft Statement of Significant and Unreasonable Conditions for Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water
- Undesirable Results for Degraded Groundwater Quality

- Draft Statement of Significant and Unreasonable Conditions for Lowering of Groundwater Levels

D. Ceppos presented information on a modified presentation format.

J. Murray presented information regarding the Communication and Engagement plan for the GSP and responded to questions. D. Ceppos facilitated a discussion by the Board of the information.

C. Neill presented information on interconnected surface water conditions in the basin. D. Ceppos facilitated a discussion of the information by the Board and staff. G. King, K. Kittleson, C. Neill, and S. Ryan responded to questions.

Staff requested that Directors forward any questions or considerations they have for the Surface Water Technical Advisory Group be sent to N. Wallace.

Staff requested that Directors send feedback on statements of significant and unreasonable conditions for depletion of interconnected surface water to N. Wallace by July 31 at close of business.

One Public comment was heard.

G. King presented information on the draft statement of significant and unreasonable conditions for chronic lowering of groundwater levels. D. Ceppos facilitated a discussion by the Board and staff.

Information on undesirable results for degraded groundwater quality will be presented at the August Board of Directors meeting.

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## 5. STAFF REPORTS

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- Financial Report for the Period of April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 (Stephanie Hill)

P. Harmon reported that the information in the financial report is preliminary and subject to change.

- Quarterly Communications Report (Piret Harmon/Bill Maxfield)

The Board accepted the report without comment.

- Contract Updates (Piret Harmon)

P. Harmon reported on contract updates for communications and outreach services and legal counsel services.

- Legal Counsel Update (oral, Terry Rein)

T. Rein presented information on the annual Sustainable Groundwater Planning Conference and on a lawsuit against the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Agency and responded to questions from the Board.

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## 6. DIRECTORS REPORTS

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### 6.1 Individual Director's Reports

- Travel and training
- Meetings

J. Dilles reported his attendance of the third annual Groundwater Sustainability Summit on June 10 and 11 and responded to questions.

C. Perri reported his attendance of the third annual Groundwater Sustainability Summit on June 10 and 11.

### 6.2 Compliance

The Board discussed the report.

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**7. FUTURE ITEMS**

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

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**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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- None

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**9. EVENTS CALENDAR**

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- 2020 ACWA Spring Conference and Exhibition, July 28 – July 31, 2020 Virtual Event
- Groundwater Resources Association of California Third Annual Western Groundwater Congress, September 14 – September 17, 2020 Virtual Event

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**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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MOTION: Cassidy/Stiles to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 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

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Chris Perri, Chair

8/31/2020  
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Angela Franklin, Secretary

9/10/2020  
Date