



Scope of Work and Fee Estimate

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

From: Michael McAlpin and Tim Thompson, GSI Water Solutions, Inc.

Date: July 13, 2026

RE: Barka Slough Area Well Access Trails Vegetation Trimming and Oversight

GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI), is pleased to present this scope of work and fee estimate for planning and providing oversight of vegetation trimming for the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SABGSA). Vegetation trimming is proposed along the access trails to wells included in the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) Groundwater Level Monitoring Network (Monitoring Network) near Barka Slough (Slough). GSI has developed this proposal based on recommendations included in the Basin's second quarter of 2026 (2Q2026) Quarterly Groundwater Level Monitoring Technical Memorandum and at the request of Ms. Bertoux in an email dated July 6, 2026.

Vegetation along access trails to monitoring wells included in the Basin Monitoring Network, specifically on Vandenberg Space Force Base (VSFB) property near the Slough, becomes overgrown and needs to be trimmed to access the monitoring wells. Access trails to nine wells (see orange highlighted wells in attached Figure 1), totaling approximately 3,230 feet, are proposed for vegetation trimming. In general, vegetation to be trimmed consists of coyote bush, poison oak, and bull rush.

Scope of Work

SABGSA's legal counsel has determined this scope of work classifies as a prevailing wage activity. GSI understands the contractors would contract directly with GSI. GSI's scope of work and cost estimate described herein for the vegetation trimming includes the request and retrieval of an updated cost estimate from Cut & Clean Landscaping (C&C), scheduling/coordinating fieldwork, and conducting oversight of the vegetation trimming. C&C was contracted to perform this scope of work for the previous vegetation trimming, beginning in February 2023. C&C is familiar with the scope of work and has active VSFB clearance to access and perform the work on VSFB property.

General Assumptions

- C&C's scope of work will be completed in one day.
- There will be no delay of work caused by unforeseen circumstances (e.g., access issues, inclement weather, or biological encounters).

Fee Estimate

GSI's proposed fee to complete the tasks on a time-and-materials basis is **\$10,000**. The proposed budget is 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. This budget will not be exceeded without the SABGSA's prior approval. These services would be performed at the specific direction of the SABGSA Executive Director in accordance with the terms of GSI's Master Services Agreement with the SABGSA.

Tasks	Labor Hours	Labor Cost	Outside Services	Direct Expenses	Total
Task 1 – Planning, Contractor Updated Scope of Work, and Scheduling	6	\$1,170	\$0	\$0	\$1,170
Task 2 - Vegetation Trimming and Oversight	11	\$1,800	\$6,880	\$150	\$8,830
Project Totals	17	\$2,970	\$6,880	\$150	\$10,000

Note:

¹ Cut and Clean Landscape Services, Inc. quote attached. The price shown includes a 10 percent subcontractor markup.

Schedule

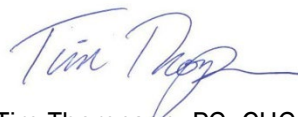
The scheduling of this work is dependent on contractor availability. The work will be scheduled following bird nesting season (approximately September 1, 2026). GSI plans to schedule the proposed vegetation trimming to be performed during the Basin 3Q2026 Groundwater Monitoring Event.

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.



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Approval

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

Approved by

Date

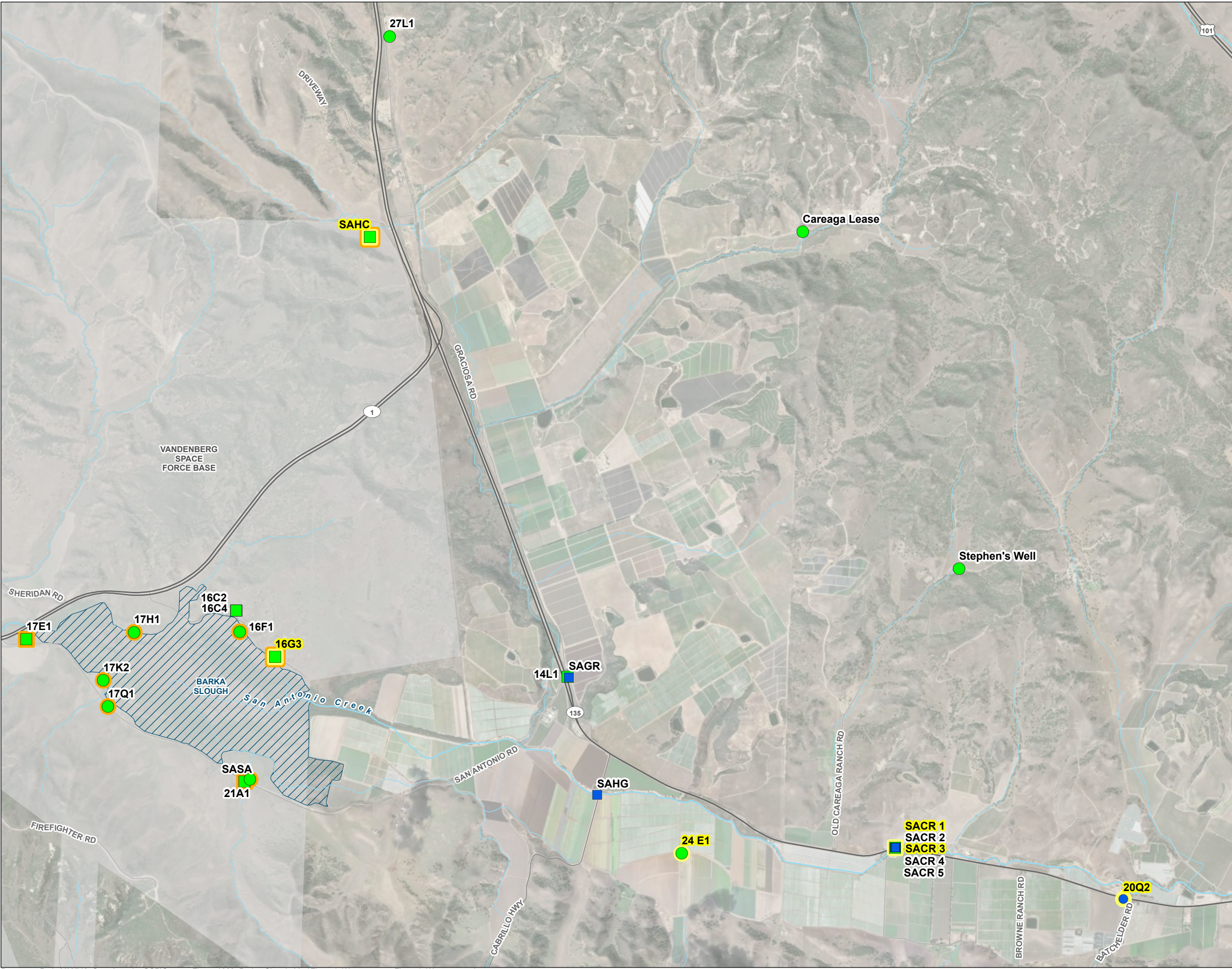


FIGURE 1
Wells Located in the
Western Portion of the
San Antonio Creek Valley
Groundwater Basin

LEGEND

Sample Methods

- Transducer Well
- Manually Measured Well

Aquifer of Completion

- Careaga Sand Well
- Paso Robles Formation Well

Representative Monitoring Site

- Representative Monitoring Site

Vegetation Trimming Location

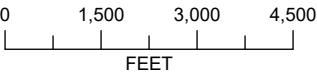
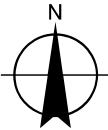
- Vegetation Trimming Location

All Other Features

- Barka Slough
- Vandenberg Space Force Base
- Major Road
- Watercourse

NOTES

- 1. SACR 1 is screened in the Careaga Sand.
- 2. SACR 2, SACR 4, and SACR 5 depth to water measurements are collected manually on a quarterly basis.



Date: July 7, 2026
Data Sources: BLM, ESRI, ODOT, USGS,
Imagery (2022)



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Estimate

Date	Estimate #
7/7/2026	495

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Project

Description

Total

****SCOPE OF WORK****

-Grubbing pathways at 9 sites
-Create a pathway from San Antonio Creek Road East to Well Heads as shown by customer.
Location-San Antonio Road East - Barka Slough, Vandenberg Space Force Base

Laborers / Operator, Foreman

6,250.48

Notes - Any work stoppage orders from customer or Base personnel, will be billed at a 2 hour minimum of \$85.47 labor rate per crew member.
- Cut & Clean will not be responsible for any Biological Concerns. GSI representative will monitor any biological concerns

Accepted by:

Name & Date:

Total

\$6,250.48



2026 GSI Fee Schedule

Labor Category	Hourly Rate
Technical Professionals	
Principal II	\$300 – \$370
Principal I	\$275 – \$330
Senior Managing II	\$245 – \$315
Senior Managing I	\$220 – \$255
Managing II	\$190 – \$225
Managing I	\$180 – \$210
Senior Project II	\$170 – \$200
Senior Project I	\$160 – \$190
Project II	\$150 – \$180
Project I	\$140 – \$170
Staff II	\$130 – \$160
Staff I	\$120 – \$150
Other Services	
GIS/Graphics/Database	\$130 – \$185
Editor/Documents	\$130 – \$160
Administration	\$95 – \$130

The hourly rate for trial preparation and expert witness testimony is 1.5 times the standard billing rate shown above.

Expenses

- **Mileage:** IRS authorized rate/mile plus 10 percent markup
- **Direct expenses and outside services:** Cost plus 10 percent markup
- **Enterprise GIS:** \$100 per month for the duration of use

**Hourly rates are subject to annual increases on the contract anniversary date.*