



## **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 a regularly scheduled **Board Meeting** at **6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025** at the **Los Alamos Community Services District** located at **82 St. Joseph Street, Los Alamos, CA 93440**. Virtual options are available for public participation.<sup>1</sup>

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83127401605?pwd=WHpIQmZTR2hoY2NWa3J2MDczbnhtUT09>

Meeting ID: 831 2740 1605 Passcode: 203727

Dial: (669) 900 6833

### **SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

**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. At 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 15, 2025, Regular Meeting**

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

- i. The Board will receive a report from the accountant regarding finances and expenses for April 2025.
- ii. The Board will receive a report regarding training.

**5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**a. Executive Director Update**

- Update on activities performed by the Executive Director

**b. San Antonio Basin Water District Update**

- Update on San Antonio Basin Water District activities

**c. Advisory Committee Updates**

- Update on Advisory Committee activities

**d. Board Member Updates**

- Board members will provide any updates relevant to SABGSA

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

## **6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

### **a. Consider Adoption of Resolution 25-002 SABGSA Appeal Form and Appeal Fee and Deposit Agreement**

Pursuant to Section 11 of the SABGSA's Rules and Regulations ("Regulations"), landowners have the opportunity to appeal issuance of a Notice of Violation, fine or other decision made by the SABGSA to implement the Regulations. The Board will consider adoption of Resolution 25-002 affirming SABGSA's Appeal Form and Appeal Fee and Deposit Agreement. The Board may take action and/or provide specific direction to SABGSA staff and/or SABGSA's legal counsel related to this item.

### **b. Consider SABGSA Compliance Forms for Inactive and Abandoned Wells Related to Groundwater Extraction Reporting Requirements Outlined in Ordinance 25-001**

The Board of Directors will review and discuss the Inactive Well: Intention of Future Use Form and the Verification of Well Abandonment Form. The Board may take action and/or provide specific direction to SABGSA staff and/or SABGSA's legal counsel related to this item.

### **c. Review SABGSA Priorities and Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26**

The Board of Directors will discuss priorities and review the draft budget for fiscal year 2025-26. The Board may take action and/or provide specific direction to SABGSA staff related to this item.

## **7. ADJOURN**

**NEXT MEETING: June 17, 2025, at 6pm**



**SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, April 15, 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, Barbara Landon, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Alternate Jim Stollberg, Chris Wrather.

**Directors Absent:** Tom Durant

**Alternates present, but not acting on behalf of a Director:** None

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

No public comment.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

a. **Minutes from March 18, 2025, SABGSA Board Meeting**

**Motion by Director Merrill, second by Director Mosby to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 Board meeting, as presented.**

**Ayes:** Dan Chabot, Barbara Landon, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Alternate Jim Stollberg, Chris Wrather.

**Nos:** None; **Absent:** Tom Durant; **Abstain:** None

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

**Motion by Director Chabot, second by Director Pata to approve the financial report dated March 31, 2025, as presented.**

**Ayes:** Dan Chabot, Barbara Landon, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Alternate Jim Stollberg, Chris Wrather.

**Nos:** None; **Absent:** Tom Durant; **Abstain:** None

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

a. **SABGSA Executive Director Updates**

- Adoption of Ordinance 25-001: The CEQA Notice of Exemption for Ordinance 25-001 was filed with the County of Santa Barbara on March 21, 2025 and the State's Office of Planning and Research on April 14, 2025. The Notice of Adoption was published in the Santa Maria Times on March 25, 2025.
- The GSP Annual Report for Water Year 2024 was submitted to DWR on March 24, 2025. Corrections to Change in Groundwater in Storage Volumes for Water Years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2023 were submitted to DWR on April 9, 2025.
- The SABGSA submitted a funding request to the SABWD on April 10, 2025 for \$20,781.95 to cover invoices received this month.

- b. **San Antonio Basin Water District (SABWD) Update**
  - The SABWD Board of Directors did not meet on April 15, 2025.
- c. **Advisory Committee Updates**
  - The Advisory Committee did not meet in April 2025.
- d. **Board Member Updates**
  - None.

## 6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

### a. **Consider Adoption of Resolution 25-001 SABGSA Administrative Enforcement Policy**

At the March 18, 2025 meeting, SABGSA's legal counsel reviewed the draft Administrative Enforcement Policy regarding penalties and other enforcement tools for the SABGSA's Rules and Regulations. The Board directed SABGSA's legal counsel to prepare a resolution for consideration at the April 15, 2025 Board meeting. SABGSA's legal counsel reviewed Resolution 25-001 approving an Administrative Policy concerning penalties and enforcement actions.

**Motion by Director Wrather, second by Alternate Director Stollberg to adopt Resolution 25-001, as presented.**

**Ayes:** Dan Chabot, Barbara Landon, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Alternate Jim Stollberg, Chris Wrather.

**Nos:** None; **Absent:** Tom Durant; **Abstain:** None

### b. **Consider SABGSA Appeal Form and Appeal Fee and Deposit Agreement**

SABGSA's legal counsel outlined the process for landowners to appeal issuance of a Notice of Violation, fine, or other decision made by the SABGSA to implement the Rules and Regulations. SABGSA's legal counsel also reviewed the draft Appeal Form and draft Appeal Fee and Deposit Agreement.

The Board directed SABGSA's legal counsel to prepare a resolution for adoption of the Appeal Form and Appeal Fee & Deposit Agreement for consideration at the May 20, 2025 Board meeting.

### c. **Consider a Proposal from Wallace Group for On-Call Services to Provide Support for the SABGSA's Metering and Groundwater Extraction Reporting Requirements**

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed scope of work and associated fees for Wallace Group to provide ongoing support for the implementation of SABGSA's Ordinance 25-001 requiring meter installation and reporting of groundwater extraction.

**Motion by Director Merrill, second by Director Chabot to approve the proposal from Wallace Group for On-Call Support, dated April 10, 2025, in the amount of \$25,000, as presented.**

**Ayes:** Dan Chabot, Barbara Landon, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Alternate Jim Stollberg, Chris Wrather.

**Nos:** None; **Absent:** Tom Durant; **Abstain:** None

### d. **Review of SABGSA's Communications Plan Regarding Implementation of SABGSA's Metering and Groundwater Extraction Reporting Requirements**

The Board reviewed the draft correspondence with landowners regarding the implementation of the Well Metering and Groundwater Extraction Reporting Program including the cover letter, program compliance summary, and well registration information (by APN) on file with the SABGSA. The Board directed SABGSA staff to proceed with the mailing the correspondence on May 5, 2025.

## 7. **NEXT MEETING:** May 20, 2025 at 6pm at Los Alamos Community Services District.

## 8. **ADJOURN** – 7:00pm

**San Antonio Basin GSA**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
July 2024 through April 2025

| 83% of the year has elapsed        |             | Jul '24 - Apr 25 | Budget      | \$ Over Budget | % of Budget |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense            |             |                  |             |                |             |
| Expense                            |             |                  |             |                |             |
| Administration and Operation       |             |                  |             |                |             |
| 01Admininstrative Exp/Office Ex    | 45,616.22   | 75,900.00        | -30,283.78  | 60.1%          |             |
| 02-Accountant                      | 6,525.00    | 9,000.00         | -2,475.00   | 72.5%          |             |
| 03-Comm Eng Grant Wrtnng NonGSP    | 0.00        | 35,000.00        | -35,000.00  | 0.0%           |             |
| 04-Monitoring                      | 73,890.94   | 87,500.00        | -13,609.06  | 84.45%         |             |
| 05-Legal Counsel                   | 22,688.00   | 45,000.00        | -22,312.00  | 50.42%         |             |
| 06-Insurance                       | 1,765.00    | 1,800.00         | -35.00      | 98.06%         |             |
| 07-Audit Fees                      | 0.00        | 4,000.00         | -4,000.00   | 0.0%           |             |
| 09-GSP Related Costs-Annual Rep    | 57,453.00   | 57,500.00        | -47.00      | 99.92%         |             |
| 10-GSP Implementation / PMAs       | 28,105.86   | 185,000.00       | -156,894.14 | 15.19%         |             |
| Total Administration and Operation | 236,044.02  | 500,700.00       | -264,655.98 | 47.14%         |             |
| Total Expense                      | 236,044.02  | 500,700.00       | -264,655.98 | 47.14%         |             |
| Net Ordinary Income                | -236,044.02 | -500,700.00      | 264,655.98  | 47.14%         |             |
| Other Income/Expense               |             |                  |             |                |             |
| Other Income                       |             |                  |             |                |             |
| 11 Operating Transfers             | 256,159.60  | 550,000.00       | -293,840.40 | 46.57%         |             |
| Total Other Income                 | 256,159.60  | 550,000.00       | -293,840.40 | 46.57%         |             |
| Other Expense                      |             |                  |             |                |             |
| Contingency (10%)                  | 0.00        | 49,300.00        | -49,300.00  | 0.0%           |             |
| Total Other Expense                | 0.00        | 49,300.00        | -49,300.00  | 0.0%           |             |
| Net Other Income                   | 256,159.60  | 500,700.00       | -244,540.40 | 51.16%         |             |
| Net Income                         | 20,115.58   | 0.00             | 20,115.58   | 100.0%         |             |

San Antonio Basin GSA

Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2025

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
|                            | <u>Apr 30, 25</u> |
| ASSETS                     |                   |
| Current Assets             | 25,000.00         |
| TOTAL ASSETS               | <u>25,000.00</u>  |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY       |                   |
| Equity                     |                   |
| Retained Earnings          | 4,884.42          |
| Net Income                 | 20,115.58         |
| Total Equity               | <u>25,000.00</u>  |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u>25,000.00</u>  |

# San Antonio Basin GSA Expenses by Vendor Detail

April 2025

|  | Type  | Date       | Num  | Account                         | Split                           | Amount           |
|--|-------|------------|------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>BERTOUX &amp; COMPANY</b>           |       |            |      |                                 |                                 |                  |
|  | Check | 04/14/2025 | 3195 | 01Administrative Exp/Office Ex  | Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006 | 5,000.00         |
|  | Check | 04/14/2025 | 3198 | 10-GSP Implementation / PMAs    | Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006 | 123.80           |
| Total BERTOUX & COMPANY                |       |            |      |                                 |                                 | 5,123.80         |
| <b>Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck</b> |       |            |      |                                 |                                 |                  |
|  | Check | 04/14/2025 | 3194 | 05-Legal Counsel                | Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006 | 2,990.00         |
| Total Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck  |       |            |      |                                 |                                 | 2,990.00         |
| <b>Carrie Troup, C.P.A.</b>            |       |            |      |                                 |                                 |                  |
|  | Check | 04/14/2025 | 3197 | 02-Accountant                   | Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006 | 725.00           |
| Total Carrie Troup, C.P.A.             |       |            |      |                                 |                                 | 725.00           |
| <b>GSI WATER SOLUTIONS, INC.</b>       |       |            |      |                                 |                                 |                  |
|  | Check | 04/14/2025 | 3191 | 10-GSP Implementation / PMAs    | Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006 | 2,526.25         |
|  | Check | 04/14/2025 | 3192 | 04-Monitoring                   | Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006 | 6,683.15         |
|  | Check | 04/14/2025 | 3193 | 09-GSP Related Costs-Annual Rep | Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006 | 2,533.75         |
| Total GSI WATER SOLUTIONS, INC.        |       |            |      |                                 |                                 | 11,743.15        |
| <b>Los Alamos CSD</b>                  |       |            |      |                                 |                                 |                  |
|  | Check | 04/14/2025 | 3196 | 01Administrative Exp/Office Ex  | Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006 | 200.00           |
| Total Los Alamos CSD                   |       |            |      |                                 |                                 | 200.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           |       |            |      |                                 |                                 | <b>20,781.95</b> |

San Antonio Basin GSA - Board Training

|                 | Required Biannually             | Required Annually              | Required Annually      | Required Biannually          |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
|                 | <u>Anti-Harassment Training</u> | <u>Form 700 - County of SB</u> | <u>Form 700 - FPPC</u> | <u>Public Service Ethics</u> |
|                 | Next Due                        | Next Due                       | Next Due               | Next Due                     |
|                 |                                 |                                |                        |                              |
| Dan Chabot      | May 27, 2025                    | Filed                          | Filed                  | June 26, 2026                |
|                 |                                 |                                |                        |                              |
| Tom Durant      | February 12, 2027               | Filed                          | Filed                  | November 20, 2026            |
|                 |                                 |                                |                        |                              |
| Bart Haycraft   | NEED                            | Filed                          | Filed                  | June 22, 2025                |
|                 |                                 |                                |                        |                              |
| Richard Kline   | NEED                            | Filed                          | Filed                  | NEED                         |
|                 |                                 |                                |                        |                              |
| Barbara Landon  | July 24, 2025                   | Filed                          | Filed                  | July 24, 2025                |
|                 |                                 |                                |                        |                              |
| Kevin Merrill   | March 1, 2026                   | Filed                          | Filed                  | April 3, 2026                |
|                 |                                 |                                |                        |                              |
| Patrice Mosby   | February 20, 2026               | Filed                          | Filed                  | February 20, 2026            |
|                 |                                 |                                |                        |                              |
| Kenny Pata      | February 4, 2026                | Filed                          | Filed                  | February 4, 2026             |
|                 |                                 |                                |                        |                              |
| Randy Sharer    | November 28, 2025               | Files                          | Filed                  | November 29, 2025            |
|                 |                                 |                                |                        |                              |
| James Stollberg | January 30, 2027                | Filed                          | Filed                  | February 20, 2026            |
|                 |                                 |                                |                        |                              |
| Brad Vidro      | December 20, 2026               | Filed                          | Filed                  | December 6, 2025             |
|                 |                                 |                                |                        |                              |
| Chris Wrather   | NEED                            | Filed                          | Filed                  | January 17, 2025             |

**ETHICS & HARASSMENT TRAINING**  
Golden State Risk Management Target Solutions  
<http://app.targetolutions.com/sanantoniobasingsa>  
Username : your email  
Password: vector

**FORM 700 - COUNTY OF SB**  
County of Santa Barbara  
<https://www.southtechhosting.com/SantaBarbaraCounty/eDisclosure/>  
Username: your email  
\*Password: Each Director has their own password  
*\*Contact Stephanie if you need to reset your password*

**FORM 700 - FPPC**  
Fair Political Practices Commission  
<https://form700.fppc.ca.gov>  
Username: your email  
\*Password: Emailed to you directly from FPPC  
*\*Contact Stephanie if you need to reset your password*



## **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 25-002**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY APPROVING AN APPEAL FORM AND RELATED FEE AND DEPOSIT AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SABGSA”) was formed pursuant to a joint exercise of powers agency (“JPA”) executed on May 16, 2017 between the Cachuma Resource Conservation District and the Los Alamos Community Services District;

**WHEREAS**, the SABGSA decided to become the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”) for the San Antonio Creek Valley Basin (“Basin”) on June 14, 2017;

**WHEREAS**, the San Antonio Basin Water District replaced the Cachuma Resource Conservation District as a member of the JPA on May 19, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”), on December 7, 2021, the SABGSA adopted the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“Plan”) that establishes the SABGSA’s groundwater management program and sustainability goal for the Basin;

**WHEREAS**, SGMA authorizes a local GSA to manage a groundwater basin in a sustainable manner pursuant to its groundwater sustainability plan;

**WHEREAS**, to assist in its management, Water Code Section 10725.2 authorizes GSAs, such as the SABGSA, to adopt rules, regulations, ordinances, and resolutions for the purpose of complying with SGMA and perform any act necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of SGMA;

**WHEREAS**, to effectively implement sustainable groundwater management with the Basin, the SABGSA adopted Ordinance No. 22-001 establishing Rules and Regulations (“Regulations”) of the SABGSA, which have been amended and supplemented from time to time, including through Ordinance No. 25-001 establishing metering and groundwater extraction reporting requirements;

**WHEREAS**, the Regulations contain rules, regulations and other requirements that are necessary and proper for the SABGSA to implement its Plan to achieve sustainable groundwater management for the Basin under SGMA;

**WHEREAS**, the SABGSA developed the Regulations with the goal of establishing effective enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance with the Regulations while also providing due process protections for persons subject to the Regulations;

**WHEREAS**, the Section 11 of the Regulations establishes procedural requirements and a process for persons subject to the Regulations to appeal decisions under the Regulations to the SABGSA Board of Directors (“Board”) for review and actions;

**WHEREAS**, to process an appeal, SABGSA staff and consultants will need to expend SABGSA resources to review the appeal form and related materials to evaluate the contents of an appeal, including, but not limited to, any technical, legal or administrative issues raised, to assess the merits of the appeal;

**WHEREAS**, as contemplated in Section 11 of the Regulations, the SABGSA seeks to establish fee(s) and deposit(s) to cover the SABGSA’s reasonable costs to process and act on an appeal (“Appeal Fee”);

**WHEREAS**, the SABGSA has the authority to impose fees on other regulated activity to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program pursuant to Water Code section 10730 and other applicable law;

**WHEREAS**, the SABGSA published a proposed Appeal Form, Appeal Fee and Deposit Agreement, and Rate Schedule on April 11, 2025, and attached hereto as Attachment 1, containing the data upon which the SABGSA’s proposed Appeal Fee is based and, as required by Water Code Section 10730 and other applicable law, provided notice of this report to interested parties and the public;

**WHEREAS**, the Appeal Form and attached Rate Schedule contains a summary of the work and hourly fees for the SABGSA staff and consultants to review an appeal application to establish the bases for the Appeal Fee and the deposit amount for an appeal, provided that SABGSA staff and consultants shall only charge the actual costs for the time expending on processing an appeal;

**WHEREAS**, the SABGSA’s Board of Directors held a noticed public meeting on April 15, 2025, regarding the Appeal Fee, at which the Board of Directors accepted oral and written presentations on said fee;

**WHEREAS**, the SABGSA’s Board of Directors finds that the proposed Appeal Fee is a reasonable regulatory fee based on the SABGSA’s costs to process an appeal under Section 11 of the Regulations, bears a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor’s burdens on or benefits received from appeal, is no more than necessary to cover the SABGSA’s reasonable regulatory costs to implement said policy and therefore complies with the requirements of the California Constitution, including Article XIII C, section 1, subdivision (e)(3), and state law, including Water Code Section 10730(a); and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of this resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Guidelines Sections 15273 and 15378(b)(5) and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8)(A) and (B), in that the fees shall be used for reimbursement for staff and consultants time and costs associated with processing an appeal.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the SABGSA, as follows:

- 1. Incorporation of Recitals.** All the recitals in this Resolution are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 2. Findings.** Based on substantial evidence in the record, the SABGSA’s Board of Directors makes the following findings: The amount of the Appeal Fee (a) is no more than necessary to cover the SABGSA’s reasonable costs processing an appeal in accordance with Section 11 of the Regulations, as authorized by Water Code Section 10730; (b) bears a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor’s burdens on, or benefits received from, the SABGSA’s processing of an appeal; (c) does not exceed the costs for the SABGSA to implement Section 11 of the Regulations; and (d) shall not be used for any other purpose.
- 3. Fee.** The fees to process an appeal are established in accordance with the Rate Schedule, attached hereto as the final page of Attachment 1.
- 4. Deposit.** An initial deposit in the amount of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) (“Initial Deposit”) shall be submitted for any appeal and the deposit shall be spent and supplemented based on the hourly rates as set forth and in accordance with the Fee and Deposit Agreement described in Section 5 of this Resolution. The Initial Deposit amount reflects the SABGSA’s anticipated costs to process an appeal.
- 5. Appeal Form and Fee and Deposit Agreement.** The SABGSA Board of Director’s hereby approves the Appeal Form and Appeal Fee and Deposit Agreement, Resolution as Attachment 1, to establish the Appeal Form rights and obligations of the parties for the purposes of implementing the Appeal Fee.
- 6. Administrative Authorization.** The SABGSA Executive Director shall have the authority to take other such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the intent of this Resolution.
- 7. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution. The SABGSA Board of Directors hereby declares that it would have passed and adopted this resolution, and each and all provisions hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more provisions may be declared invalid.
- 8. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption and terminate only upon rescission by the Board of Directors.

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED**, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 25-002 was duly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors of the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability SABGSA at a meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_, Board Chair  
San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary  
San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Appeal Form  
Fee and Deposit Agreement (Attachment A)  
Rate Schedule (Exhibit A)**



## SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

### APPEAL FORM

Pursuant to Section 11 of the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("SABGSA") Rules and Regulations ("Regulations"), the undersigned Appellant<sup>1</sup> appeals a decision made under the Regulations to the SABGSA Board of Directors ("Board") for review.<sup>2</sup> A complete copy of this Form, the **non-refundable** Appeal Fee, and a signed Deposit Agreement (Attachment A)<sup>3</sup> are required for any appeal submitted to be deemed complete.<sup>4</sup> A complete Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the SABGSA decision for which you are seeking review.

#### **Appellant Information:**

Landowner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Address/APN: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Operator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Operator Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Operator Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Groundwater Extraction Facility Address/APN/State Well No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Lands served by Groundwater Extraction Facility (Addresses/APNs): \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Brief Description of Project (if applicable):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Decision Subject of the Appeal:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Decision:** \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this Appeal, Appellant refers to a Property Owner and/or Operator, as those terms are defined in Section 1 of the Regulations, challenging a decision of the SABGSA.

<sup>2</sup> The Board's decision shall constitute final action of the appeal, subject to judicial review pursuant to California Civil Code section 1094.5.

<sup>3</sup> A complete and signed Appeal Fee and Deposit Agreement along with the deposit payment must be submitted with this Appeal Form.

<sup>4</sup> Please include attachments if more space is required to respond to a particular answer.

**Basis for Appeal:**

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**Information/Evidence Supporting Appeal:**

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Note: Please include attachments and copies of any evidence as an attachment.

**Requested Action(s):**

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Under penalty of law, submission of this form to SABGSA is your certification that you are authorized to submit it and that the information presented is true.

**APPELLANT**

Appellant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Appellant Name/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner (if different from Appellant)

Property Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Name/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent (if applicable – for example, attorney)

Agent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent Name/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent Contact Information (phone/email): \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed:** Attachment A - Appeal Fee and Deposit Agreement



## APPEAL FEE AND DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

**THIS APPEAL FEE AND DEPOSIT AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”) is made and effective on \_\_\_\_\_ (“Effective Date”) by and between the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SABGSA”), and \_\_\_\_\_ (“Appellant”). SABGSA and Appellant are each referred to as a “Party” and collectively referred to as the “Parties” in this Agreement.

### RECITALS:

A. Appellant seeks to appeal issuance of a Notice of Violation, fine or other decision issued by the SABGSA (“Appeal”) pursuant to the SABGSA Rules and Regulations (“Regulations”).

B. Section 11 of the Regulations requires the Appellant to bear all fees and costs, including staff time, associated with processing an Appeal and permits the SABGSA to create a deposit agreement required to file an Appeal.

C. Pursuant to SABGSA Resolution No. 25-002, the SABGSA Board of Directors (“Board”) approved the appropriate fees to reimburse SABGSA staff and consultants for the reasonable costs of an Appeal as provided herein, and establish a deposit amount required to file an Appeal.

D. The Parties agree that it is impossible to ascertain the full extent of the costs associated with the Appeal due to the size, nature or scope of the Appeal and therefore the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement to specify the terms of the Appellant’s deposit and reimbursement of costs to process and review the Appeal.

### AGREEMENT

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants set forth herein, and for other consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

#### 1. Construction.

This Agreement shall be broadly constructed to accomplish its intent. In the event of any irresolvable conflict or inconsistency in the terms of the Agreement, the SABGSA, in its sole discretion, shall resolve the conflict or inconsistency and implement the final decision.

#### 2. The Deposit; Additional Advances.

- a) Establishing and Supplementing Deposit. Upon execution of this Agreement, Appellant shall provide to the SABGSA an initial deposit of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) (“Initial Deposit”) to reimburse the SABGSA for Eligible Expenses, as defined in Section 2(b). The SABGSA shall monitor its expenses and the balance in the deposit account and whenever it believes, in good faith, that there will be insufficient funds to pay the SABGSA’s expenses to process the Appeal, the SABGSA may make one or more written requests for additional funds (each an “Additional Advance”), which shall state the existing balance and the additional amount requested. The SABGSA shall base its request for an Additional Advance on consultant(s) and staff(s) hourly rate described in the rate schedule, attached hereto as Exhibit A (“Rate Schedule”). The SABGSA may request the funds it reasonably

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believes necessary to cover the additional costs to process the Appeal. The Initial Deposit and Additional Advance funds are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Deposit." Appellant shall make the Additional Advance within five (5) business days of the SABGSA's written request therefor. If Appellant fails to timely make the Additional Advance, Appellant agrees that the SABGSA may cease any or all additional work on the Appeal until the SABGSA receives the Additional Advance from Appellant.

- b) Eligible Expenses. In accordance with the Rate Schedule, the Deposit shall be used to exclusively reimburse the SABGSA for costs incurred by the SABGSA in connection with the following (all of which shall be deemed "Eligible Expenses"): (i) the fees and expenses incurred by the consultant(s) and legal counsel employed by the SABGSA in connection with administering the Appeal and the SABGSA's Executive Director; and (ii) all other actions or activities, if any, reasonably taken by the SABGSA in connection with administering the Appeal.
- c) Administration of Deposit. The Deposit may be placed in the SABGSA's account with other funds for purposes of investment and safekeeping. The Deposit shall not accrue interest. The SABGSA shall administer the Deposit and use the Deposit to reimburse the SABGSA for Eligible Expenses. The SABGSA shall maintain satisfactory accounting records as to the expenditure of the Deposit at all times.
- d) Unexpended Funds. Upon the approval or denial of an Appeal by the SABGSA, or upon an Appellant's withdrawal of an Appeal, the SABGSA shall return any then-unexpended portion of the Deposit to Appellant, without interest, less an amount equal to any unpaid Eligible Expenses previously incurred by the SABGSA ("Unexpended Funds").
- e) Statements of Account. The SABGSA shall provide Appellant a summary of expenditures made from the Deposit, and the unexpended balance thereof, whenever requesting any Additional Advance and within ten (10) business days of receipt by the SABGSA of a request therefore submitted by Appellant.

### **3. Independent Judgment of the SABGSA; SABGSA Not Liable**

The Board shall use its independent judgment in determining the Board's action on the Appeal under the Regulations and applicable law. Execution of this Agreement and payment of the Deposit by the Appellant in no way limits the SABGSA's discretion over the Appeal.

Appellant expressly understands and agrees that any consultant retained on behalf of the SABGSA is under contract solely on behalf of the SABGSA, and the SABGSA is free to exercise its independent judgment in making payments to the consultants or revising or accepting the consultant's work product, without any liability whatsoever by the SABGSA to Appellant therefor.

### **4. Notices.**

Any notices, requests, demands, documents, approvals, or disapprovals given or sent under this Agreement from one Party to another (collectively, the "Notices") shall be given to the Party entitled thereto as follows. For the SABGSA, notices shall be delivered to P.O. Box 196, Solvang California 93464, [admin@sanantoniobasingsa.org](mailto:admin@sanantoniobasingsa.org). For the Appellant, notices shall be delivered to the

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Appellant's contact information provided on the Appeal. The Parties may establish alternate contact information for the delivery of Notices consistent with this section.

Each such Notice shall be deemed delivered to the Party to whom it is addressed: (i) if personally served or delivered, upon delivery; (ii) if given by facsimile or email, upon the sender's receipt of an appropriate answerback or other written acknowledgement; (iii) if given by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, deposited with the United States mail postage prepaid, seventy-two (72) hours after such notice is deposited with the United States mail; (iv) if given by overnight courier, with courier charges prepaid, twenty-four (24) hours after delivery to said overnight courier; or (v) if given by any other means, upon delivery at the address specified in this Section.

### **5. Choice of Law; Venue.**

This Agreement, and any dispute arising from the relationship between the Parties, shall be governed by, construed in accordance with, and interpreted under the laws of the State of California. Any dispute that arises under or relates to this Agreement (whether contract, tort, or both) shall be resolved in a California State Court in the County of Santa Barbara, or if jurisdiction over the action cannot be obtained in a State Court, in a Federal Court in the Central District of California.

### **6. Entire Agreement.**

This Agreement represents the full, final, and complete Agreement between the Parties hereto regarding the subject matter of this Agreement. No change or amendment to this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing and signed by both Parties.

### **7. Severability.**

If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Agreement to be illegal, unenforceable, or invalid for any reason, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected.

### **8. Ambiguities.**

Any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not be applied in interpreting this Agreement.

### **9. Counterparts.**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together will constitute one instrument.

### **10. Authority.**

The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the Parties warrant that: (i) such Party is duly organized and existing; (ii) they are duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said Party; (iii) by so executing this Agreement, such Party is formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement; and (iv) the entering into of this Agreement does not violate any provision of any other agreement to which said Party is bound.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the date first written above.

**SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

**APPELLANT**

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**Signature**

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**Signature**

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**Print Name**

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**Print Name**

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**Title**

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**Title**

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**EXHIBIT A**

**Rate Schedule**

| <b>Responsible Party</b>         | <b>Rate</b>      |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>SABGSA Executive Director</b> | <b>\$ 125/hr</b> |
| <b>Consultant</b>                | <b>\$ 215/hr</b> |
| <b>Legal Counsel</b>             | <b>\$ 550/hr</b> |



**DRAFT SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)**  
**INACTIVE WELL: INTENTION OF FUTURE USE FORM**

**Due to SABGSA by April 1, 2026**

**This form should be completed for EACH well that has been registered as inactive with the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.** A fillable pdf version of this form can be downloaded at: <https://sanantoniobasingsa.org/metering-program/>

Please return your form(s) to the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("SABGSA") by mail to P.O. Box 196, Solvang, CA 93464 or via email to [admin@sanantoniobasingsa.org](mailto:admin@sanantoniobasingsa.org).

**1. Landowner and Well Information**

Property Owner Information

Landowner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Well Operator Information (if different than above)

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Well Location**

Assessor's Parcel No. (APN): \_\_\_\_\_

Geographical Coordinates for Well (decimal degree): [Instructions to find coordinates](#).

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. SABGSA Criteria for Inactive Well**

**Well Must Meet ALL Criteria below to be classified as Inactive.**

- ☐ The well has NOT produced groundwater for a period of 1 year or more.
- ☐ The well is maintained in a condition that demonstrates Intention of Future Use. Please check the box only if a. through d. below is accurate:
- a. The well does not have any defects that would impair water quality.
  - b. The well has been fitted with a water-tight cover (if the pump has been removed) to prevent the entrance of debris or contamination.
  - c. The well is clearly marked.
  - d. The area surrounding the well is clear of brush or debris.

**4. Attestation and Signature of Property Owner or Property Owner's Legal Designee**

*I certify and attest that the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**DRAFT SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)  
VERIFICATION OF WELL ABANDONMENT FORM**

**Due to SABGSA by April 1, 2026**

**This form should be completed for EACH well that has been registered as abandoned with the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.**

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Property Owner Information

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Well Operator Information (if different than above)

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Well Location**

Assessor's Parcel No. (APN): \_\_\_\_\_

Geographical Coordinates for Well (decimal degree): [Instructions to find coordinates](#).

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. SABGSA Criteria for Abandoned Well**

**In order to be exempt from SABGSA's well metering and reporting requirements, the well must meet ALL criteria below. Please check each box.**

- ☐ The well has NOT produced groundwater for a period of 1 year or more.
- ☐ The well has NOT been maintained in a condition that demonstrates Intention of Future Use.
- ☐ The well was destroyed under permit from the County of Santa Barbara. A copy of the well destruction permit is attached.

**4. Attestation and Signature of Property Owner or Property Owner's Legal Designee**

*I attest that the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## **SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

### **FY 25-26 Budget Priorities**

May 12, 2025

The draft priorities listed below are aligned with the Tier 1 Management Actions outlined in the GSP. A draft budget will be reviewed at the May 20, 2025 Board meeting. The final budget will be presented and adopted at the June 17, 2025 Board meeting. It is anticipated that SABGSA's budget will not exceed \$550,000 including a 10% contingency.

#### **Budget Summary by Category**

##### **01 – Administrative / Office Expense - \$75,900**

- A. Professional Administrative Services - \$67,500: Hourly Not-to-Exceed Contract.
- B. Website - \$5,500: Domain Name, Webhosting, etc. Web programmer to create a portal/form for groundwater extraction reporting.
- C. Facilities Use Fee - \$2,400: \$200 per month for up to 2 meetings per month at LACSD.
- D. Office Supplies/Printing - \$500

##### **02 – Accountant - \$9,000**

Invoices average \$750 per month. Accountant is also SABGSA Treasurer and tracks Board and Committee training (Ethics and Sexual Harassment) and Form 700 compliance.

##### **03 – Grant Writing - \$25,000**

Grant writer to assist SABGSA in pursuing grant funding for GSP implementation. No current opportunities identified, but account for opportunity that may arise.

##### **04 – Monitoring - \$110,000**

- A. Quarterly GWL Monitoring and Reporting: Increase contract to \$65,000 based on hourly rates for 2026 and assumption of adding 4-5 new wells to the network. Assumes that GSI can measure the additional wells within allotted time for each Monitoring Event and no changes in scope to the quarterly Tech Memo. NOTE: SABGSA's budget cycle is a fiscal year. However, this contract is for calendar year 2026.
- B. Annual Maintenance: \$25,000
  - \$20,000 for Barka Slough vegetation trimming along access trails to wells in SABGSA monitoring network (2 x \$10,000)
  - \$5,000 for contingency to address field issues, replace existing equipment, etc.
- C. Install Transducers in 5 RMS wells: \$10,000 (5 x \$2,000)  
Monthly, real-time measurements, utilizing transducers (no additional site visits needed), will provide a more precise understanding of the annual high and low groundwater levels, foster a more robust understanding of local groundwater conditions, and support sustainable groundwater management.
- D. Review Well Registration Data: \$10,000  
GSI to review well registration data to identify wells to add to the monitoring network to increase spatial coverage particularly in areas with a low-density of wells - the eastern uplands and the central to northwestern uplands.



## **05 – Legal Counsel - \$35,000**

- A. General, as needed
- B. Implementation of Well Metering & Reporting Program

## **06 – Insurance - \$1,800**

Policy for FY 25-26 is estimated to be \$1,800.

## **07 – Annual Audit - \$4,000**

Annual audits required. Estimated to be \$4,000 for FY 25-26.

## **08 – GSP Development Consultant - \$0**

N/A. GSP approved in January 2024.

## **09 – GSP Related Costs - \$80,000**

- A. GSP Annual Report - \$65,000: SABGSA combines the GSP Annual Report and Annual GWL Monitoring Report. May need to expand phaeophyte (brown algae) water use and evaluation of Barka Slough health. This assumes SABGSA is not using the SACIM (USGS Model) to calculate anything for the WY 2025 Annual Report.
- B. GSP 5 Year Periodic Evaluation - \$15,000: Required by DWR every five years. SABGSA's due date is January 1, 2027. If a plan amendment is warranted, SABGSA to begin work in FY 25-26 with a goal of approving the submittal at the November 2026 Board meeting. SGMA requires periodic evaluation of approved GSPs at least every 5 years. The periodic evaluation represents SABGSA's written assessment of GSP implementation and adaptive management.

## **10 – GSP Implementation - \$165,000**

### **A. Address Data Gaps - \$85,000:**

- i. Review Data from Statewide Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Surveys Performed by DWR - \$25,000: The AEM project provides SABGSA with basin-specific and cross-basin geophysical data, tools, and analyses for understanding aquifer structures. It can also help with the refinement of the HCM and help identify areas for recharging groundwater. GSI's scope of work would include review of data, comparison to GSP HCM and SACIM HCM, and development of a tech memo.
- ii. Install Stream Gages and Piezometers at Barka Slough: No stream gages needed at this time. SABGSA is utilizing gages that USGS/VISFB have provided. Estimate \$20,000 in FY 26-27 for planning, equipment, supplies, and installation of 3 shallow piezometers in the Slough. This assumes GSI can install manually, and a contractor is not needed. Need to investigate if permitting or bio surveys are needed. Could potentially use satellite/model in lieu of piezometers based on review of recent USGS/County/VISFB Barka Slough climate impact report (A.vi. below). **(Not included in FY 25-26 Budget).**
- iii. GDE & Barka Slough Survey. **(Not included in FY 25-26 Budget).**
- iv. Streamflow Monitoring, Maintenance, Calibration. **(Tied to 10.A.ii. above – Not included in FY 25-26 Budget).**
- v. Update Water Use Factors: Evaluate Crop Type Water Use Factors and Update Water Budget - This was validated by using the satellite-based method for the last couple of years and compared to crop water duty-based calculations. **(Not included in FY 25-26 Budget).**

- vi. USGS Model Review - \$50,000: San Antonio Creek Integrated Model (SACIM) Review/Update HCM. The USGS, in cooperation with the SBWA and VSFB, are assessing the effects of future climate scenarios in the Basin on Barka Slough. This assessment will extend the SACIM 3 years from water years 2019 through 2021. Two 30-year future climate scenarios (water years 2022 through 2051) will be developed to extend and run the SACIM. Results from the future climate scenarios will be evaluated to identify potential climatic effects on streamflow, groundwater flow, recharge, and other hydrologic conditions in Barka Slough, and potential effects on riparian species.

For future reporting and analysis, the SABGSA may consider use of the SACIM for the purpose of modeling proposed Basin project and management actions (e.g., recharge projects, allocation programs, water market, varying climate scenarios), revising the Basin HCM, or calculating change in groundwater in storage for the Basin GSP annual reporting.

GSI's scope of work would include review of 2022 and 2025 modeling reports, SACIM, and development of a technical memo keeping in mind applicable scenarios to simulate when reviewing (e.g., reduced pumping).

- vii. Reference Point Elevation Survey (SGMA-driven) - \$10,000: 25 wells in the network have ground surface elevations that do not meet accuracy standards (within 0.5 feet under SGMA) based on DWR best management practices. Measurements of elevations, aquifer-system compaction, and water levels would be used as a monitoring point for interconnected surface water and also to improve SABGSA's understanding of the processes responsible for land-surface elevation changes. Elevation or elevation-change measurements are fundamental to monitoring land subsidence. NOTE: For FY 25-26, \$10,000 is allocated for GSI to work with DWR to identify any outstanding State Well Numbers for wells that have RPEs on NWIS (USGS database). Estimate \$55,000 for FY 26-27 for surveys.

**B. Metering & Groundwater Extraction Reporting Program: \$40,000**

- Wallace Group - \$40,000: Notifications/Mailings to Landowners, on-call support, input well meter data (SABGSA Meter Installation & Calibration Compliance Form) due April 1, 2026
  - Existing Contract signed in April 2025: \$25,000
  - Budget for FY 25-26: \$25,000 current contract + \$15,000 amendment

**C. On-Call Hydrogeological Consulting (GSI Water Solutions): \$40,000**

- Ongoing coordination/consultation with SABGSA
- Collaborate with Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc. to share existing Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program well information.
- Planning for Barka Slough vegetation trimming
- Assistance with SABGSA budgeting and project planning
- Hosting, managing, and expanding DMS
- Other services and meeting attendance, as needed, at the request of SABGSA
- Other considerations for discussion include:
  - Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR)/AgMAR Feasibility Study
  - Use of SACIM to run various scenarios or calculate change in storage

**11 – Executive Order Written Verifications - \$0**

N/A. The County's Drought Urgency Ordinance and Executive Orders N-7-22 and N-3-23 were rescinded in 2024. SABGSA no longer required to issue written verifications for well permitting.

## Tier 1 Management Actions (from GSP) for Reference:

### **A. Address Data Gaps - Expand Monitoring Well Network in the Basin to Increase Spatial Coverage and Well Density**

- Continue public outreach to Basin stakeholders to discuss participation in the Monitoring Network. (Budget Item 4A).
- Perform ongoing maintenance of the well access trails within Barka Slough (Budget Item 4B).
- Consider the purchase and installation of transducers in, at a minimum, all Representative Monitoring Sites (Budget Item 4C).
- Review SABGSA Well Registration Program data to identify existing candidate wells to incorporate into the Monitoring Network. (Budget Item 4.D.).
- Reference Point Elevation Survey (SGMA-driven) - 25 wells in the network have ground surface elevations that do not meet accuracy standards (within 0.5 feet under SGMA) based on DWR best management practices. (Not included in FY 25-26 Budget).
- Video Survey (SGMA-driven) - Well construction information (total depth and screened intervals) for 24 wells in the Monitoring Network is unknown. Performing well video surveys will identify which aquifer(s) wells with unknown well construction information are screened in which improves the existing Hydrogeological Conceptual Model (HCM). NOTE: SABGSA is still investigating total cost. May not proceed with all surveys at once. GSI's time will be needed to develop and oversee the scope of work. SABGSA will also need to hire a surveyor. (Not included in FY 25-26 Budget).
- Collaborate with Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc. to share existing Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program well information (Budget Item 10.C.).
- Install Shallow Piezometers at Barka Slough (Not included in FY 25-26 Budget).
- Review/Update Water Usage Factors and Crop Acreages and Update Water Budget (Not included in FY 25-26 Budget).
- Review USGS Groundwater Model/Update HCM (Budget Item 10.A.vi).
- LACSD Wellfield Pumping Coordination/Offsite Well Impact Mitigation (Not included in FY 25-26 Budget).
- Survey and Investigate Potential Groundwater-Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs) in the Basin Mitigation (Not included in FY 25-26 Budget).

### **B. Well Registration Program and Well Metering/Reporting (Budget Item 10.B.)**

### **C. Water Use Efficiency Programs (Not included in FY 25-26 Budget).**

### **D. Groundwater Pumping Fee Program (Not included in FY 25-26 Budget).**

**DRAFT BUDGET FOR FY 2025-26**

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| INCOME                                       | 2022-23 ACTUAL      | 2023-24 ACTUAL      | 2024-25 YTD         | 2024-25 BUDGET      | 2025-26 BUDGET      |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Operating Transfers from SABWD               | \$325,822.31        | \$234,419.43        | \$248,131.33        | \$550,000.00        | \$550,000.00        |
| <b>Total Income</b>                          | <b>\$325,822.31</b> | <b>\$234,419.43</b> | <b>\$248,131.33</b> | <b>\$550,000.00</b> | <b>\$550,000.00</b> |
| EXPENSES                                     | 2022-23 ACTUAL      | 2023-24 ACTUAL      | 2024-25 YTD         | 2024-25 BUDGET      | 2025-26 BUDGET      |
| 01 - Administrative/Office Exp               |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| A. Professional Admin Services               | \$53,300.00         | \$58,500.00         | \$49,500.00         | \$67,500.00         | \$67,500.00         |
| B. Website                                   | \$271.97            | \$285.22            | \$141.22            | \$5,500.00          | \$5,500.00          |
| C. Facilities Use and Support Services       | \$2,200.00          | \$2,200.00          | \$1,800.00          | \$2,400.00          | \$2,400.00          |
| D. Supplies                                  | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$500.00            | \$500.00            |
| 02 - Accountant                              | \$7,300.00          | \$8,400.00          | \$7,250.00          | \$9,000.00          | \$9,000.00          |
| 03 - Comm Eng/Grant Writing/Non-GSP          | \$34,995.00         | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$35,000.00         | \$25,000.00         |
| 04 - Monitoring                              |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| A. Quarterly Monitoring & Reporting          | \$56,296.01         | \$44,435.88         | \$50,918.51         | \$62,500.00         | \$65,000.00         |
| B. Annual Maintenance + Field Issues         | \$0.00              | \$9,064.24          | \$15,672.65         | \$15,000.00         | \$25,000.00         |
| C. Install Transducers                       | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$9,936.98          | \$10,000.00         | \$10,000.00         |
| D. Review Well Reg to Expand Network         | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$10,000.00         |
| 05 - Legal Counsel                           | \$53,358.73         | \$21,014.00         | \$25,151.00         | \$45,000.00         | \$35,000.00         |
| 06 - Insurance                               | \$1,734.00          | \$1,765.00          | \$1,765.00          | \$1,800.00          | \$1,800.00          |
| 07 - Audit Fees                              | \$1,280.00          | \$2,920.00          | \$0.00              | \$4,000.00          | \$4,000.00          |
| 08 - GSP Development Consultant              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| 09 - GSP Related Costs                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| GSP Annual Report                            | \$49,988.90         | \$55,192.59         | \$57,453.00         | \$57,500.00         | \$65,000.00         |
| GSP 5-Year Period Evaluation                 | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$15,000.00         |
| 10 - GSP Implementation / PMAs               |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| A. Address Data Gaps                         |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| i. AEM Survey Data Review                    | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$10,000.00         | \$25,000.00         |
| ii. Barka Slough - Shallow Piezometers       | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$15,000.00         | \$0.00              |
| iii. GDE & Barka Slough Survey               | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| iv. Streamflow Monitoring, Maintenance, & Ca | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| v. Update Water Use Factors                  | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| vi. USGS Model Review                        | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$20,000.00         | \$50,000.00         |
| vii. Well Surveys (RPE)                      | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$55,000.00         | \$10,000.00         |
| viii. Well Surveys (Video)                   | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| B. Well Registration + Metering              | \$18,500.00         | \$2,145.00          | \$437.11            | \$35,000.00         | \$40,000.00         |
| C. On-Call Hydrogeological Consulting        | \$46,597.70         | \$27,707.50         | \$28,105.86         | \$50,000.00         | \$40,000.00         |
| 11 - Executive Order - Written Verifications | \$0.00              | \$790.00            | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                        | <b>\$325,822.31</b> | <b>\$234,419.43</b> | <b>\$248,131.33</b> | <b>\$500,700.00</b> | <b>\$505,700.00</b> |
| TOTAL  | 2022-23 ACTUAL      | 2023-24 ACTUAL      | 2024-25 YTD         | 2024-25 BUDGET      | 2025-26 BUDGET      |
| <b>Income Total</b>                          | <b>\$325,822.31</b> | <b>\$234,419.43</b> | <b>\$248,131.33</b> | <b>\$550,000.00</b> | <b>\$550,000.00</b> |
| Expenses                                     | \$325,822.31        | \$234,419.43        | \$248,131.33        | \$500,700.00        | \$505,700.00        |
| Operational Contingency                      | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$49,300.00         | \$44,300.00         |
| <b>Expenses Total</b>                        | <b>\$325,822.31</b> | <b>\$234,419.43</b> | <b>\$248,131.33</b> | <b>\$550,000.00</b> | <b>\$550,000.00</b> |

# DRAFT BUDGET FOR FY 2025-26

05/12/2025

## I0 - GSP Implementation

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Address GSP Data Gaps    | \$85,000 |
| Metering + Reporting     | \$40,000 |
| Hydrogeological Services | \$40,000 |

**Total** **\$165,000**

## Operational Expenses

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 01 - Administrative/Office Expenses | \$75,900 |
| 02 - Accounting                     | \$9,000  |
| 03 - Grant Writing                  | \$25,000 |
| 05 - Legal                          | \$35,000 |
| 06 - Insurance                      | \$1,800  |
| 07 - Audit                          | \$4,000  |

**Total** **\$150,700**

## 04 - Monitoring & Maintenance

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Quarterly GW Level Monitoring & F | \$65,000 |
| Annual Maintenance                | \$25,000 |
| Install Transducers               | \$10,000 |
| Review Well Registration          | \$10,000 |

**Total** **\$110,000**

## 09 - GSP Reporting

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| GSP 5 Year Evaluation     | \$15,000 |
| GSP Annual Report WY 2025 | \$65,000 |

**Total** **\$80,000**

**Contingency** **\$44,300**

## PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET

