



July 8, 2025

Stephanie Bertoux
Executive Director
San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
930A Nysted Drive
Solvang, CA 93463

Dear Ms. Bertoux:

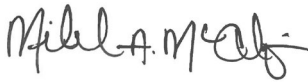
GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI), is pleased to present this scope of work and budget for performing on-call hydrogeological services for the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (SABGSA). GSI will provide services associated with the implementation of the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and other activities that are requested by the SABGSA and the Executive Director. GSI anticipates on-call services may include:

- Hosting, managing, and expanding the DMS,
- Assisting with implementation of the well metering program,
- Collaborate with Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc. to share existing Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program well information,
- Planning for Barka Slough vegetation trimming,
- Review and propose potential replacement RMS wells,
- Planning the wellhead reference point elevation surveys,
- Review of DWR AEM survey data,
- Review USGS/VISFB/SBWA Barka Slough Study,
- Review of USGS SACIM,
- Update HCM based on DWR AEM and USGS SACIM,
- Assisting the SABGSA with any grant writing to pursue funds for GSP implementation,
- Ongoing coordination and consultation with the SABGSA,
- Assistance with SABGSA budgeting and project planning,
- Attendance at stakeholder, Board of Directors, and Advisory Committee meetings at the request of the Executive Director,
- Other services and meeting attendance, as needed, at the request of SABGSA.

These services would be performed at the specific direction of the SABGSA Executive Director (Executive Director). GSI will perform the work on a time and materials basis in accordance with GSI's 2025 fee schedule (Attachment A). The rates included in the 2025 fee schedule are valid through the 2025 calendar year and are subject to change thereafter. Because it is not possible to estimate fees for the work that will be requested, GSI is proposing that the SABGSA authorize a budget of **\$20,000** for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.¹ This amount will not be exceeded without the written approval of the Executive Director. On a monthly basis, GSI will provide a summary of activities that were performed that month with the associated cost. GSI understands that the Executive Director may re-prioritize requested services depending on what is needed at the time.

We thank you for your consideration of this proposal and allowing GSI the opportunity to continue to serve the interests of the SABGSA.

Sincerely,
GSI Water Solutions, Inc.



Michael McAlpin, PG
Managing Hydrogeologist



David O'Rourke, PG, CHg, PE
Principal Hydrogeologist

Approval

You may indicate your approval of this proposal by signing on the space provided below.

Approved by

Date

¹ GSI understands a total of \$40,000 has been allocated in the SABGSA 2025-2026 fiscal year budget for hydrogeological on-call services. If the proposed total of \$20,000 is exhausted prior to the end of the fiscal year, GSI, at the direction of the Executive Director, will submit a change order request to the SABGSA up to the remaining budgeted amount.



2025 GSI Fee Schedule

Labor Category	Hourly Rate
Technical Professionals	
Principal	\$275 – \$360
Supervising	\$220 – \$310
Managing	\$175 – \$230
Consulting	\$155 – \$195
Project	\$140 – \$175
Staff	\$125 – \$160
Other Services	
GIS/Graphics/Database	\$130 – \$185
Editor/Documents	\$130 – \$155
Administration	\$95 – \$125

The hourly rate for trial preparation and expert witness testimony is 1.5 times the standard billing rate shown above.

Expenses

- **Mileage:** IRS authorized rate/mile plus 10 percent markup
- **Direct expenses and outside services:** Cost plus 10 percent markup
- **Enterprise GIS:** \$100 per month for the duration of use

**Hourly rates are subject to annual increases on the contract anniversary date.*