SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Tuesday, September 15, 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: Tom Durant, Bart Haycraft, Alternate Richard Kline, Barbara Landon, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather
   Directors Absent: Dan Chabot
   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 August 18, 2026, SABGSA Board Meeting
   Motion by *Director Mosby,* second by *Director Durant* to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2026 Board meeting, as presented.
   Ayes: Tom Durant, Barbara Landon, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather
   Nos: None; **Absent:** Dan Chabot; **Abstain:** None

   b. Agency Finances, Budgeting, and Training
   Motion by *Director Pata,* second by *Director Wrather* to approve the financial report dated August 31, 2026, as presented.
   Ayes: Tom Durant, Barbara Landon, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather
   Nos: None; **Absent:** Dan Chabot; **Abstain:** None

   Director Haycraft and Alternate Director Kline arrived after consideration of the Consent Items and did not participate in either vote.

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
   a. SABGSA Executive Director Updates
   - SABGSA submitted a fund request to SABWD on September 10, 2026 in the amount of $41,456.63 to cover invoices received this month.
   - The Q3 2026 Groundwater Level Monitoring Event was conducted September 8–9, 2026, including vegetation trimming along access trails to monitoring wells near Barka Slough. The Q3 Monitoring Report will be presented at the October 20, 2026 Board meeting.
   - Potential Grant Opportunities – SABGSA will continue monitoring available funding opportunities.
     - Proposition 4 Watershed Resilience and Sustainable Groundwater Management

(SGM) Grant Programs. The draft guidelines have been released. The public comment period is July 31 through September 30, 2026.

- Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge (Flood-MAR): Flood-MAR uses excess floodwater to replenish groundwater supplies through managed infiltration. A series of Recharge Readiness webinars is being offered September through December 2026, covering groundwater recharge assessment tools, on-farm recharge guidance, floodwater forecasts, recharge resources, and water quality considerations. Additional information and registration are available at https://floodmar.org/#what.
- Compliance with Ordinance 25-001: Staff reported that 288 wells are currently registered with SABGSA, with 232 wells (81%) in compliance and 56 wells (19%) remaining non-compliant, including 37 Tier 1 wells and 19 Tier 2 wells. Staff also provided an update on Tier 3 landowners following the warning letters sent in July. Since the letters were issued, ten wells have been registered, seven of which are now in compliance. Staff is also working with landowners to address parcels reported to have no wells and parcels that have recently changed ownership.
- SB County Well Meter Assistance Program (WMAP) – Rebates remain available in 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 September.
- As of August 31, 2026, total assets were $2,203,750, including $2,160,311 held in California CLASS and $43,438 in the operating account.
- SABWD approved a funding request from SABGSA in the amount of $41,456.63 to cover invoices received during the month.
- As of September 15, 2026, SABWD had received $132,934 (31%) in FY 2026–27 assessments, with an outstanding balance of $295,620. Assessments are due October 9, 2026, and become delinquent 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 2–4 of the GSP 5-Year Periodic Evaluation for the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin. The Board reviewed and discussed the following topics.

Chapter 2 – New Information Collected: New technical information and data collected since GSP adoption included updated Barka Slough Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI) analysis through Water Year 2025, the USGS San Antonio Creek Integrated Model (SACIM) climate scenario evaluation, DWR airborne electromagnetic survey data, satellite-measured agricultural irrigation estimates,

and annual reporting.

Chapter 3 – Groundwater Conditions: Groundwater conditions for Water Years 2019–2025 were evaluated relative to the GSP's sustainable management criteria for five sustainability indicators: groundwater levels, change in groundwater in storage, groundwater quality, land subsidence, and interconnected surface water. The evaluation found no undesirable results during this period. Some groundwater levels in the Paso Robles Formation fell below minimum thresholds during dry periods, but conditions improved following the wetter years of 2023 and 2024. No dry wells were reported, and the Basin experienced a cumulative net increase in groundwater in storage over the evaluation period.

Chapter 4 – Status of Projects and Management Actions: Progress implementing the GSP's projects and management actions included completion of the Well Registration Program, adoption of the Well Meter Installation and Groundwater Extraction Reporting Program, installation of 10 additional pressure transducers in monitoring network wells, expansion of the groundwater level monitoring network by five wells, and improvements to monitoring data accuracy.

Department of Water Resources (DWR) Recommended Corrective Actions**:** The Periodic Evaluation reviews DWR's five recommended corrective actions related to groundwater levels and potential well impacts, groundwater quality, interconnected surface water, and land subsidence. SABGSA's existing monitoring and evaluation practices already address several of the recommendations. The only change to the sustainability criteria proposed at this time is the removal of the drought-related contingency from the definition of undesirable results for groundwater levels. No undesirable results were identified for any of the five sustainability indicators during the evaluation period; therefore, several remaining recommendations do not warrant immediate action and will continue to be evaluated and addressed through ongoing GSP implementation. Any resulting changes from the additional analyses would be included in a GSP amendment prior to the 10-year Periodic Evaluation.

Public Comments: SABGSA staff noted that draft Chapters 2–4 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.

7. **NEXT MEETING:** October 20, 2026 at 6pm at the Los Alamos Community Services District.

8. **ADJOURN** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.