



SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Tuesday, September 16, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Randy Sharer at 6:00pm 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, Barbara Landon, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

Directors Absent: None

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 comment.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

a. **Minutes from August 19, 2025, SABGSA Board Meeting**

Motion by Director Chabot, second by Director Merrill to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025 Board meeting, as presented.

Ayes: Dan Chabot, Tom Durant, Barbara Landon, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

Nos: None; **Absent:** None; **Abstain:** None

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

Motion by Director Durant, second by Director Pata to approve the financial report dated August 31, 2025, as presented.

Ayes: Dan Chabot, Tom Durant, Barbara Landon, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

Nos: None; **Absent:** None; **Abstain:** None

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

a. **SABGSA Executive Director Updates**

- Ordinance 25-001 (Well Metering & Groundwater Extraction Reporting):
 - Since the August 19, 2025 board meeting, the SABGSA received several communications and/or inquiries from Basin landowners regarding Ordinance 25-001 - 2 mailing address corrections, 1 inquiry from a de minimis well owner to confirm a meter is not required, 1 inquiry from a landowner requesting SABGSA's reporting forms and WMAP app to be mailed, 4 Inactive Well Forms received.
 - Mailing #2 to landowners regarding Ordinance 25-001 was mailed on August 26, 2025.
 - The Resource Guide was updated and posted on SABGSA's website.

- SABGSA Response to Grand Jury Report: The SABGSA submitted its response on August 23, 2025. The County of Santa Barbara confirmed receipt on August 25, 2025.
- The SABGSA submitted a funding request SABWD on September 11, 2025 for \$18,789.13 to cover invoices received this month.
- The Q3 2025 Groundwater Level Monitoring event will take place on September 16-17, 2025. The Barka Slough Veg Trimming will occur simultaneously.

b. San Antonio Basin Water District (SABWD) Update

Executive Director Donna Glass reported that the San Antonio Basin Water District (SABWD) Board of Directors did not meet on September 16, 2025.

- The SABWD approved a fund request from the SABGSA for \$18,789.13 to cover their monthly invoices.
- Two SABWD Board terms expire at the end of 2025. Candidate forms were received from Ken Hunter and Victor Schaff. The County Board of Supervisors will appoint them in lieu of election before December 1, 2025.

c. Advisory Committee Updates

- The Advisory Committee did not meet in August 2025.

• Board Member Updates

- None.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Informational Presentation from Wayne Cooper Ag Services Regarding the Benefits of Pump Efficiency and Flow Meter Accuracy Testing

Charity Doherty and Debbie Cooper from Wayne Cooper Ag Services provided an informational presentation on the benefits of pump efficiency and flow meter accuracy testing for agricultural wells. Their flow meter accuracy testing and verification process uses a non-invasive, on-site method that compares the installed meter's flow rate to that of a calibrated "strap-on" ultrasonic reference meter. For accurate results, a straight run of piping—about three times the pipe diameter—is required, and the pump should be operating normally for at least 30 minutes prior to testing. This service can be offered on its own or as part of a comprehensive pump efficiency test, which evaluates water levels, energy input, system pressure, and flow rate. The pump efficiency test costs approximately \$250 and is recommended annually to help maintain optimal system performance and ensure accurate water measurement.

b. Santa Barbara County Water Agency - Well Meter Assistance Program (WMA) Application

The Santa Barbara County Water Agency revised the application for the [Well Meter Assistance Program](#) (WMA), which provides financial assistance of up to \$500 toward the cost of qualifying water meters for landowners. SABGSA staff [presented an overview](#) of the updated application and process.

- Eligibility is limited to one meter per applicant.
- Property owners may purchase and install eligible well meters at any time, then submit documentation for reimbursement.
- The well meter must meet the guidelines established by the Basin's GSA.
- Rebates are available until June 30, 2026, or until funding is depleted.
- Applicants will be reimbursed for the cost of the meter, not to exceed \$500. The program may be continued each fiscal year (July 1–June 30), subject to available funding.

c. Consider a Proposal from GSI Water Solutions to Prepare and Submit the GSP Annual Report for Water Year 2025

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed scope of work and associated fees from GSI Water Solutions, Inc. to prepare the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Annual Report for the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin for Water Year 2025, in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements, and upload to the SGMA Portal.

Motion by *Director Merrill*, second by *Director Mosby* to approve the proposal from GSI Water Solutions, Inc. for Preparation and Submittal of the GSP Annual Report for Water Year 2025, dated September 10, 2025, in the amount of \$65,000, as presented.

Ayes: Dan Chabot, Tom Durant, Barbara Landon, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

Nos: None; **Absent:** None; **Abstain:** None

7. NEXT MEETING: October 21, 2025 at 6pm at the Los Alamos Community Services District.

8. ADJOURN – 6:46pm