SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Tuesday, October 20, 2026

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

   Board of Directors Present: Dan Chabot, Tom Durant, Bart Haycraft, Patrice Mosby, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

   Directors Absent: Barbara Landon, Kenny Pata

   Alternates present, but not acting on behalf of a Director: Jim Stollberg

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**
   No public comments were received.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

   a. Minutes from September 15, 2026, SABGSA Board Meeting
   Motion by *Director Durant,* second by *Director Mosby* to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2026 Board meeting, as presented.
   Ayes: Dan Chabot, Tom Durant, Bart Haycraft, Patrice Mosby, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather
   Nos: None; **Absent:** Barbara Landon, Kenny Pata; **Abstain:** None

   b. Agency Finances, Budgeting, and Training
   Motion by *Director Chabot,* second by *Director Haycraft* to approve the financial report dated September 30, 2026, as presented.
   Ayes: Dan Chabot, Tom Durant, Bart Haycraft, Patrice Mosby, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather
   Nos: None; **Absent:** Barbara Landon, Kenny Pata; **Abstain:** None

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

   a. SABGSA Executive Director Updates

   - DWR Contact: George Peraza became SABGSA's new DWR point of contact effective September 29, 2026. Anita Regmi remains the supervising contact.
   - Funding Request: SABGSA submitted a funding request to SABWD on October 13, 2026, for $62,478.07 to cover outstanding invoices.
   - Groundwater Level Monitoring: The Q3 2026 monitoring event was conducted September 8–9, including vegetation trimming along access trails near Barka Slough. The monitoring report was scheduled for review under Agenda Item 6(b).
   - Grant Opportunities: SABGSA continues to monitor potential funding opportunities, including Proposition 4 Watershed Resilience and Sustainable Groundwater Management grants. Draft guidelines were released, with a public workshop scheduled for November 5, 2026.

- Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge (Flood-MAR): Staff provided information on the Recharge Readiness webinar series offered September through December 2026. Additional information and registration are available at https://floodmar.org/#what.
- Solomon Hills Development: Staff noted the October 23, 2026, County Board of Architectural Review hearing regarding the proposed Solomon Hills development.
- El Niño Preparedness: Santa Barbara County's 2026–27 El Niño preparedness resources were shared. https://www.countyofsb.org/el-nino-2026-27-0
- Compliance with Ordinance 25-001: Staff reported 289 registered wells, with 233 (81%) compliant and 56 (19%) non-compliant, including 37 Tier 1 and 19 Tier 2 wells. Following the July Tier 3 warning letters, eleven wells were registered, eight of which are now compliant. Staff continues working with landowners regarding parcels without wells and changes in ownership.
- Groundwater Extraction Reporting: Staff reminded attendees that SABGSA's Groundwater Extraction Report for Reporting Period #1 is due November 1, 2026.
- Well Meter Assistance Program: Santa Barbara County's Well Meter Assistance Program rebates remain available for FY 2026–27.

b. San Antonio Basin Water District (SABWD) Update

SABWD Executive Director Donna Glass reported the following.

- The SABWD Board of Directors did not meet in October.
- As of September 30, 2026, total assets were $2,406,298, including $2,167,090 held in California CLASS and $239,208 in the operating account.
- SABWD approved a funding request from SABGSA in the amount of $62,478.07 to cover invoices received during the month.
- As of October 16, 2026, SABWD had received $336,703.76 (79%) in FY 2026–27 assessments, with an outstanding balance of $91,851. Assessments were due October 9, 2026, and become delinquent on February 8, 2027.

c. Advisory Committee Updates

The Advisory Committee did not meet.

d. Board Member Updates

No Board member updates were provided.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) 5-Year Periodic Evaluation

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires Groundwater Sustainability Agencies to evaluate their GSPs at least every five years and submit a written assessment to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). SABGSA's GSP 5-Year Periodic Evaluation is due January 21, 2027.

Michael McAlpin, GSI Water Solutions, Inc., presented draft Chapters 5–10 of the GSP 5-Year Periodic Evaluation for the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin. The presentation covered the following topics.

Chapter 5 – Basin Setting and Water Use: Updated information included the USGS San Antonio Creek Integrated Model (SACIM), DWR airborne electromagnetic surveys, and improved agricultural water-use estimates using Land IQ and OpenET. Agricultural land use decreased by approximately 872 acres since Water Year 2018. The water budget was updated through Water Year 2025, with no change to the Basin's estimated sustainable yield.

Chapter 6 – Monitoring Networks: The Evaluation reviewed groundwater level monitoring network modifications, including five well additions, two removals during the evaluation period, 19

additional wells proposed for removal, and six representative monitoring site (RMS) replacements. The Evaluation also identifies sustainability management criteria (SMCs) for certain wells using the methodology in the adopted GSP. Remaining data gaps and potential improvements were discussed for groundwater levels, groundwater quality, interconnected surface water, and land subsidence monitoring networks.

Chapter 7 – Authorities and Enforcement Actions: The Evaluation summarized SABGSA's regulatory actions, including adoption of the Well Registration Program, Well Meter Installation and Groundwater Extraction Reporting Program, and Administrative Enforcement Policy. The previously adopted Well Verification Policy was rescinded.

Chapter 8 – Outreach, Engagement, and Coordination: The Evaluation documented SABGSA's Board meetings, public workshops, outreach activities, public comment opportunities, and coordination with other agencies throughout GSP implementation.

Chapter 9 – Other Information: Formal coordination with adjacent basins has not been necessary due to minimal hydrologic connectivity. Technical and financial challenges remain consistent with those identified in the GSP. No legal challenges have impeded GSP implementation.

Chapter 10 – Summary of Proposed or Completed Revisions to Plan Elements: No immediate formal GSP revisions are proposed. Several GSP elements have been identified for potential revision prior to or in conjunction with the 10-Year Periodic Evaluation.

Next Steps: GSI will present the final draft to the Board on November 17, 2026, for conditional approval, with revisions anticipated by December 18, 2026, and submission to DWR by January 21, 2027.

Public Comments: SABGSA staff noted that draft Chapters 2–10 are available for public review on SABGSA's website. No public comments were received during the meeting. Public comments are encouraged and will be accepted throughout the GSP 5-Year Periodic Evaluation process.

b. Q3 2026 Quarterly Groundwater Level Monitoring Report

The SABGSA received the Q3 2026 Quarterly Groundwater Level Monitoring Report for the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin. Chair Randy Sharer reviewed the report and associated groundwater level trend graphs, which are available on SABGSA's website. Groundwater levels were measured in 39 of the 40 monitoring network wells during the quarter.

7. NEXT MEETING: November 17, 2026 at 6pm at the Los Alamos Community Services District.

8. ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.