



July 8, 2024

Stephanie Bertoux  
Executive Director  
San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
930A Nysted Drive  
Solvang, CA 93463

Dear Ms. Bertoux:

GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI), is pleased to present this scope of work and budget for performing on-call hydrogeological services for the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (SABGSA) consideration. GSI will provide services associated with the implementation of the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and other activities that are requested by the SABGSA and the Executive Director. GSI anticipates on-call services may include:

- Performance of technical reviews of replacement well applications pursuant to EO N-7-22 paragraph 9a and the Santa Barbara County Temporary Water Well Permitting Urgency Ordinance,
- Hosting and managing the DMS,
- Assisting with development and implementation of the well metering program,
- Review SABGSA Well Registration Program data to identify existing candidate wells to incorporate into the monitoring network,
- Collaborate with Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc. to share existing Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program well information,
- Review and propose potential replacement RMS wells,
- Planning the wellhead reference point elevation surveys,
- Review of DWR AEM survey data,
- Update HCM based on DWR AEM and USGS SACIM,
- Assisting the SABGSA with any grant writing to pursue funds for GSP implementation,
- Ongoing coordination and consultation with the SABGSA,
- Assistance with SABGSA budgeting and project planning,
- Review USGS/VSF/ SBWA Barka Slough Study,
- Review of USGS SACIM,
- Attendance at stakeholder and Board of Directors meetings at the request of the Executive Director, and
- Attendance at Advisory Committee meetings at the request of the Executive Director.

These services would be performed at the specific direction of the SABGSA Executive Director (Executive Director). GSI will perform the work on a time and materials basis in accordance with GSI's 2024 fee schedule

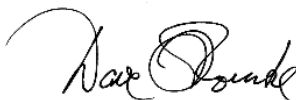
(Attachment A). The rates included in the 2024 fee schedule are valid through the 2024 calendar year and are subject to change thereafter. Because it is not possible to estimate fees for the work that will be requested, GSI is proposing that the SABGSA authorize a budget of **\$30,000** for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.<sup>1</sup> This amount will not be exceeded without the written approval of the Executive Director. On a monthly basis, GSI will provide a summary of activities that were performed that month with the associated cost. GSI understands that the Executive Director may re-prioritize requested services depending on what is needed at the time.

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

Sincerely,  
GSI Water Solutions, Inc.



Michael McAlpin, PG  
Managing Hydrogeologist



David O'Rourke, PG, CHg, PE  
Principal Hydrogeologist

## Approval

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

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Approved by

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Date

<sup>1</sup> GSI understands a total of \$50,000 has been allocated in the SABGSA 2024-2025 fiscal year budget for hydrogeological on-call services. If the proposed total of \$30,000 is exhausted prior to the end of the fiscal year, GSI, at the direction of the Executive Director, will submit a change order request to the SABGSA up to the remaining budgeted amount of \$20,000.



## 2024 GSI Fee Schedule

Labor Category	Hourly Rate
<b>Technical Professionals</b>	
Principal	\$250 – \$360
Supervising	\$210 – \$310
Managing	\$170 – \$230
Consulting	\$150 – \$190
Project	\$140 – \$170
Staff	\$120 – \$160
<b>Other Services</b>	
GIS/Graphics/Database	\$130 – \$185
Editor/Documents	\$130 – \$155
Administration	\$95 – \$125

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