



SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“Agency” or “SABGSA”) Board of Directors (“Board”) will hold its regular **Board Meeting** at **6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022**, at the **Los Alamos Community Services District located at 82 St. Joseph Street, Los Alamos, CA 93440**. Virtual option available for public participation.¹

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84155018924?pwd=TWdFL041UTVPMW5Mc1dP1E4T1Rjdz09>

Meeting ID: 841 5501 8924 Passcode: 473110

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SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

The Board will receive public comments on items not appearing on the agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency. The Board will not enter into a detailed discussion, answer questions, or take any action on any items presented during public comments. In the Board’s discretion, any issue raised during Public Comment may be referred to the Executive Director or other staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion. Persons wishing to speak on specific agenda items should do so at the time specified for those items. The presiding Chair shall limit public comments to no more than three minutes.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approve Minutes from April 19, 2022, Regular Meeting

b. Agency Finances, Budget, and Training

- i. The Board will receive a report from the accountant regarding finances and expenses.
- ii. The Board will receive a report regarding training

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Executive Director Update

- Update on activities performed by the Executive Director

¹ SABGSA will make reasonable efforts to make the meeting accessible virtually; however, if one of virtual options are unavailable due to technological issues, you are invited to take advantage of the other options, including in-person attendance.

**In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, all possible accommodations will be made for individuals so they may attend and participate in the meetings.*

b. San Antonio Basin Water District Update

- Update on San Antonio Basin Water District activities

c. Advisory Committee Updates

- Update on Advisory Committee

d. Board Member Updates

- Board members will provide any updates relevant to the SABGSA

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Executive Order N-7-22 and Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Services (EHS) Water Well Permitting & Drought Emergency Public Workshop (Workshop) and Temporary Water Well Permit Urgency Ordinance (Urgency Ordinance)

The Board will discuss Executive Order N-7-22, the Santa Barbara County EHS Workshop and Urgency Ordinance, and consider SABGSA actions in response, focusing on the new “written verifications” requirements for water well permits, described in Section 9 of the Executive Order.

b. Los Alamos Community Services District Termination of Membership from the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Resignation of Director Gomez and Alternate Director Vidro.

On May 3, 2022, the SABGSA received a letter of termination (effective June 2, 2022) from the Los Alamos Community Services District under section 17.1 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement creating the SABGSA. SABGSA Director Gomez and Alternate Brad Vidro also submitted letters of resignation effective June 2, 2022. The Board may take action or provide specific direction to the Board Chair, staff and/or SABGSA’s legal counsel related to these actions by the Los Alamos Community Services District.

c. SABGSA Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23

The Board of Directors will discuss priorities and review the draft budget for fiscal year 2022-23. The Board may direct staff on this item.

NEXT MEETING: June 21, 2022, at 6pm

7. ADJOURN

Please contact Stephanie Bertoux at admin@sanantoniobasingsa.org with any questions.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order by President Sharer at 6:00pm at the Los Alamos Community Services District, 82 St. Joseph Street, Los Alamos, CA. Members of the public had the option to participate virtually or in-person.

Board of Directors Present: Tom Durant, Juan Gomez, Pat Huguenard, Kevin Merrill, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

Alternates present, but not acting on behalf of a Director: Patrice Mosby

Directors Absent: Dan Chabot

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**

No public comments received.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. **Approve Minutes from March 15, 2022 SABGSA Board Meeting**

Motion by Director Merrill, second by Director Durant to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022 Board meeting as presented.

Ayes: Directors: Tom Durant, Juan Gomez, Pat Huguenard, Kevin Merrill, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

Nos: None; **Absent:** Dan Chabot; **Abstain:** None.

- b. **Agency Finances, Budgeting and Training**

Motion by Director Wrather second by Director Pata to approve the financial and training reports as presented.

Ayes: Directors: Tom Durant, Juan Gomez, Pat Huguenard, Kevin Merrill, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

Nos: None; **Absent:** Dan Chabot; **Abstain:** None.

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. **Executive Director Updates**

- The Well Registration and Metering Ad Hoc Committee is researching existing programs developed by other GSAs and is working to create and define the process for the development of SABGSA's program beginning with well registration. It is anticipated that the Ad Hoc Committee will present the conceptual framework for the well registration program at the June Board meeting.
- The SABGSA currently has two vacant Alternate Director positions – one position in the vineyard representational category and one position in the row crop representational category.

- The 2021 GSP Annual Report was submitted to the Department of Water Resources and is posted on the SABGSA website.

b. San Antonio Basin Water District Update

The SABWD approved the contract renewal for Donna Glass, SABWD Executive Director. As of April 30, 2022, the SABWD has collected 91% of the assessment levied for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

c. Advisory Committee Updates

The Advisory Committee scheduled for April 5, 2022 was cancelled.

d. Board Member Updates

No report.

6. ACTION ITEMS

a. Executive Order N-7-22

The Board discussed developing policies for the SABGSA regarding Executive Order N-7-22, focusing on the new requirements impacting groundwater sustainability agencies related to “written verifications” for water well permits, in Section 9 of the Executive Order. Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Services is working to develop and implement a temporary ordinance for water well permitting in accordance with the Governor’s Drought Emergency Executive Order N-7-22. It was discussed and agreed that Director Sharer will continue to communicate with Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Services and report back to the Board. The Board directed legal counsel to prepare a recommendation for SABGSA’s written verification procedures to be reviewed and discussed at the May 17, 2022, Board meeting.

Motion by Director Merrill second by Director Durant to direct SABGSA legal counsel to provide a recommendation for SABGSA’s written verification procedures under Executive Order N-7-22 to be reviewed and discussed at the May 17, 2022, Board Meeting and authorize President Sharer to continue communicating with Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Services for additional information.

Ayes: Directors: Tom Durant, Juan Gomez, Pat Huguenard, Kevin Merrill, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

Nos: None; **Absent:** Dan Chabot; **Abstain:** None.

b. Q1 2022 Quarterly Water Level Monitoring Report for the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin

The Board reviewed the Q1 2022 Water Level Monitoring Report and discussed the following recommendations provided by GSI Water Solutions.

- Recommendation #1: Install a sounding tube in well 2M1. The Board directed staff to get a proposal to identify the cost of installing the sounding tube and bring it back to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.
- Recommendation #2: Move the existing data recording pressure transducer from well SACC 5 to well SACC 1 (SACC 1 is an RMS in the Basin’s groundwater level monitoring network). The Board agreed to proceed with this recommendation.
- Recommendation #3: Move the existing data recording pressure transducer from well SACR 5 to well SACR 1 (SACR 1 is an RMS in the Basin’s groundwater level monitoring network). The Board agreed to proceed with this recommendation.
- Recommendation #4: Continue public outreach to Basin stakeholders to discuss participation in the groundwater level monitoring network. The Board agreed to proceed with this recommendation and directed staff to follow up with landowners that have pending access agreements. Donna Glass, SABWD Executive Director, offered to assist in contacting landowners, as needed.

c. On-Call Services Proposal from GSI Water Solutions

The Board reviewed and discussed the on-call services proposal from GSI Water Solutions. The on-

call services proposal is an hourly, not to exceed contract in the amount of \$10,000. Specific tasks will be determined and authorized by the SABGSA. Services may include, but are not limited to Executive Order N-7-22, GSP implementation including assistance with the well registration and metering program development and attending meetings at the request of the SABGSA.

Motion by Director Merrill second by Director Huguenard to approve the On-Call Services proposal from GSI Water Solutions in the amount of \$10,000.

Ayes: Directors: Tom Durant, Juan Gomez, Pat Huguenard, Kevin Merrill, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrathner

Nos: None; **Absent:** Dan Chabot; **Abstain:** None.

d. SABGSA Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2022-23

The Board briefly discussed the budget priorities for fiscal year 2022-23 and directed staff to prepare a draft budget to be reviewed at the May 17, 2022 board meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING: May 17, 2022, at Los Alamos Community Services District

8. ADJOURN - 7:45pm

Please contact Stephanie Bertoux at admin@sanantoniobasinga.org with any questions.



WATER WELL PERMITTING AND DROUGHT EMERGENCY

May 10, 2022
Virtual Public Workshop



LOCAL DROUGHT EMERGENCY

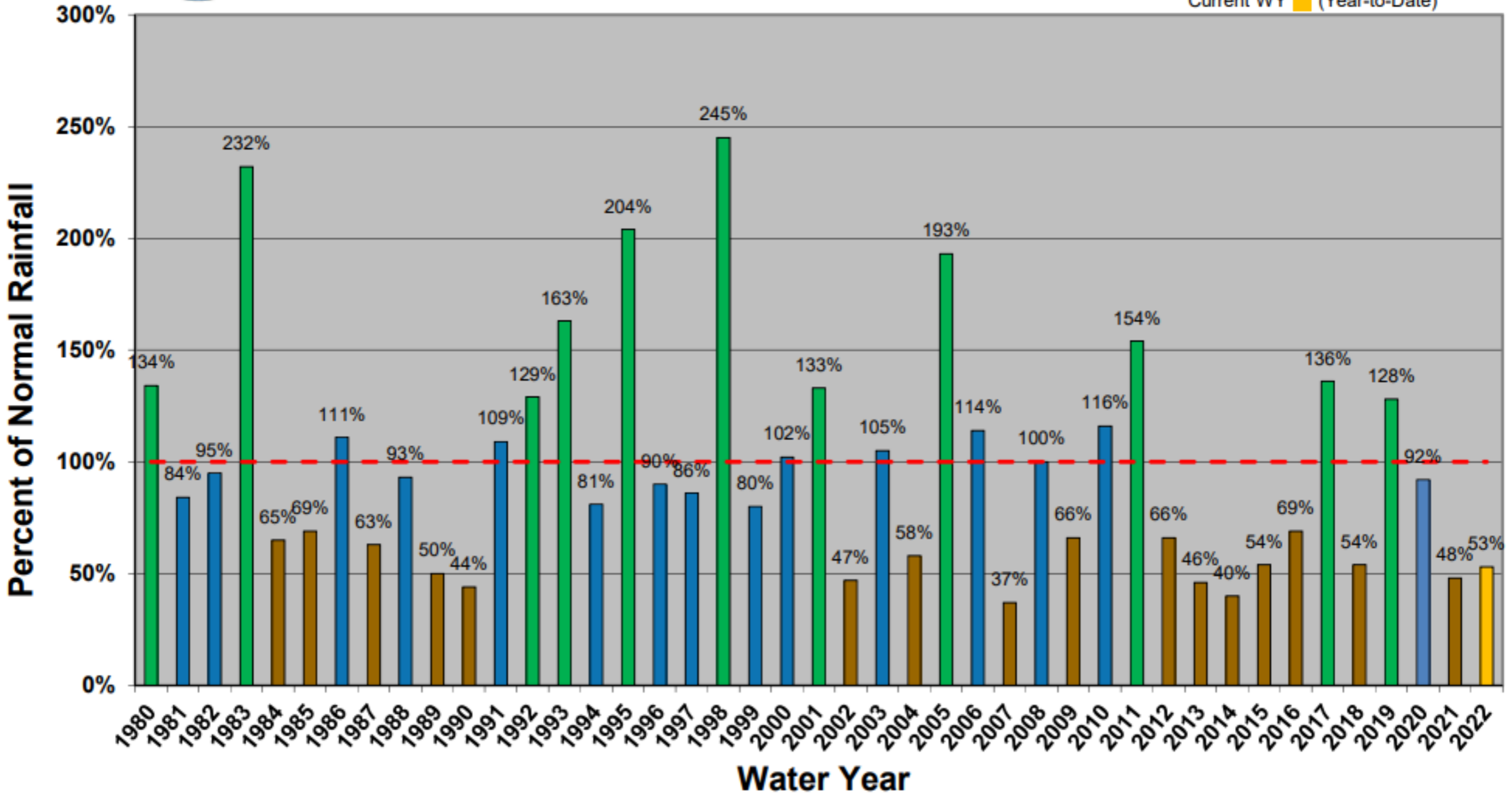


Countywide Percent-of-Normal Water-Year Rainfall

Updated through March 1, 2022

(Rainfall as a percentage of an entire average water-year)

- Wet Years (>120% Normal Rain) ■
- Dry Years (< 80% Normal Rain) ■
- Avg Years (within $\pm 20\%$ Normal) ■
- Current WY (Year-to-Date) ■





Governor's Executive Order N-7-22 (issued March 28, 2022)

- ❖ Domestic wells exempt
- ❖ Irrigation water well requirements
- ❖ Temporary water well ordinance
- ❖ Water well permit fees

Drought EO N-7-22: Action 9

For new wells or alterations to existing wells*

9a. Consultation with the GSAs, Prior to Approving a Well Permit

- In high and medium priority basins, where there is a GSA and GSP
- Obtain written verification from the GSA
- Consistency with GSP & sustainability goals

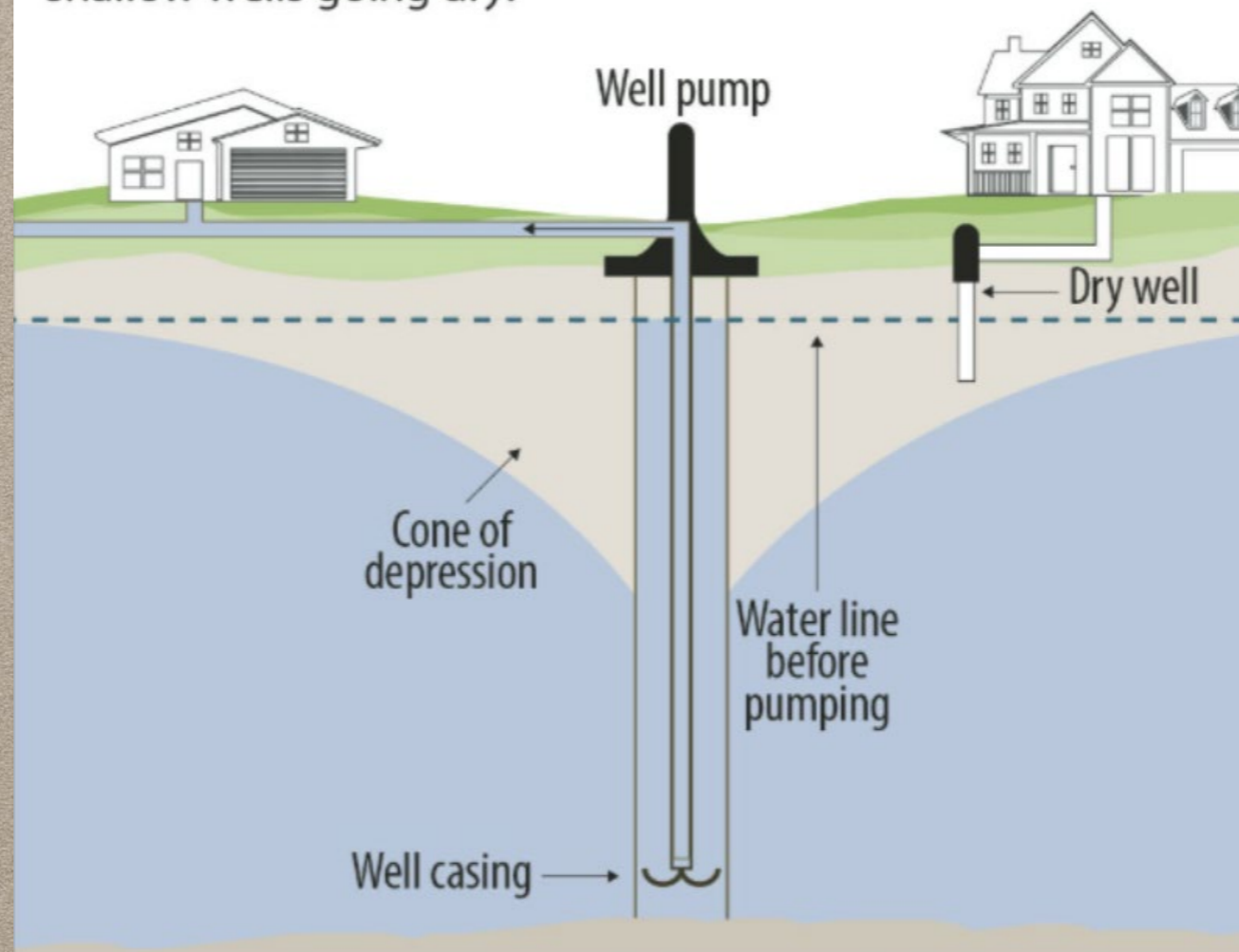
9b. Permit Evaluation, Prior to Issuing a Well Permit

1. Not likely to interfere with production and functioning of existing nearby wells
2. Not likely to cause adverse subsidence impact or damage nearby infrastructure

**excluding individual domestic wells who use less than two acre-feet per year and public water system supply who rely exclusively on groundwater wells*

A cone of depression

Large water withdrawals from an aquifer can lower the water table and create a “cone of depression” that can result in shallow wells going dry.

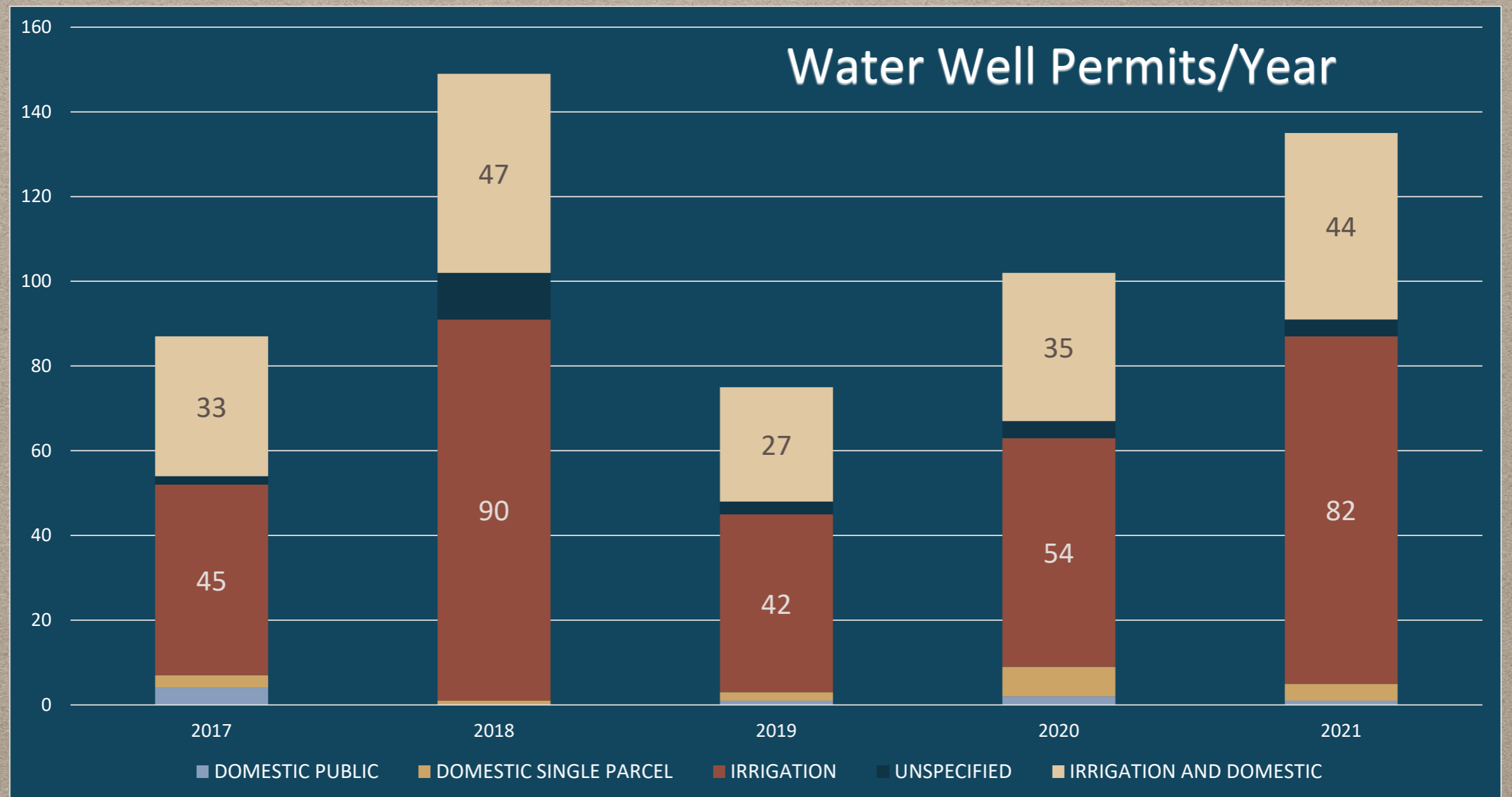


**STEP 1 – INDICATE TYPE,
LOCATION, AND USE**



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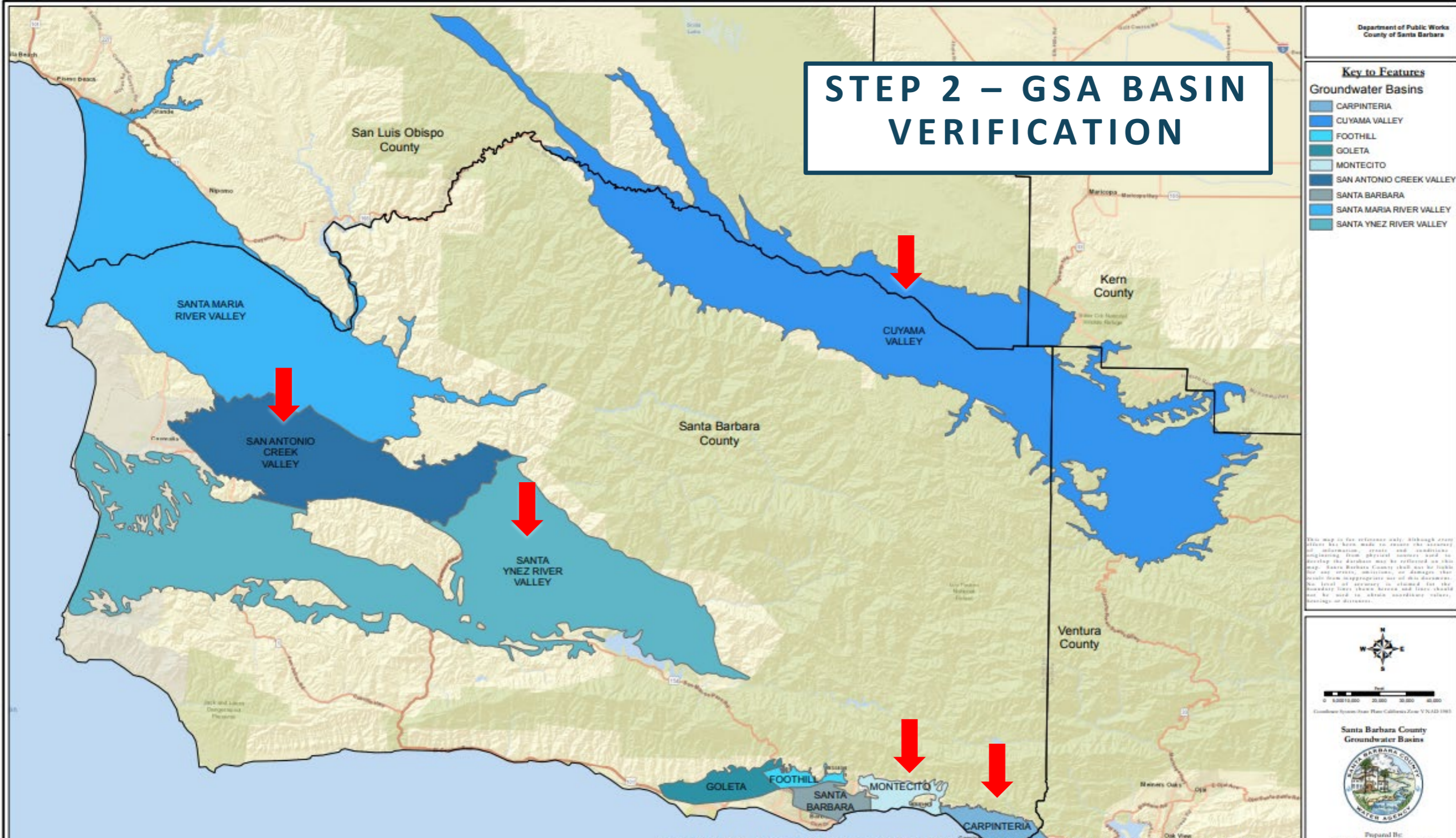


No further permitting steps or additional fees:

- ❖ Domestic wells with less than two acre-feet per year
- ❖ Public water system wells



STEP 2 – GSA BASIN VERIFICATION



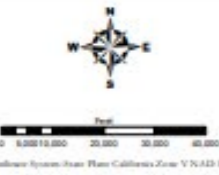
Department of Public Works
 County of Santa Barbara

Key to Features

Groundwater Basins

- CARPINTERIA
- CUYAMA VALLEY
- FOOTHILL
- GOLETA
- MONTECITO
- SAN ANTONIO CREEK VALLEY
- SANTA BARBARA
- SANTA MARIA RIVER VALLEY
- SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY

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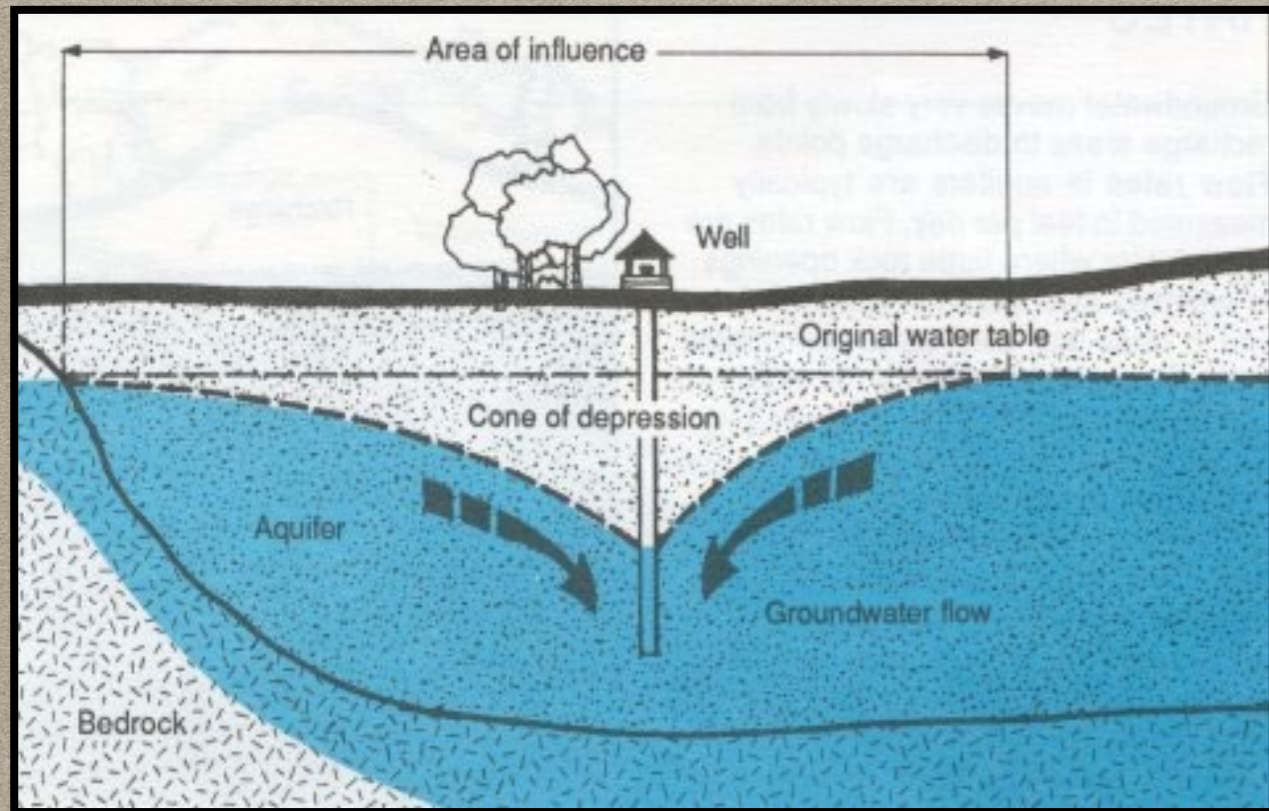
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STEP 3 – ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT TO NEARBY WELLS

Wells >1,000 feet

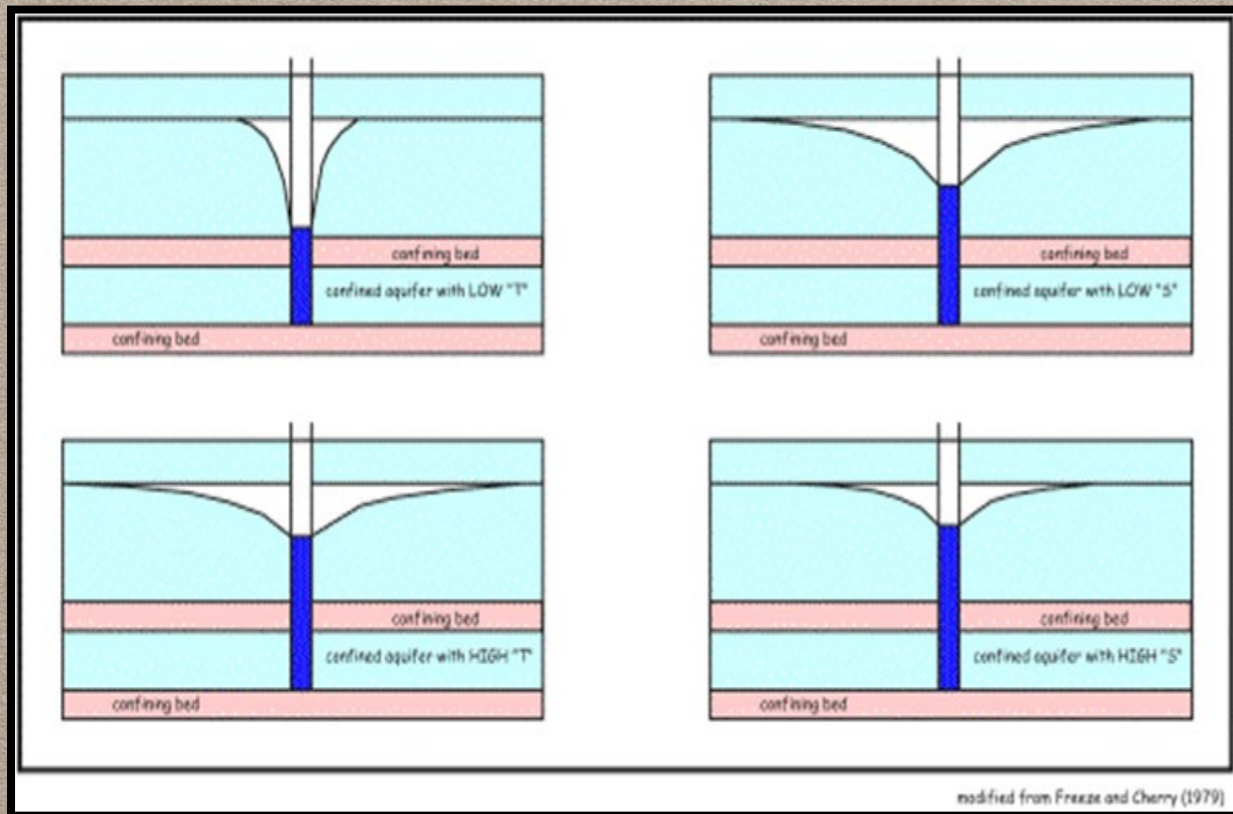
- ❖ No further information required
- ❖ CEQA Filing Fee

No further permitting steps:

- ❖ New wells located >1,000 from existing wells
- ❖ Replacement wells (“like for like”)

Additional fee required:

- ❖ CEQA filing fee of \$50



Wells <1,000 feet

- ❖ Aquifer Data Submitted by CHG
- ❖ Review Fee at Existing Rate of \$161/Hour
- ❖ CEQA Filing Fee

- **Water Well Construction Permit Fee (\$721) - No Change**
- **Additional Review (Hourly Rate) - No Change**
 - Two hours included in flat permit fee
 - Additional review at \$161/hour
- **CEQA Filing Fee (\$50) – *NEW***
 - Filing fee for Fish & Wildlife (if applicable)



PROJECT TYPE	APPLICATION, FEE, INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT (STEP 1)	GSA APPROVAL EO-N-7-22 9A (STEP 2)	LOCATION-SPECIFIC HYDROLOGY DATA EO-N-7-22 9B (STEP 3)	CEQA REVIEW
NEW WELL OR ALTERATION OF EXISTING WELL (INCREASING CAPACITY)	YES	IF IN A MEDIUM- OR HIGH-PRIORITY BASIN	IF PROPOSED WELL IS LESS THAN 1,000 FEET FROM AN EXISTING WELL	YES
REPLACEMENT WELL (NO INCREASE IN CAPACITY)	YES	IF IN A MEDIUM- OR HIGH-PRIORITY BASIN	N/A	YES
INDIVIDUAL DOMESTIC WELLS	YES	EXEMPT	N/A	N/A
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY WELLS	YES	EXEMPT	N/A	N/A

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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May 3, 2022

Via Email: admin@sanantoniobasingsa.org

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San Antonio Basin Groundwater
Sustainability Agency
Attn: Stephanie Bertoux, Executive Director

San Antonio Basin Water District
Attn: Craig Reade, Board Secretary

Subject: Termination of Membership in SABGSA

Dear Ms. Bertoux and Mr. Reade,

I am writing to advise you that, at its regular meeting on April 27, 2022, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Los Alamos Community Services District ("LACSD") voted unanimously to have LACSD withdraw as a member of the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("SABGSA"). Pursuant to Section 17.1 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement dated May 16, 2017 creating SABGSA, please accept this letter as LACSD's written notice of withdrawal as a member, effective 30 days from the date of this letter.

The reasons for LACSD's decision to withdraw include concerns regarding exposure to potential liabilities associated with its continued SABGSA membership, LACSD's limited budget to cover such liabilities and other costs relating to its membership, and the inability of LACSD to reach an agreement with SABGSA regarding the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement proposed by LACSD, which would recognize the value of facilities, support and other resources that LACSD has been providing to SABGSA (e.g., LACSD's office building, conference room, and teleconferencing system for meetings of the SABGSA Board of Directors and the San Antonio Basin Water District Board of Directors; staff support and other resources relating to SABGSA's operations).

We are enclosing with this letter copies of the written resignations of Juan Ramon Gomez, who serves as a Director of SABGSA, and Brad Vidro, who serves as an alternate Director.

The LACSD Board appreciates the opportunity to have served as a member of SABGSA, and wishes the agency success in developing, adopting, and implementing a groundwater sustainability plan for the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin.

Sincerely yours,



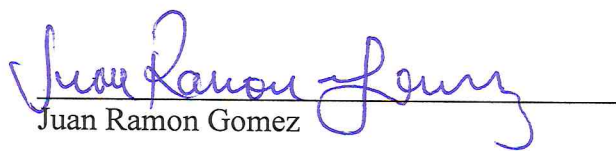
Leonard Bileti, President
LACSD Board of Directors

RESIGNATION

To: Board of Directors of the Los Alamos Community Services District

From: Juan Ramon Gomez

I hereby resign as a Director of the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, effective 30 days from the date set forth below.



Juan Ramon Gomez

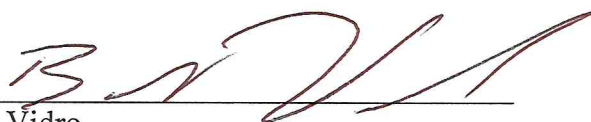
Date: 5/3/22

RESIGNATION

To: Board of Directors of the Los Alamos Community Services District

From: Brad Vidro

I hereby resign as an alternate Director of the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, effective 30 days from the date set forth below.



Brad Vidro

Date: 5/3/22

SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
DRAFT BUDGET FOR FY 2022-23

5/12/2022 - 1st Draft

INCOME	2021-22 YTD	2022-23 BUDGET	2023-24 BUDGET	2024-25 BUDGET
01 DWR Grant #1	\$93,058.20	\$41,600.28	\$0.00	\$0.00
02 DWR Grant #2	\$106,286.70	\$82,179.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$15.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Operating Transfers from SABWD	\$260,000.00	\$762,300.00	\$765,200.00	\$714,300.00
Total Income	\$459,360.07	\$886,079.89	\$765,200.00	\$714,300.00
EXPENSES	2021-22 YTD	2022-23 BUDGET	2023-24 BUDGET	2024-25 BUDGET
01 - Administrative/Office Exp				
Payroll	\$41,584.40	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Website	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
02 - Accountant	\$6,485.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
03 - Comm Eng/Grant Writing/Non-GSP	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04 - Monitoring				
Quarterly Monitoring	\$38,234.51	\$37,555.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Quarterly Reporting (incl. in monitoring)		\$5,590.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
Annual Maintenance	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Contingency for Field Issues & New Equipment	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
05 - Legal Counsel	\$18,117.50	\$72,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
06 - Insurance	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,000.00
07 - Audit Fees	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00
08 - GSP Development Consultant	\$220,447.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
09 - GSP Related Costs				
GSP Annual Report	\$59,958.75	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
GSP Corrective Action	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
10 - GSP Implementation / PMAs				
Address Data Gaps				
Barka Slough Stream Gage Installation	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GDE & Barka Slough Survey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Streamflow Monitoring, Maintenance, & Calibration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00
Update Water Use Factors	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
USGS Model Review	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Well Surveys (Hydrogeologist)	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Well Surveys (Contractor)	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pumping Fee Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
On-Call Hydrogeological Consulting	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Rate Study	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stakeholder Workshops	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Sustainable Yield Allocation Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Water Use Efficiency Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Water Credit & Marketing Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Well Census & Registration Program	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Well Impact Study/Analysis	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Well Metering Program	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00
11 - Executive Order - Written Verification (Hydrogeologist)	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$384,827.16	\$494,645.00	\$560,200.00	\$446,000.00
TOTAL	YTD ACTUALS	2022-23 BUDGET	2023-24 BUDGET	2024-25 BUDGET
Income Subtotal	\$459,360.07	\$886,079.89	\$765,200.00	\$714,300.00
Expenses	\$384,827.16	\$494,645.00	\$560,200.00	\$446,000.00
Contingency (15%)	\$0.00	\$74,196.75	\$84,030.00	\$66,900.00
Expenses Subtotal	\$384,827.16	\$568,841.75	\$644,230.00	\$512,900.00
YEAR END POSITION	\$74,532.91	\$317,238.14	\$120,970.00	\$201,400.00