



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 19, 2026** at the **Los Alamos Community Services District** located at **82 St. Joseph Street, Los Alamos, CA 93440**. Virtual options are available for public participation.¹

Join Zoom Meeting:

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SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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 21, 2026, Regular Meeting

b. Agency Finances, Budget, and Training

- i. The Board will receive a report from the accountant regarding finances and expenses for April 2026.
- 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

¹ 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. Update Regarding Landowner Compliance with SABGSA Ordinance 25-001

The Board will receive an update from SABGSA staff regarding landowner compliance with Ordinance 25-001 requiring all active non-de minimis wells to have a flow meter installed by April 1, 2026 and report groundwater extraction on a biannual basis. The Board may take action and/or provide specific direction to SABGSA staff and/or SABGSA's legal counsel related to this item.

b. Review of Q1 2026 Quarterly Groundwater Level Monitoring Report

The SABGSA has received the Q1 2026 Quarterly Groundwater Level Monitoring Report for the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin. The Board of Directors will review and discuss the report and may take action and/or provide specific direction to SABGSA staff and/or GSI Water Solutions related to this item.

c. Consider a Proposal from GSI Water Solutions to Purchase and Install Transducers

The Board will review and discuss the proposed scope of work and associated fees for GSI Water Solutions to purchase and install five continuous water level data logging devices called pressure transducers (transducers) in five wells in SABGSA's Groundwater Level Monitoring Network. The Board may take action and/or provide specific direction to SABGSA staff and/or GSI Water Solutions related to this item.

d. Review of SABGSA Priorities and Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27

The Board of Directors will discuss priorities and review the draft budget for fiscal year 2026-27. The Board may take action and/or provide specific direction to SABGSA staff related to this item

7. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING: June 16, 2026 at 6pm



SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

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: Bart Haycraft, Barbara Landon, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Alternate Jim Stollberg, Chris Wrather

Directors Absent: Dan Chabot, 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 received.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

a. **Minutes from March 17, 2026, SABGSA Board Meeting**

Motion by Director Mosby, second by Alternate Director Stollberg to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026 Board meeting, as presented.

Ayes: Bart Haycraft, Barbara Landon, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Jim Stollberg, Chris Wrather

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

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

Motion by Director Wrather, second by Director Pata to approve the financial report dated March 31, 2026, as presented.

Ayes: Bart Haycraft, Barbara Landon, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Jim Stollberg, Chris Wrather

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

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

a. **SABGSA Executive Director Updates**

- The GSP Annual Report for WY 2025 was uploaded to the SGMA Portal on March 24, 2026. The PMA Module was also updated.
- The SABGSA submitted a funding request to the SABWD on April 13, 2026 in the amount of \$42,514.10 to cover invoices received this month.
- The Q1 2026 Groundwater Level Monitoring event took place on March 17-18, 2026.
- County of Santa Barbara – Well Meter Assistance Program (WMAAP) Application: A complete application must include all supporting documents:
 - Complete WMAAP Application
 - Calibration documentation from the manufacturer

- Original receipt (or copy) showing the meter serial number and purchase cost
- Photo(s) of the meter showing the installation, serial number, make and model
- Solomon Hills Specific Plan Project – Notice of Preparation of EIR: The SABGSA submitted a short comment letter on the EIR Scoping Document noting the importance of a thorough and well-supported Water Supply Assessment as part of the EIR process.

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 April 2026.
- As of March 31, 2026, total assets are \$2,290,613, including \$2,275,871 in California CLASS and \$14,742 in the operating account.
- As of April 21, 2026, \$489,212 or 96% of the 2025-26 Assessments have been collected. The remaining balance is \$18,316. Assessments became delinquent on February 2, 2026.
- The SABWD approved a fund request from the SABGSA for \$42,514.10 to cover monthly invoices.

c. Advisory Committee Updates

- The Advisory Committee did not meet.

d. Board Member Updates

- None.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Administrative Enforcement Policy and Procedures for SABGSA’s Rules & Regulations

SABGSA staff provided an update regarding landowner compliance with Ordinance 25-001, which requires all active non-de minimis wells to have a flow meter installed by April 1, 2026, and to report groundwater extraction on a biannual basis.

A total of 286 wells are currently registered with SABGSA. Of those, 210 wells (73%) are in compliance with Ordinance 25-001 and 76 wells (27%) remain non-compliant.

Staff categorized non-compliant wells into three tiers:

- Tier 1 (40 Wells): Wells are registered with the SABGSA, and compliance forms have been submitted; however, the wells remain non-compliant due to incomplete or incorrect forms, missing information for some registered wells, or discrepancies requiring follow-up. In all Tier 1 cases, landowners have communicated with SABGSA and are working toward compliance.
- Tier 2 (30 Wells): Wells are registered with SABGSA, but compliance forms have not been received and landowners have not contacted SABGSA to provide a status update.
- Tier 3: Wells have not been registered with SABGSA, no compliance forms have been received, and landowners have not contacted SABGSA. Tier 3 currently represents 38 APNs and 20 unique landowners; the total number of wells is unknown.

SABGSA’s legal counsel reviewed SABGSA’s six-step Administration Enforcement Policy, adopted April 15, 2025, regarding penalties and other enforcement tools for SABGSA’s Rules and Regulations, with particular focus on Step 1 (Investigation) and Step 2 (Preparation of Warning Letters). SABGSA staff and legal counsel presented the following recommended next steps.

Recommendation for Tiers 1 and 2:

1. SABGSA staff continues to work Landowners to bring wells into compliance.
2. SABGSA legal counsel advises on any landowner communications/questions that arise.
3. SABGSA staff will report on progress at the May GSA Board meeting

Recommendation for Tier 3:

Assuming no further investigation is required to reasonably confirm non-compliance, SABGSA's legal counsel would proceed with the following.

1. Preparing template "Warning Letters" for the various categories of non-compliance (including advising on deadlines and noticed penalties for non-response) and working with the SABGSA Board and staff to reach final versions.
2. Advising as necessary on delivery mechanics/protocol for Warning Letters.
3. As necessary, advising on any landowner communications/questions precipitated by the Warning Letters.
4. Once the deadlines set forth in the Warning Letters elapse, advising the Board on how to proceed with Notice of Violations

Motion by *Director Mosby*, second by *Alternate Director Stollberg* to accept the recommendations, as presented, and direct SABGSA staff and SABGSA legal counsel to proceed.

Ayes: Bart Haycraft, Barbara Landon, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Jim Stollberg, Chris Wrather

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

b. Q1 2026 Quarterly Groundwater Level Monitoring Report

The SABGSA received the Q1 2026 Quarterly Groundwater Level Monitoring Report for the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin. Chair Randy Sharer provided a brief overview of the report, which has been posted on the SABGSA website. Trend monitoring graphs were still being finalized and were not included in the presentation. This item may be brought back for further discussion at the May Board meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING: May 19, 2026 at 6pm at the Los Alamos Community Services District.

8. ADJOURN – 6:45pm

San Antonio Basin GSA
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2025 through April 2026

83% of the year has elapsed	<u>Jul '25 - Apr 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Expense				
Administration and Operation				
01Administrative Exp/Office Ex	50,931.14	75,900.00	-24,968.86	67.1%
02-Accountant	7,475.00	9,000.00	-1,525.00	83.06%
03-Comm Eng Grant Wrng NonGSP	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00	0.0%
04-Monitoring	82,201.98	110,000.00	-27,798.02	74.73%
05-Legal Counsel	7,893.50	35,000.00	-27,106.50	22.55%
06-Insurance	0.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00	0.0%
07-Audit Fees	2,100.00	4,000.00	-1,900.00	52.5%
09-GSP Related Costs-Annual Rep	64,982.30	80,000.00	-15,017.70	81.23%
10-GSP Implementation / PMAs	35,292.51	165,000.00	-129,707.49	21.39%
Total Administration and Operation	<u>250,876.43</u>	<u>505,700.00</u>	<u>-254,823.57</u>	<u>49.61%</u>
Total Expense	<u>250,876.43</u>	<u>505,700.00</u>	<u>-254,823.57</u>	<u>49.61%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-250,876.43	-505,700.00	254,823.57	49.61%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
11 Operating Transfers	252,922.79	550,000.00	-297,077.21	45.99%
Total Other Income	<u>252,922.79</u>	<u>550,000.00</u>	<u>-297,077.21</u>	<u>45.99%</u>
Other Expense				
Contingency (10%)	0.00	44,300.00	-44,300.00	0.0%
Total Other Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>44,300.00</u>	<u>-44,300.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Net Other Income	<u>252,922.79</u>	<u>505,700.00</u>	<u>-252,777.21</u>	<u>50.01%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>2,046.36</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>2,046.36</u></u>	<u><u>100.0%</u></u>

San Antonio Basin GSA

Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2026

Apr 30, 26

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006 25,000.00

Total Checking/Savings 25,000.00

Other Current Assets

Prepaid Insurance 1,755.00

Total Other Current Assets 1,755.00

Total Current Assets 26,755.00

TOTAL ASSETS 26,755.00

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Retained Earnings 24,708.64

Net Income 2,046.36

Total Equity 26,755.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 26,755.00

San Antonio Basin GSA Expenses by Vendor Detail

April 2026

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BERTOUX & COMPANY						
	Check	04/14/2026	3286	01Administrative Exp/Office Ex	Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006	<u>5,625.00</u>
Total BERTOUX & COMPANY						5,625.00
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck						
	Check	04/14/2026	3287	05-Legal Counsel	Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006	<u>2,208.00</u>
Total Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck						2,208.00
Carrie Troup, C.P.A.						
	Check	04/14/2026	3292	02-Accountant	Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006	<u>750.00</u>
Total Carrie Troup, C.P.A.						750.00
GSI WATER SOLUTIONS, INC.						
	Check	04/14/2026	3288	10-GSP Implementation / PMAs	Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006	5,430.00
	Check	04/14/2026	3289	09-GSP Related Costs-Annual Rep	Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006	12,162.50
	Check	04/14/2026	3290	04-Monitoring	Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006	<u>13,756.63</u>
Total GSI WATER SOLUTIONS, INC.						31,349.13
Los Alamos CSD						
	Check	04/14/2026	3291	01Administrative Exp/Office Ex	Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006	<u>200.00</u>
Total Los Alamos CSD						200.00
WALLACE GROUP						
	Check	04/14/2026	3293	10-GSP Implementation / PMAs	Community Bank of SM -ACCT 9006	<u>2,381.97</u>
Total WALLACE GROUP						<u>2,381.97</u>
TOTAL						<u><u>42,514.10</u></u>



TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin Quarterly Groundwater Level Monitoring – First Quarter 2026

To: Ms. Stephanie Bertoux, Executive Director,
San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

From: Michael McAlpin, PG and David O'Rourke, PG, CHg, PE, GSI Water Solutions, Inc.

Attachments: Tables:
Table 1. First Quarter 2026 Groundwater Level Measurements – Depth to Water
Table 2. Fourth Quarter 2026 Groundwater Level Measurements – Groundwater Elevation

Figures:
Figure 1. Wells Included in the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Monitoring Network

Date: March 24, 2026

Introduction

On behalf of the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SABGSA), GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI) completed the first quarter 2026 (1Q2026) San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) groundwater level monitoring event (monitoring event) on March 17th and 18th, 2026. Prior to each quarterly monitoring event, GSI contacts well owners/property managers to coordinate access to the wells and request that wells be shut off for at least 8 hours before the monitoring event to facilitate measurement of static groundwater levels. Well owners/property managers were notified on March 3rd, 2026.

GSI successfully measured depth to groundwater in 37 of the 40 wells that have access agreements in place during the 1Q2026 monitoring event. Tables 1 and 2 provide the status of the current well access agreements, and Figure 1 displays the well locations. The following text and tables summarize the results of the 1Q2026 monitoring event.

1Q2026 Groundwater Level Monitoring Event Summary

The attached Tables 1 and 2 summarize the results of the 1Q2026 monitoring event for the wells in the Basin Groundwater Level Monitoring Network (Monitoring Network). The tables include the status of the current well access agreements, depth to groundwater measurements (Table 1), and calculated groundwater elevations (Table 2) for all wells that were able to be accessed during the monitoring event. Wells identified as a Representative Monitoring Site (RMS) in the Basin's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) are identified in Table 2 and denoted with their respective sustainable management criteria (i.e., minimum threshold and measurable objective). The following is a summary of observations from the 1Q2026 monitoring event:

- The three wells with active well access agreements that did not have a groundwater level measurement collected during the 1Q2026 monitoring event were 2N1, Stephen's Well, and Char 1.

- Premiere Coastal Vineyards (PCV) met with GSI at 2N1 during the 2Q2025 monitoring event to confirm the access port through which to deploy the water level sounding device. However, a cable had been deployed through the access port. Consequently, there was not enough clearance for the water level sounding probe to be deployed through the access port with the cable in place. During 3Q2025, on-site PCV staff attempted to remove the cable, but were unsuccessful due to the risk of damage to the well. PCV staff were unable to remedy the access port clearance limitation prior to the 4Q2025 monitoring event, and informed GSI that the cable will remain in the well. A water level measurement at well 2N1 was last recorded during the 1Q2024 monitoring event. If the access port clearance limitation is unable to be resolved, 2N1 may be removed from the Basin Monitoring Network.

Mesa Vineyard, 2N1, and Well 4 are all located on the PCV property, are completed to similar depths, are screened at similar depth intervals, and historically have similar water levels. None of these wells have been identified as a RMS. Maintenance of Mesa Vineyard and 2N1 has been recommended in preceding quarterly reporting to remove rusty material and oil from the wells' water column. The water level reading device becomes coated in either rust or oil when lowered into the well, occasionally blocking the sensor and preventing an accurate water level measurement. Well 4 is the newest well on the property, constructed in 2023. Removal of 2N1 from the Basin Monitoring Network would not result in a data gap. Water levels measured in Well 4 are representative of the area. Based on the same rationale, the SABGSA may consider removing Mesa Vineyard from the Basin Monitoring Network if the rusty material and oil is unable to be removed from the well.

- A manual groundwater level measurement was not taken at Stephen's due to the well not being turn off for at least 8 hours prior to GSI accessing the well. The well owner informed GSI the well needed to remain on to provide water for livestock during the heat wave. Monitoring is expected to resume in 2Q2026.
- A manual groundwater level measurement was not taken at well Char 1 because the well owner was unable to be available to provide GSI access to the well. Monitoring is expected to resume in 2Q2026.
- The pressure transducer (transducer) that records continuous water level measurements at well 16C4 was not functioning during the 4Q2025 monitoring event. GSI replaced the transducer within the existing project budget during the 1Q2026 monitoring event after troubleshooting the issue with the manufacturer.
- The transducer at well 13C1 was removed by the well owner prior to the 1Q2026 monitoring event. The well owner informed GSI that the well is currently undergoing repair. GSI removed the transducer from the well site and will attempt to re-deploy the transducer during the 2Q2026 monitoring event if repairs are completed.
- Vegetation trimming of access routes to all wells located in the Barka Slough area was performed on January 29th, 2026, prior to the 1Q2026 monitoring event. Trimming is recommended to be completed again following the end of bird nesting season in September.
- Wells without current well access agreements, including RMS wells, are being evaluated for replacement using existing Monitoring Network wells and potential candidate wells identified using the data collected from the SABGSA Well Registration Program.

Recommended Action Items

- Perform a RPE Survey for the wells in the Monitoring Network in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) well elevation accuracy requirements.

FIGURE 1
Wells Included in the
San Antonio Creek Valley
Groundwater Basin
Groundwater Level Monitoring
Network

San Antonio Creek Valley
 Groundwater Basin Quarterly
 Groundwater Level Monitoring

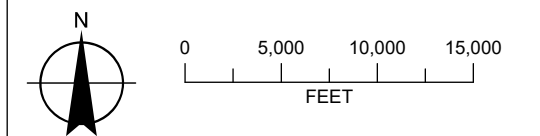
First Quarter 2026

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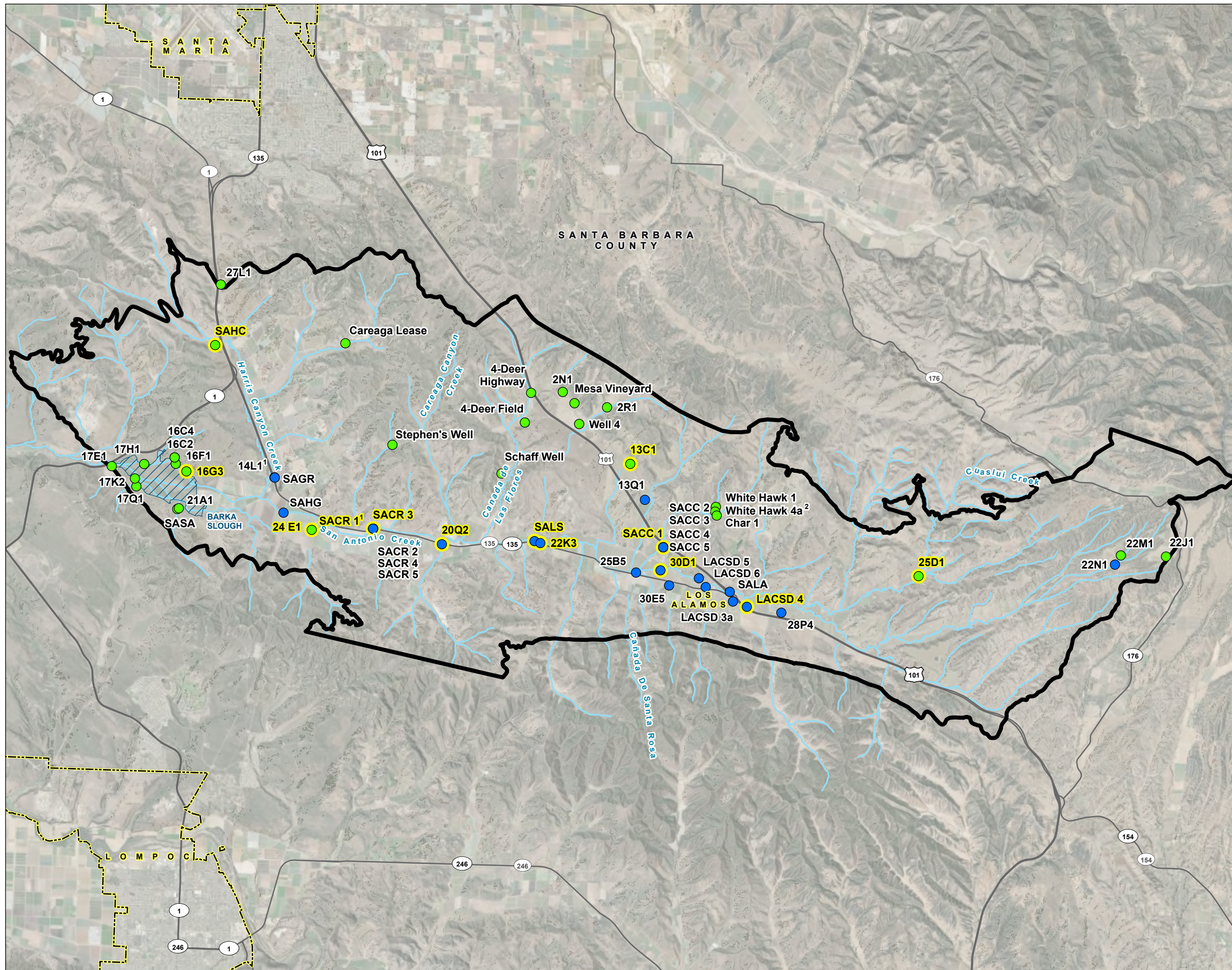
- Representative Well
- All Other Features**
- San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin
- Barka Slough
- City Boundary
- Major Road
- ~ San Antonio Creek or Tributary
- Wells (by screened aquifer)**
- Screened Aquifer**
- Paso Robles Formation
- Careaga Sand

NOTES

1. SACR 1 and 14L1 are screened in the Careaga Sand.
2. White Hawk 4 was destroyed in December 2023. Replacement well White Hawk 4a was constructed and completed in June 2024.



Date: March 23, 2026
 Data Sources: USGS, ESRI, DWR,
 Maxar Imagery (4/10/2024)



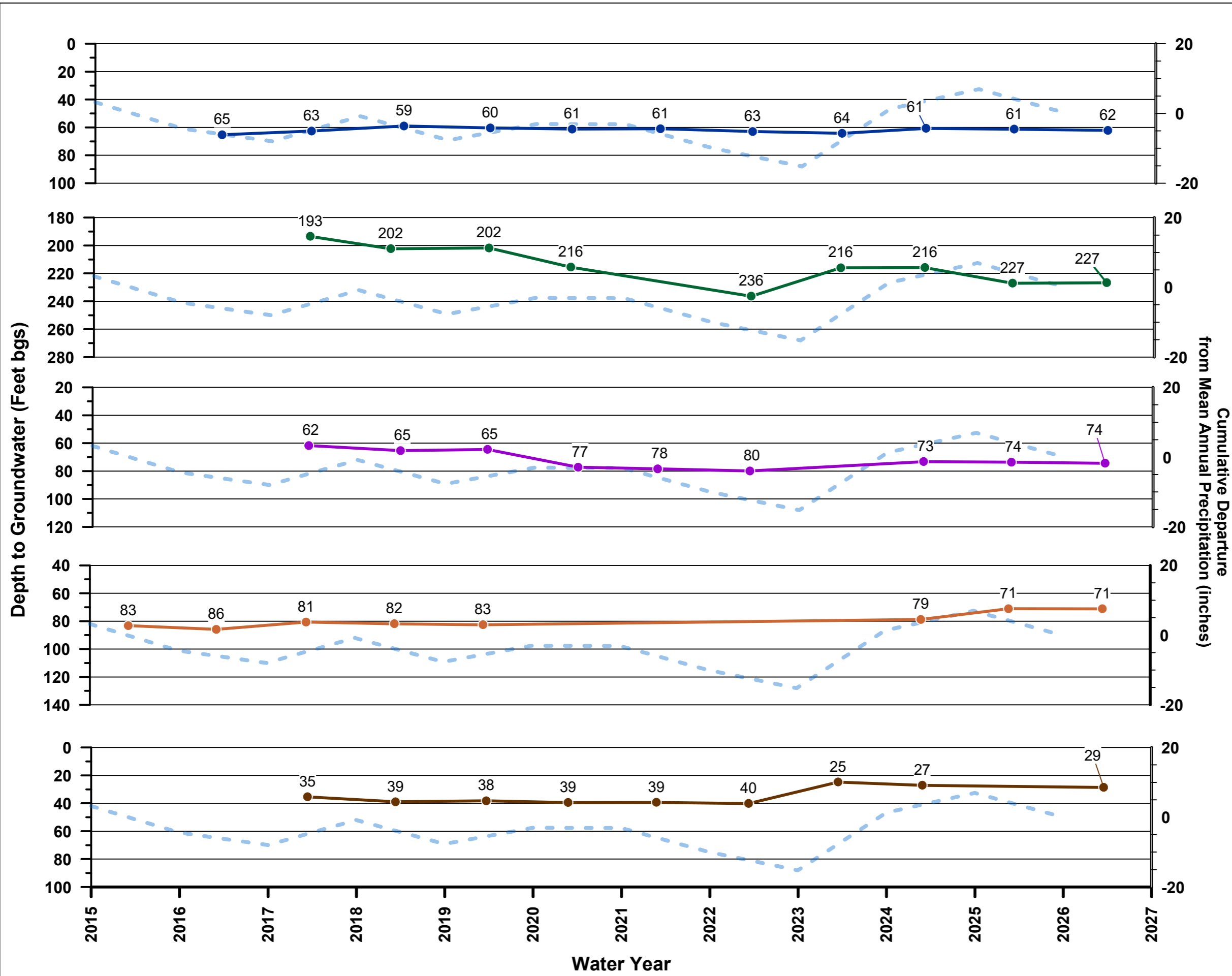
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First Quarter Groundwater Depths

San Antonio Creek Valley
Groundwater Basin
Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Report
First Quarter 2026

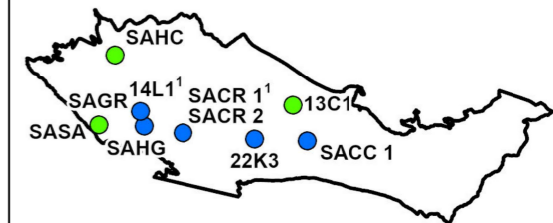
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- SAGR
- SACC 1
- SACR 2
- 22K3
- SAHG
- - - Cumulative Departure from Mean Annual Precipitation



NOTES

1. SACR 1 and 14L1 are screened in the Careaga Sand.
2. Feet bgs: feet below ground surface
3. Cumulative Departure from Mean Annual Precipitation calculated using Los Alamos Fire Station data from Water Year 1910 - 2025.



Select Careaga Sand Hydrographs

First Quarter Groundwater Depths

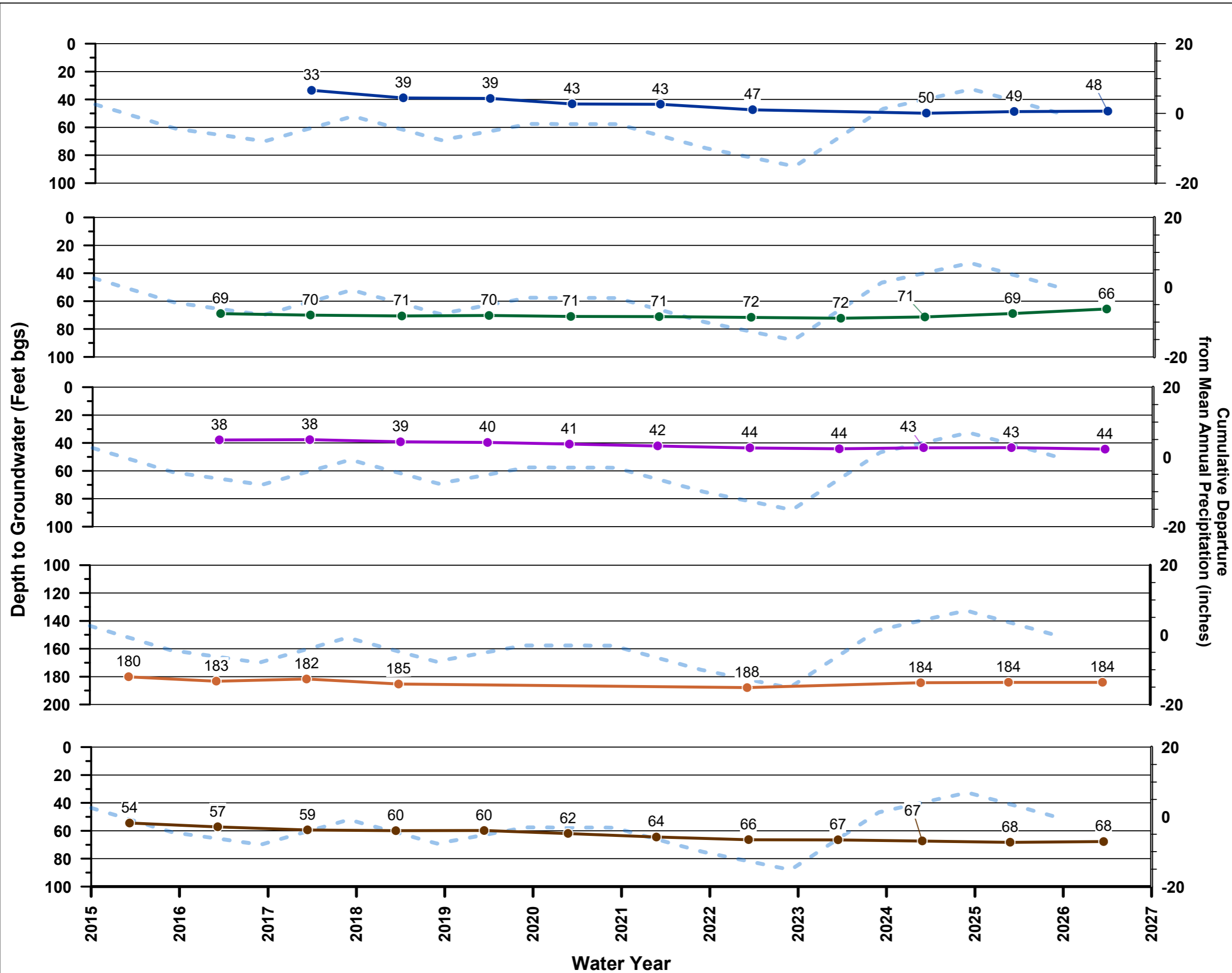
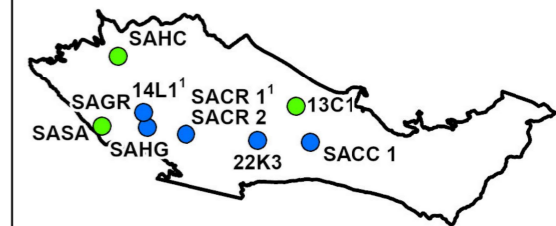
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- SACR1
- SAHC
- SASA
- 13C1
- 14L1
- - - Cumulative Departure from Mean Annual Precipitation

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Scope of Work and Fee Estimate

To: Stephanie Bertoux, San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

From: Michael McAlpin & Dave O'Rourke, GSI Water Solutions, Inc.

Date: May 12, 2026

RE: San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin Transducer Purchase and Installation

GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI), is pleased to present this scope of work and budget for the purchase and installation of 5 continuous water level data logging devices called pressure transducers (transducers) for the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (SABGSA) consideration. Transducer installation is proposed for wells that are currently not instrumented with transducers in the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin's (Basin) Groundwater Level Monitoring Network (Monitoring Network). All accessible Representative Monitoring Site (RMS) wells are instrumented with transducers. Wells that will be considered priority for instrumentation for this scope of work will include potential replacements for RMS wells with denied access, inability to monitor (e.g., collapsed casing or need for retrofitting), difficult to monitor (e.g., wells requiring maintenance or constructed without a sounding tube), wells located in areas of known concentrated pumping, and wells in areas of chronic groundwater level decline. GSI has developed this proposal based on the SABGSA's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Priorities and at the request of the SABGSA Executive Director.

Currently, groundwater level measurements are collected manually on a quarterly basis in the 40 accessible wells included in the Monitoring Network. There are transducers installed in 15 of the 40 wells. During the quarterly events, GSI downloads water level data from the transducers and calibrates the transducers with manual depth to water readings.

Transducers can record measurements at a predetermined frequency. The increased frequency in data points allows for identification of pump cycles if installed in a water supply well and enables a more accurate identification of static water levels and aquifer properties. Similarly, transducer data can enable identification of potential impacts, if any, from nearby groundwater pumping and can be leveraged to optimize pumping schedules.

The SABGSA is required to report at least one groundwater level measurement for each well in the Basin Monitoring Network to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) every 6 months, representing a spring water level measurement and a fall water level measurement. DWR is encouraging collection of monthly groundwater level measurements. Although monthly groundwater level measurements are not required per Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) regulations, transducers would enable measurement of groundwater levels at this increased frequency without increasing the frequency of the Basin's current quarterly monitoring. GSI would still collect manual depth to groundwater measurements quarterly to ensure the transducers do not require recalibration.

Likewise, the increased frequency in water level measurements would better align with the monthly reporting per the SABGSA Well Metering Program and monthly time-steps of the OpenET evapotranspiration data used to develop the Basin's Groundwater Sustainability Plan Annual Reports.

The installation of additional transducers is consistent with the Basin's Tier I Management Actions described in the Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Specifically, expanding the monitoring well network to increase spatial coverage and well density by increasing the frequency of groundwater level measurement collection. A key aspect of Tier 1 management actions is addressing data gaps that are necessary to reduce uncertainty and improve understanding of basin conditions so that better information is available to the SABGSA for managing the Basin and considering the efficacy of the initial Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs) that have been selected.

Scope of Work

The proposed scope of work includes the purchase and installation of 5 transducers in select Basin Monitoring Network wells during a 2026 quarterly monitoring event.

Task 1 – Well Prioritization, Equipment Purchase, and Field Planning

The scope of work for this task includes a review phase, consisting of the selection of wells to be instrumented with transducers, purchase of the transducer equipment, and field planning. Well depths, depths to water, and historical variations in depth to water will be analyzed in order to determine appropriate lengths of DXT cables (GSI proposes to purchase and install DXT cables to be connected to each of the transducers in order to enable download of data without raising the transducer, resulting in a quicker workflow in the field and a minimized risk of entanglement with potential downhole equipment) and appropriate transducer specifications in order to capture fluctuations in groundwater levels. The selected wells with secured access will be outfitted with transducers and DXT cables.

Task 2 – Transducer Installation

The scope of work for this task includes installation and calibration of the transducer equipment in the 5 wells, proposed to occur during a 2026 Basin quarterly groundwater level monitoring event (monitoring event). Each transducer will be programmed to make measurements at a predetermined frequency (e.g., every 4 hours). DXT cables will be fixed to the well head and transducers will be installed to the cables and set at an appropriate depth. Documentation of the installations will be included in the corresponding Quarterly Monitoring Technical Memoranda and 2026 annual reporting.

Assumptions

- The proposed work is intended to follow standard industry practices and protocols using common technologies.
- Access to the subject properties and coordination with the property owners and/or tenants will be arranged by GSI in conjunction with the Basin monitoring event scheduling.
- All fieldwork will be conducted during normal business hours.
- GSI will have unimpeded access to the work locations.
- Field activities can be accomplished within 2 days, including completion of the Basin groundwater monitoring event.
- GSI will attempt to schedule field work to avoid significant weather events when possible. However, weather-related impacts to mobilization efforts or the overall project schedule may result in additional fees. We will keep SABGSA informed if there are unanticipated weather delays.
- All fieldwork can be performed using standard personal protective equipment and procedures.
- Purchased transducer equipment will function as intended.

- The DXT cables can be secured to the well heads with reasonable effort and without major retrofit.

Fee Estimate

Our team’s proposed fee to complete the tasks on a time-and-materials basis is \$10,000. This fee estimate includes a 10-percent markup on the Van Essen Instruments quote (attached). GSI will perform the work in accordance with GSI’s Master Services Agreement with SABGSA dated December 14, 2023. The proposed fee was developed based on GSI’s 2026 fee schedule (attached). The rates included in the 2026 fee schedule are valid through the 2026 calendar year and are subject to change thereafter.

Tasks	Labor Hours	Labor Cost	Outside Services	Direct Expenses ¹	Total
Task 1 – Well Prioritization, Equipment Purchase, and Field Planning	16	\$2,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$8,000
Task 2 - Transducer Installation	12	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Project Totals	23	\$4,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$10,000

Note:

¹ Van Essen Instruments quote attached. The price shown includes purchase of (5) 10-meter TD-Diver Data Loggers, (5) 50-meter DXT-cables, and a 10-percent markup.

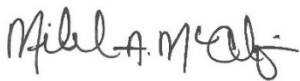
Because the transducer installation is proposed to occur during a 2026 Basin quarterly monitoring event, no mobilization costs are included in this fee estimate.

Schedule

The scope of work is proposed to be completed during a 2026 Basin quarterly monitoring event.

We thank you for your consideration of this proposal and allowing GSI to continue to serve the interests of the SABGSA. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
GSI Water Solutions, Inc.



Michael McAlpin, PG
Senior Managing Hydrogeologist



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Approval

You may indicate your approval of this proposal by signing on the space provided below.

Approved by

Date

SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

DRAFT BUDGET FOR FY 2026-27

May 13, 2026

EXPENSES	2024-25 ACTUAL	2025-26 YTD	2025-26 BUDGET	2026-27 BUDGET
01 - Administrative/Office Exp				
A. Professional Admin Services	\$54,500.00	\$54,375.00	\$67,500.00	\$67,500.00
B. Website	\$791.22	\$318.14	\$5,500.00	\$4,500.00
C. Facilities Use and Support Services	\$2,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
D. Supplies/Checks/Postage	\$91.36	\$291.36	\$500.00	\$500.00
02 - Accountant	\$7,975.00	\$8,225.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,500.00
03 - Comm Eng/Grant Writing/Non-GSP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
04 - Monitoring				
A. Quarterly Monitoring & Reporting	\$55,200.06	\$53,363.54	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
B. Annual Maintenance + Field Issues	\$15,672.65	\$19,955.44	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
C. Install Transducers	\$9,936.98	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
D. Review Well Reg to Expand Network	\$0.00	\$9,995.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
05 - Legal Counsel	\$25,944.00	\$11,205.50	\$35,000.00	\$40,000.00
06 - Insurance	\$1,765.00	\$1,755.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
07 - Audit Fees	\$1,000.00	\$2,100.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
08 - GSP Development Consultant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
09 - GSP Related Costs				
GSP Annual Report	\$57,453.00	\$64,982.30	\$65,000.00	\$55,000.00
GSP 5-Year Period Evaluation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$120,000.00
10 - GSP Implementation / PMAs				
A. Address Data Gaps				
i. AEM Survey Data Review	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
ii. Barka Slough - Shallow Piezometers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
iii. GDE & Barka Slough Survey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
iv. Streamflow Monitoring, Maintenance, & C	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
v. Update Water Use Factors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
vi. USGS Model Review	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
vii. Well Surveys (RPE)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$65,000.00
B. Well Registration + Metering	\$437.11	\$6,370.01	\$40,000.00	\$16,000.00
C. On-Call Hydrogeological Consulting	\$35,305.00	\$30,886.25	\$40,000.00	\$20,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$268,271.38	\$265,822.54	\$505,700.00	\$522,200.00
TOTAL	2024-25 ACTUAL	2025-26 YTD	2024-25 BUDGET	2026-27 BUDGET
Income Total	\$268,271.38	\$265,822.54	\$550,000.00	\$550,000.00
Expenses	\$268,271.38	\$265,822.54	\$505,700.00	\$522,700.00
Contingency	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,300.00	\$27,300.00
Expenses Total	\$268,271.38	\$265,822.54	\$550,000.00	\$550,000.00

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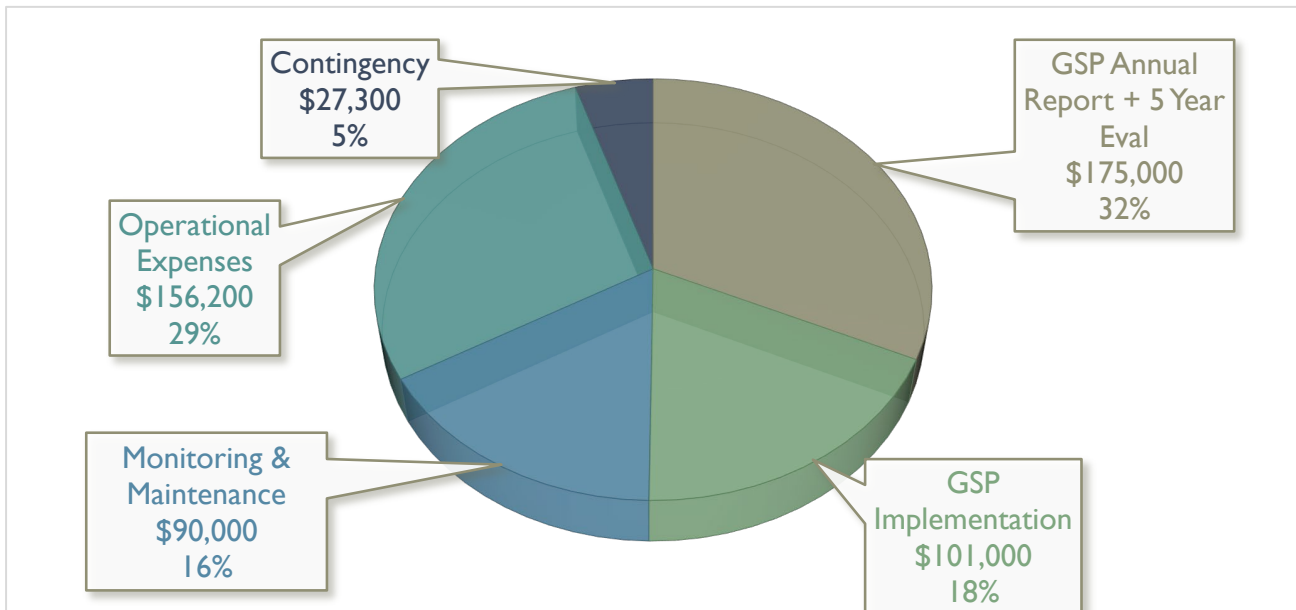
10 - GSP Implementation	
Address GSP Data Gaps	\$65,000
Metering + Reporting	\$16,000
Hydrogeological Services	\$20,000
Total	\$101,000

Operational Expenses	
01- Administrative/Office Expenses	\$74,900
02 - Accounting	\$9,500
03 - Grant Writing	\$25,000
05 - Legal	\$40,000
06 - Insurance	\$1,800
07 - Audit	\$5,000
Total	\$156,200

04 - Monitoring & Maintenance	
Quarterly GW Level Monitoring & R	\$65,000
Annual Maintenance	\$25,000
Install Transducers	\$0
Review Well Registration	\$0
Total	\$90,000

09 - GSP Reporting	
GSP Annual Report WY 2026	\$55,000
GSP 5 Year Periodic Evaluation	\$120,000
Total	\$175,000
Contingency	\$27,300

PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET





SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

FY 2026-27 **DRAFT** Budget Priorities

May 13, 2026

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 19, 2026 Board meeting. The final budget will be presented and adopted at the June 16, 2026 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 - \$74,900

- A. Professional Administrative Services - \$67,500: Hourly Not-to-Exceed Contract.
- B. Website - \$4,500: Domain Name, Webhosting, etc. Web programmer to assist with making website more user-friendly.
- C. Facilities Use Fee - \$2,400: \$200 per month for up to 2 meetings per month at LACSD.
- D. Office Supplies/Printing/Postage/Checks - \$500

02 – Accountant - \$9,500

Invoices average \$775 per month. Accountant is also SABGSA Treasurer, tracks Board and Committee training (Ethics and anti-Harassment) and Form 700 compliance, and coordinates with auditor.

03 – Grant Writing - \$25,000

Grant writer to assist SABGSA in pursuing grant funding for GSP implementation. Prop 4 – part of California's 2024 Climate Bond initiative approved by voters - is expected to provide funding through DWR programs such as the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program, Watershed Resilience Program, flood management, and water infrastructure grants. Eligible activities may include groundwater recharge, drought resilience, water supply reliability, monitoring, planning, and projects that help achieve SGMA sustainability goals. DWR is currently developing grant guidelines and funding solicitations are anticipated in FY 2026-27.

04 – Monitoring - \$90,000

- A. Quarterly GWL Monitoring and Reporting: \$65,000
SABGSA's monitoring network consists of 40 wells. SABGSA may add 4-5 wells based on well registration analysis. Current budget 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 2027.
- B. Annual Maintenance: \$25,000
 - \$20,000 for Barka Slough vegetation trimming along access trails to wells in SABGSA monitoring network in February and September (2 x \$10,000)
 - \$5,000 for contingency to address field issues, replace existing equipment, increased cost to A above if wells added, etc.
- C. Install Transducers: \$0
- D. Review Well Registration Data: \$0 – This was completed in FY 25-26.

05 – Legal Counsel - \$40,000

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

06 – Insurance - \$1,800

Policy for FY 26-27 is estimated to be \$1,800.

07 – Auditor - \$5,000

Financial audit and Special District Financial Transaction Report required annually. Contract for FY 2026-27 is estimated to be \$5,000 (hourly not to exceed).

08 – GSP Development Consultant - \$0

N/A. GSP approved in January 2024.

09 – GSP Related Costs - \$175,000

- A. GSP Annual Report - \$55,000: Required annually under SGMA. SABGSA combines the GSP Annual Report and Annual GWL Monitoring Report. This assumes SABGSA is not using the SACIM (USGS Model) for analyses/calculations for the WY 2026 Annual Report. The GSP Annual Report is a yearly reporting requirement that summarizes groundwater conditions and GSP implementation activities for a single water year. It includes groundwater elevation data, groundwater extraction estimates, surface water supply information, total water use, changes in groundwater storage, and progress on projects and management actions. The Annual Report is primarily a data-driven status update.

This cost estimate assumes efficiencies with 5-Year Periodic Evaluation (9B.). SABGSA’s due date is April 1, 2027. SABGSA will begin work in October 2026 with a goal of approving the Annual Report at the March 2027 Board meeting.

- B. GSP 5 Year Periodic Evaluation - \$120,000: Required every five years following GSP adoption under SGMA. The 5-Year GSP Periodic Evaluation is a broader and more comprehensive assessment of the overall effectiveness of the GSP over a five-year period. In addition to summarizing monitoring data and the status of projects and management actions, the evaluation assesses whether the GSP is making adequate progress toward achieving sustainability goals and avoiding undesirable results.

The Periodic Evaluation includes assessment of: basin setting updates based on new information or changes in water use; groundwater conditions relative to sustainable management criteria; responses to recommended corrective actions identified in the GSP determination letter; outreach and coordination with agencies and stakeholders; new information and data acquired since GSP submittal; previously unidentified challenges; consideration of adjacent basin conditions; and whether modifications or amendments to the GSP, projects, management actions, monitoring network, or sustainability criteria are warranted.

SABGSA’s due date is January 1, 2027. SABGSA to begin work in July 2026 with a goal of approving the Periodic Evaluation at the November 2026 Board meeting.

10 – GSP Implementation - \$101,000

A. Address Data Gaps - \$65,000:

- i. Review Data from Statewide Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Surveys Performed by DWR - \$0: 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. Estimate \$25,000 for FY 27-28 Budget. (Not included in FY 26-27 Budget).

- ii. Install Stream Gages and Piezometers at Barka Slough: No stream gages needed at this time. SABGSA is utilizing gages that USGS/VSFb have provided. Estimate \$20,000 in FY 27-28 for planning, equipment, 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/VSFb Barka Slough climate impact report (A.vi. below). (Not included in FY 26-27 Budget).
- iii. GDE & Barka Slough Survey. (Not included in FY 26-27 Budget).
- iv. Streamflow Monitoring, Maintenance, Calibration. (Tied to 10.A.ii. above – Not included in FY 26-27 Budget).
- v. Update Water Use Factors - \$0: 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 26-27 Budget).
- vi. USGS Model Review - \$0: San Antonio Creek Integrated Model (SACIM) Review/Update of the Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model (HCM). In April 2025, the USGS, in cooperation with the Santa Barbara County Water Agency and Vandenberg Space Force Base (VSFB), completed an assessment of potential future climate scenario effects within the Basin and Barka Slough. The assessment extended the SACIM through water year 2021 and included simulation of two 30-year future climate scenarios for water years 2022 through 2051.

The SACIM is publicly available. Results from the future climate scenario simulations were used to evaluate potential climatic effects on streamflow, groundwater flow, recharge, groundwater conditions within Barka Slough, and potential impacts to riparian habitat and species.

For future Basin reporting and analysis, SABGSA may consider use of the SACIM for evaluation of proposed Basin projects and management actions, including recharge projects, allocation programs, water market scenarios, varying climate conditions, revisions to the Basin HCM, and calculation of changes in groundwater storage for GSP annual reporting purposes.

A future GSI scope of work may include review of the 2022 and 2025 modeling reports, review of the SACIM, and preparation of a technical memorandum evaluating potential future model scenarios and applications (e.g., reduced pumping scenarios). SABGSA estimates approximately \$50,000 for this work in the FY 2027-28 Budget after one full year of groundwater extraction reporting data is available following flow meter installation pursuant to Ordinance 25-001. (Not included in FY 26-27 Budget)

- vii. Reference Point Elevation Survey (SGMA-driven) - \$65,000: 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 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: To potentially reduce the number of surveys, SABGSA would request that GSI work with DWR to identify any outstanding State Well Numbers for wells that have RPEs on NWIS (USGS database).

B. Metering & Groundwater Extraction Reporting Program: \$16,000

- Wallace Group - \$16,000: Notifications/Mailings to Landowners, on-call support, input flow meter installation data and extraction reporting.
 - Existing Contract signed in April 2025: \$25,000 with \$9,000 spent to date
 - Budget for FY 26-27: \$16,000 left on current contract

C. On-Call Hydrogeological Consulting (GSI Water Solutions): \$20,000

- 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
- Trend Monitoring
- Other services and meeting attendance, as needed, at the request of SABGSA
- Other considerations for discussion include:
 - Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR)/AgMAR Feasibility Study

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).
- Purchase and installation of transducers in, at a minimum, all RMS wells. (Not included in FY 26-27 Budget).
- Review SABGSA Well Registration Program data to identify existing candidate wells to incorporate into the Monitoring Network. **Completed in FY 25-26.**
- 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 (Budget Item 10.A.vii.).
- 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 26-27 Budget).
- Review Water Usage Factors and Crop Acreages and Update Water Budget (**Complete**).

- Review USGS Groundwater Model/Update HCM (Not included in FY 26-27 Budget).
- LACSD Wellfield Pumping Coordination/Offsite Well Impact Mitigation (Not included in FY 26-27 Budget).
- Survey and Investigate Potential Groundwater-Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs) in the Basin and further characterize Barka Slough (Not included in FY 26-27 Budget).

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

C. Water Use Efficiency Programs (Not included in FY 26-27 Budget).

D. Groundwater Pumping Fee Program (Not included in FY 26-27 Budget).