



SANTA MARGARITA GROUNDWATER AGENCY

AGENDA PACKET

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

8/27/2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

SANTA MARGARITA COMMUNITY ROOM
2 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, SCOTTS VALLEY, CA.

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SMGWA Acronyms and/or Defined Terms

AF – Acre Foot

ACWA – Association of California Water Agencies

ACWA JPIA – ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority

ASR – Aquifer Storage and Recovery

Basin – Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin

BMP – Best Management Practices

CEQA – California Environmental Quality Act

County – County of Santa Cruz

DWR – Department of Water Resources

EIR – Environmental Impact Report

FY – Fiscal Year

GSA – Groundwater Sustainability Agency

GSP - Groundwater Sustainability Plan

IRWM – Integrated Regional Water Management

JPA – Joint Powers Agreement

LAFCO – Local Agency Formation Committee

MHA – Mount Hermon Association

MGA – Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency

MOA – Memorandum of Agreement

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

PMAs – Projects and Management Actions in SGMWA GSP

RMP – Representative Monitoring Points

RWMF – Regional Water Management Foundation

RFP – Request for Proposals

RFQ – Request for Qualifications

SCWD – City of Santa Cruz Water Department

SGMA – Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

SLVWD – San Lorenzo Valley Water District

SVWD – Scotts Valley Water District

SMC – Sustainable Management Criteria

SMGWA – Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

SWRCB – State Water Resources Control Board

WO/WOR/WOD – Well Owner/Well Owner Representative/Well Owner Director

WY – Water Year



Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: August 27, 2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Santa Margarita Community Room, 2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, CA.

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AGENDA

1. CONVENE

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call
Director Engfer is video/teleconferencing from 140E 250N, Midway, UT, 84049
Director Koenig is video/teleconferencing from 5200 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz, CA, 95062
- 1.2 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
- 1.3 Oral Communications on Matters Not on the Agenda

2. CONSENT

- 2.1 [Approval of Minutes – May 28, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting](#)
Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the May 28, 2026, Board Meeting.
- 2.2 [Annual Review of Investment Policy](#)
Recommendation: Review and Approve the Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2026–2027.

3. PRESENTATIONS

- 3.1 [Groundwater Sustainability Program Update](#)

4. GENERAL

- 4.1 [Update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Periodic Evaluation and Amendment](#)
Recommendation: Receive recommendations and provide direction on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Periodic Evaluation and Amendment.
- 4.2 [Well Monitoring Access and Cost Reimbursement Agreement with San Lorenzo Valley Water District](#)
Recommendation: Approve the Well Monitoring Access and Cost Reimbursement Agreement and allow Agency staff to make non-substantive updates to the Agreement.

Principal Office: 2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066

Website: www.smgwa.org

4.3 [Appointment of Well Owner Representative Alternate](#)

Recommendation: Ratify the appointment of Raymond Martin as the Well Owner Representative Alternate on the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board of Directors for a three (3) year term effective immediately.

4.4 [Biennial Review \(2026\) of the Conflict of Interest Code](#)

Recommendation: Approve the proposed amended 2026 Conflict of Interest Code of the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency and authorize staff to submit the amended Conflict of Interest Code to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, as the Agency's code reviewing body, for review and approval pursuant to Government Code §82011, §87303, and §87306.5

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

5.1 [Financial Report for the Period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026](#)

5.2 [Santa Margarita Basin GSP Implementation Activities Status Report](#)

6. **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

Reports from Meetings, Conferences, and Educational Opportunities

7. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Invitation for Board requests for future agenda items

8. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

9. **EVENTS CALENDAR**

9.1 [ACWA Fall Conference 2026](#)

ADJOURN

PURSUANT TO TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, THE SANTA MARGARITA GROUNDWATER AGENCY (AGENCY) REQUESTS THAT ANY PERSON IN NEED OF ANY TYPE OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, ASSISTANCE, OR ACCOMMODATION(S) IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE AT THE AGENCY'S PUBLIC MEETING PLEASE MAKE SUCH A REQUEST TO THE AGENCY AT 2 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, SCOTT'S VALLEY, CA 95066 OR BY CALLING **(831) 662-2055**. A MINIMUM OF THREE WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING. ADVANCE NOTIFICATION WITHIN THIS GUIDELINE WILL ENABLE THE AGENCY TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY.



Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: May 28, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Santa Margarita Community Room, 2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, CA

Minutes

1. CONVENE

1.1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Perri called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Directors Present: (Voting Alternates represented in *italics*)

Chris Perri (Chair) – Scotts Valley Water District

Bob Russ (Vice Chair) – San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Edan Cassidy (Secretary) – Well Owner Representative

Frank Cheap – Well Owner Representative

Doug Engfer – City of Santa Cruz

Bryan Largay – San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Dale Pollock – Mount Hermon Association

Greg Wimp – City of Scotts Valley (late arrival at 6:01pm)

Rae Spencer-Hill – County of Santa Cruz

Ruth Stiles – Scotts Valley Water District

Directors Absent:

Manu Koenig – County of Santa Cruz

Monica Martinez – County of Santa Cruz

Wade Leishman – Scotts Valley Water District

Non-Voting Alternate Directors: (Present as Non-Voting Observer)

Krista Jett – City of Scotts Valley (Remote via Zoom)

SMGWA Member Agency Executive Staff:

Jason Lillion – General Manager, San Lorenzo Valley Water District (Remote via Zoom)

David McNair – General Manager, Scotts Valley Water District

Sierra Ryan – Water Resources Program Manager, County of Santa Cruz

Other:

Teresa Rein – SMGWA legal counsel; Rein & Rein

John Dillon – SMGWA Treasurer; Finance and Customer Service Manager, Scotts Valley Water District

Tim Carson, Rob Swartz, Sophia Sholtz – Regional Water Management Foundation (RWMF)
Heidi Luckenbach – Water Director, City of Santa Cruz
3 members of the public

1.2 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

1.3 Oral Communications on Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

2. CONSENT

2.1 Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2026

MOTION: D. Engfer/E. Cassidy moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: E. Cassidy, F. Cheap, D. Engfer, B. Largay, C. Perri, D. Pollock, B. Russ, G. Wimp, R. Spencer-Hill

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: R. Stiles

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Groundwater Sustainability Program Update

R. Swartz presented on the Groundwater Sustainability Program. Rainfall by May at Boulder Creek is typically about 50 inches, and 38 inches has been recorded this year (about 76% of average). The San Lorenzo River flow in early May at Big Trees was recorded at 72 cubic feet per second. He reviewed groundwater water level data from early spring 2026 at representative monitoring wells in the shallow, unconfined Santa Margarita aquifer as well as the deeper confined aquifers in the Monterey formation and the Lompico/Butano aquifer subareas. There are no major concerns as water levels remain well above the minimum thresholds established in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is in the process of developing tools to aid in a portal-based data reporting system to help reduce the cost of compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The draft release of these tools is expected by early fall of 2026 with full availability expected for the next annual report due April 1, 2027. The Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Coalition has been working with DWR to test these tools and explore other ways to further reduce costs of compliance.

DWR is working on an accelerated funding schedule (expected to be available in the next six to nine months) for the \$3.5M set-aside for Small GSA compliance funding, with a larger pool of \$320M for SGMA implementation funding likely becoming available in early 2027.

Directors asked questions on the competitiveness of future implementation grants and the fund release schedule.

4. GENERAL

4.1 Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2027

T. Carson presented the projected expenses for the current Fiscal Year (FY2026) and the proposed budget for FY2027 as shown in the budget table in the Board packet. The proposed FY2027 Operating Expenses total \$504,220. The proposed Operating Revenue consists of contributions from the Member and represented agencies that totals \$319,220, a reduction of 29% from the prior year. The proposed use of General Reserves totals \$127,162. The proposed budget continues to draw down Agency reserves consistent with Board's approved policy to maintain General Reserves at 20% of the annual operating revenue. The projected ending cash reserves for FY2026 totals \$158,922.

He reviewed the proposed Operating Expenses budget categories (Administrative, Professional Contract Services) – expenses are approximately 18% less than the prior fiscal year. He reviewed the Technical Services proposed for FY2027 which are about \$75,000 less than FY2026 due to ending stream monitoring and not proceeding with the funding mechanisms evaluation. Stream and salmonid monitoring will still occur in the Basin through the Member Agencies, but staff and the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) ad hoc committee recommend that the SMGWA discontinue its own independent stream monitoring and proceed with a revised Basin monitoring approach proposed in the 2027 GSP Periodic Evaluation.

Directors asked questions about technical services.

One public comment asking about stream monitoring.

MOTION: E. Cassidy/B. Russ move to approve the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027.

AYES: E. Cassidy, F. Cheap, D. Engfer, B. Largay, C. Perri, D. Pollock, B. Russ, G. Wimp, R. Stiles, R. Spencer-Hill

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

4.2 Update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Periodic Evaluation and Amendment

R. Swartz presented on GSP Periodic Evaluation (PE) and proposed GSP amendments recommended by the ad hoc Committee for Board consideration. When DWR approved the GSP in 2021, it gave the Agency several Recommended Corrective Actions (RCAs) to be addressed in the first PE. The Board received updates on proposed amendments to: definitions for sustainable management criteria; projects and management actions; GSP monitoring program; and other GSP implementation activities.

Directors discussed and commented on a proposed GSP amendment groundwater sustainability goal, which is required under SGMA.

E. Rubio made a public comment.

MOTION: E. Cassidy/D. Pollock move to receive recommendations and provide direction on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Periodic Evaluation and Amendment

AYES: E. Cassidy, F. Cheap, D. Engfer, B. Largay, W. Leishman, C. Perri, D. Pollock, B. Russ, G. Wimp, R. Stiles, R. Spencer-Hill
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

4.3 Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Errol L. Montgomery & Associates (Year 4)

T. Carson presented the proposed amended agreement with Montgomery & Associates for Year 4 services. Proposed services are similar to previous years and include tasks to complete work in support of the Water Year 2026 Annual Report, compiling and uploading groundwater level data to the SGMA portal, groundwater modeling, and work on the GSP PE. The budget for this work is not-to-exceed \$150,110.

No public comment.

MOTION: E. Cassidy/D. Engfer move to approve an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Errol L. Montgomery and Associates to provide Hydrogeologic Support Services in Fiscal Year 2026–2027 in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,110.

AYES: E. Cassidy, F. Cheap, D. Engfer, B. Largay, W. Leishman, C. Perri, D. Pollock, B. Russ, G. Wimp, R. Stiles, R. Spencer-Hill
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

4.4 Initiate Solicitation to Fill the Vacancy for Well Owner Representative Alternate

After Board discussion, E. Cassidy, C. Perri, and F. Cheap were nominated to serve on the Well Owner Representative Alternate Solicitation Committee.

No public comment.

MOTION: B. Russ/R. Stiles move to appoint an ad hoc committee of three Directors to facilitate the appointment process to fill the vacancy for the Well Owner Representative Alternate.

AYES: E. Cassidy, F. Cheap, D. Engfer, B. Largay, W. Leishman, C. Perri, D. Pollock, B. Russ, G. Wimp, R. Stiles, R. Spencer-Hill
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

5.1 Financial Report for the Period July 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026

No questions or comments on this item.

5.2 Santa Margarita Basin GSP Implementation Activities Status Report

R. Swartz reported that the first application for a well construction permit was received and approved by the Agency since the County of Santa Cruz' new well permitting application process became effective in July 2025.

No questions or comments on this item.

5.3 Informational update from legal counsel

T. Rein presented on SB 827 which expands on the training requirements for Local Officials and members of legislative bodies. Financial and Fiscal training is required of Directors as of January 1, 2026.

No questions or comments on this item.

6. DIRECTORS REPORTS

None.

7. FUTURE ITEMS

None.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

9. EVENTS CALENDAR

None.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

Chris Perri, Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Edan Cassidy, Secretary

Date

AGENDA REPORT

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

To: Board of Directors
Date: August 27, 2026
Item: Consent 2.2
Subject: Annual Review of Investment Policy

SUMMARY

Recommendation: Review and Approve the Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2026–2027

Fiscal Impact: None for this action.

The Investment Policy serves as the foundation for setting and achieving investment objectives, defining rules, establishing benchmarks, reducing the exposure to liability of both the Executive Staff and Board, and is considered an important document to rating agencies for determining credit ratings. The Policy shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors no later than the first Board Meeting each fiscal year of the year to which it applies.

California Government Code (CGC) contains specific provisions regarding the types of investments and practices permitted after considering the requirements of preserving principal and maintaining liquidity before seeking yield. These provisions are intended to promote the use of reliable, diverse, and safe investment instruments to better ensure a prudently managed portfolio worthy of public trust.

The attached Investment Policy was reviewed in accordance with California Government Code §53600 and reflects a change in name of the bank that the Agency uses to hold its investment accounts from Santa Cruz County Bank to West Coast Community Bank.

Submitted by,

John Dillon, Treasurer
Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Attachment(s): Investment Policy Fiscal Year 2026–2027



Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

POLICY

Policy No.: P5 (Version 1)	Policy Title: Investment Policy
Adopted Date: 8/22/2024	Approval Resolution No.: None
Policy Description: This policy guides the investments of surplus cash, reserves, and restricted monies to provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the cash flow demands of the Agency.	

PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

The Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency ("SMGWA" or "Agency") establishes this investment policy to meet its current investment goals in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Section 53600 et seq. The Agency invests surplus cash, reserves, and restricted monies in a manner that will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the cash flow demands of the Agency.

This policy is set forth by the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency for the following purposes:

1. To establish a clear understanding for the Board, Agency management, responsible employees, and residents of the objectives, policies and guidelines for the investment of the Agency's temporarily idle funds;
2. To offer guidance to investment staff on the investment of Agency funds; and
3. To establish a basis for evaluating investment results.

POLICY

1. **SCOPE:** The investment policy applies to all financial assets of the SMGWA as accounted for in the annual audited financial report. This policy applies to all funds under the Treasurer's span of control unless specifically exempted by statute or ordinance. The SMGWA accounts for its operations as an enterprise fund.
 - a. Funds: General Reserves (~~Santa Cruz County Bank~~ West Coast Community Bank)
2. **PRUDENCE:** Agency funds will be invested under the "prudent investor standard" in California Government Code Section 53600.3.
3. **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:** Authority to manage the SMGWA investment program is derived from the California Government Code Section 53600, et seq. The authority to invest public funds is expressly delegated to the Board of Directors for the subsequent re-delegation to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program

consistent with this investment policy. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and applicable law.

4. **OBJECTIVES:** The primary objectives of the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency investment activities in priority order will be as follows:
 - a. **SAFETY** - Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. The Agency's investment portfolio will be designed and undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of the principal invested.
 - b. **LIQUIDITY** - The SMGWA investment portfolio will be designed to remain sufficiently liquid to enable the Agency to meet all operating requirements which might be reasonably anticipated.
 - c. **RETURN ON INVESTMENTS** - The SMGWA investment portfolio will be designed with the objective of attaining a benchmark rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, commensurate with the Agency's investment risk constraints and the cash flow characteristics of the portfolio.
5. **AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL DEALERS:** The Treasurer will maintain a list of financial institutions authorized to provide investment services. In addition, a list will also be maintained as needed of approved security brokers/dealers selected by credit worthiness who are authorized to provide investment services in the State of California. These may include "primary" dealers or regional dealers that qualify under Securities & Exchange Commission Rule 15C3-1 (uniform net capital rule – Appendix E). No public deposit shall be made except in a qualified public depository as established by state laws.

All financial institutions and brokers/dealers who desire to become qualified bidders for investment transactions must supply the Treasurer with the following: audited financial statements, proof of National Association of Security Dealers certification, trading resolution, proof of state/province registration, certification of having read the SMGWA investment policy. An annual review of the financial condition and registrations of qualified bidders will be conducted by the Treasurer. A current audited financial statement is required to be on file for each financial institution or broker/dealer in which the Agency invests.
6. **AUTHORIZED AND ACCEPTABLE INVESTMENTS:** SMGWA is empowered by statute to invest in the following types of securities.
 - a. Government securities and debt obligations issued by the U.S. Government or its agencies are the highest quality investments available in terms of safety and liquidity. Among these are U.S. Treasury Bills and Notes; Federal Agency investments such as Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae); Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae); Federal Land Bank (FLB); and Federal Farm Credit Banks; State of California bonds and California local agency bonds. These investments are, however, subject to the

prohibition against inverse floaters, range notes, interest-only strips derived from a pool of mortgages, and securities that could result in zero-interest accrual in Section 53601.6 (exempting mutual funds).

- b. Certificates of Deposit (CD) must be fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), or fully collateralized to 110% of market value of principal and accrued interest for governmental securities and 150% of market value of principal and accrued interest for first mortgage collateral.

The maximum to be invested with any one institution will be up to the federal insured amount with the exception of:

1. SMGWA's ~~Santa Cruz County Bank~~ West Coast Community Bank Account No. XXXX9764 designated to be the Agency's Depository
2. The State Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) if applicable.

Interest earned on all accounts will be paid monthly unless the principal sum is under the federally insured maximum and deposited into the account or accounts that will best ensure the preservation of capital.

SMGWA does not buy stocks; it does not speculate; it does not deal in futures; options, or security loan agreements; it does not invest or place funds in areas other than those outlined above.

7. **COLLATERALIZATION:** Collateralization will be required on any CD not fully insured by the FDIC, NCUA or SIPC. To anticipate market changes and provide a level of security for all funds, the collateralization level will be 110% of market value of principal and accrued interest for governmental securities and 150% of market value of principal and accrued interest for first mortgage collateral.

Collateral will always be held by an independent third party with whom the entity has a current written custodial agreement. Clearly marked evidence of ownership (safekeeping receipt) must be supplied to SMGWA and retained. The right of collateral substitution is granted.

8. **DIVERSIFICATION:** The purpose of diversification is to reduce overall portfolio risk while attaining market or benchmark yields. The SMGWA will make an effort to diversify its investments by security type and institution, especially when there is no decrease in yield. With the exception of U.S. Treasury/Agency/FDIC insured securities and authorized pools, no more than 50% of the SMGWA's total investment portfolio will be invested in any single security type. The purchases of certificates of deposit will not, in total, exceed 30 percent of the agency's funds that may be invested for this purpose (California Government Code Section 53601.1).
9. **MATURITY OF INVESTMENTS:** In order to minimize the impact of market risk, to the maximum extent possible, all investments will be held until maturity. Projected cash flow requirements are

the primary factor to be used in determining investment maturity terms. After cash flow needs, have been met, yield considerations will be the next factor in determining maturity terms, with the expectations that longer maturity periods will generally yield greater returns on investments. Investments may be sold before maturity if required for cash flow or appreciation purposes. The maximum maturity term of any investment will not exceed five (5) years, unless prior expressed authority has been granted by the Board of Directors. The SMGWA will diversify its investments by maturity date in order to avoid over concentration in any one specific maturity sector. Investments will be made so that the maturity date is compatible with cash flow needs.

10. **INTERNAL CONTROL:** The Treasurer shall establish an annual process of independent review by an external auditor. This independent analysis shall review internal control, account activity and compliance with policies and procedures.
11. **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:** The SMGWA portfolio shall be designed with the objective of obtaining a rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, commensurate with the investment risk constraints and the cash flow needs.
 - a. **Market Yield (Benchmark):** The basis used by the Treasurer to determine whether market yields are being achieved shall be the 6-month U.S. Treasury Bill and the Federal Funds rate.
12. **REPORTING:** The SMGWA's Board of Directors will receive investment reports at least quarterly. The Treasurer will provide to the Board of Directors investment reports which provide a clear picture of the status of the current investment portfolio as required by law (California Government Code Section 53646). Elements of the report will include the following:
 - a. Listing of investments held at the end of the reporting period by authorized investment category to include investment type, issuer names, "days to" maturity, par value amounts, dollar amounts, and market values including the source of valuation.
 - b. A listing and description of funds or programs that are under the management of contracted parties.
 - c. Percentage of the portfolio represented by each investment category.
 - d. Current yield on each investment.
 - e. A statement of compliance with the investment policy or an explanation for non-compliance.
 - f. A statement of the ability or inability to meet expenditure requirements for six months.
13. **ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Officers and employees involved in the investment process will refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Delegates and investment officials involved in the investment process will disclose to the Board

any material financial interests in financial institutions that conduct business within this jurisdiction, and they will further disclose any large personal/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the SMGWA investment portfolio, particularly with regard to the time of purchases and sales. The Treasurer will be required to file applicable financial disclosures, as required by the Fair Political Practices Commission.

14. INVESTMENT POLICY ADOPTION: The Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency investment policy will be adopted by the SMGWA Board of Directors. The policy shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors no later than the first Board Meeting each fiscal year of the year to which it applies, or in the event of meeting cancellation the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting after, and any modifications made there to must be approved by the Board of Directors.

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AGENDA REPORT

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

To: Board of Directors
Date: August 27, 2026
Item: Presentations 3.1
Subject: **Groundwater Sustainability Program Update**

SUMMARY

Recommendation: Receive an update on highlights of current groundwater sustainability program efforts.

Fiscal Impact: No direct impact from this action. Activities described in this update are either provided in-kind by member agencies or have been approved by separate Board actions.

BACKGROUND

The Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin (Basin) was adopted by the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board of Directors on November 17, 2021. The GSP was approved by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on April 27, 2023. The GSP identifies a monitoring and reporting program, areas of monitoring needing improvements (i.e., data gaps), implementation of projects and management actions, and other administrative activities needed to fully implement the GSP. This suite of activities represents the Basin's Groundwater Sustainability Program.

DISCUSSION

DWR has completed its review of the Basin GSP Water Year 2025 Annual Report and has determined it to be complete in correspondence dated August 20, 2026.

DWR released draft program guidelines for the 2026 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program for Small Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in July 2026. The program includes \$3.5 million in funding directed by the legislature for Small GSAs and is intended to offset some of the SGMA compliance expenses for basins extracting less than 10,000 acre-feet per year. DWR will hold two public meetings on the draft guidelines in September and will accept public comment until September 30, 2026. Staff will provide an oral update to the Board.

Submitted by,

Rob Swartz, Senior Planner
Regional Water Management Foundation

Attachment(s): Annual Report Letter from the California Department of Water Resources



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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August 20, 2026

David McNair
Santa Margarita Basin – Plan Manager
2 Civic Center Drive
Scotts Valley, CA 95066
dmcnair@svwd.org

RE: Review of Annual Report for the Santa Margarita Basin, Water Year 2025

Dear David McNair,

As the basin point of contact for the groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) in the Santa Margarita Basin (Basin), this letter is to inform you that the Department of Water Resources (Department) has completed the review of the annual report for the Basin for Water Year 2025 and determined that no further information or action is required at this time.

Following the adoption of a GSP and annually thereafter, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires that an annual report be submitted to the Department by April 1 (Wat. Code § 10728). Once an annual report has been submitted, the Department is required to notify the submitting groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) of receipt within 20 days, review the information to determine whether the basin's GSP is being implemented in a manner likely to achieve its established sustainability goal, and notify the GSA in writing if additional information is required (23 CCR § 355.8).

The submitted information appears to satisfy the requirements of the GSP Regulations (23 CCR § 356.2), so the Department does not require additional information at this time. Previously, following a comprehensive evaluation of the GSP for the Basin, the Department issued an assessment that the GSP was likely to achieve the sustainability goal for the Basin. Following review of the Water Year 2025 annual report, the Department has determined that the GSP continues to be implemented in a manner consistent with achieving the Basin's sustainability goal as described in the GSP.

The Department noted that the annual report provided an update on all the applicable sustainable management criteria for the basin, as required by GSP Regulations (23 CCR § 356.2). SGMA requires that the GSA continue to include this information in the next annual report, including a description of progress towards implementing the GSP for each of the applicable sustainability indicators.

The Department requires that the submitting agency provide implementation updates on the SGMA Portal Projects and Management Actions (PMA) Module during each water year. The Department noted that implementation updates on all the PMAs were

provided on the SGMA Portal PMA Module, as required by GSP Regulations (23 CCR § 356.2). The Department will require that the submitting agency provide implementation updates on the SGMA Portal PMA Module during each water year. Implementation updates provide a way to report and track progress such as status, accrued benefits, and funding updates on the implementation of the basin's PMAs. Reporting accurate, detailed, and measurable information in the SGMA Portal PMA Module (such as current status, a time-table for the accrual of benefits, and funding updates on implementation) clearly demonstrates any progress in implementing projects and management actions to the Department since the previous annual report.

The Department's review of this and other annual reports noted that information contained in the annual report may not precisely match the schedules, projections, or estimates reported in the initial GSP as approved by the Department due to numerous factors over which a GSA has varying levels of knowledge and control (e.g., annual hydrology, actions of other private or public entities, unforeseen delays or events, and unexpected physical or geologic processes, etc.).

It is State policy that sustainable groundwater management is best achieved locally through the development, implementation, and updating of plans and programs (Wat. Code §113, §10720.1). Accordingly, for this Basin, the Department concluded that any discrepancies between information in the annual report and the GSP as approved by the Department did not, at this time, create an appreciable concern regarding GSP implementation and its continued likelihood of achieving the Basin's sustainability goal.

The Department anticipates conducting a review of GSP implementation as part of its periodic review of the GSP, which, in contrast to annual report reviews that consider information about only one year, will look at the periodic evaluation and the collective annual reports that provide the Department with numerous years of reporting data to better assess trends, issues, or conditions of concern in the basin, and whether GSP implementation remains on track to achieve sustainability.

Please contact the assigned Department basin point-of-contact or sgmps@water.ca.gov if you have questions about this notice or the annual reporting process. The Department looks forward to receiving your Water Year 2026 Annual Report by April 1, 2027.

Thank You,



Keith Wallace, P.E.
Assistant Deputy Director
Sustainable Water Management

AGENDA REPORT

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

To: Board of Directors
Date: August 27, 2026
Item: General 4.1
Subject: **Update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Periodic Evaluation and Amendment**

SUMMARY

Recommendation: Receive recommendations and provide direction on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Periodic Evaluation and Amendment.

Fiscal Impact: No direct impact from this action. Activities described in this update have been approved by separate Board actions in May 2025 and May 2026 to adopt the annual Agency budgets to fund the required work.

BACKGROUND

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires periodic evaluation that is due at least every five years after submittal of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The Periodic Evaluation (PE) is intended to be an assessment of how a GSP is performing and whether modifications are needed.

In October 2023, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released guidance on GSP annual reports, periodic evaluations, and plan amendments. Recommended corrective actions (RCA) from DWR's GSP review must be addressed with the PE submittal, which is due by January 3, 2027. The Santa Margarita Basin RCAs can be found in this link to the [DWR GSP approval letter](#).

On January 30, 2026, Regional Water Management Foundation (RWMF) and Montgomery & Associates (M&A) staff met with the DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Office to discuss our proposed approach to addressing the DWR RCAs. DWR was generally supportive of the proposed approach, which redefines selected undesirable results which triggers the need to amend the November 2021 Basin GSP. In anticipation of requesting Board direction to initiate the GSP amendment process at its February 26, 2026 meeting, public notices were published in the Press Banner on February 13th and 20th and notices sent to the City of Scotts Valley and County of Santa Cruz as required under SGMA. The notices inform that public participation will be available throughout the GSP amendment process through SMGWA Board meetings. At the February meeting, the Board appointed an ad hoc committee to review and discuss key components of an amendment that would be brought to the Board for consideration. The ad hoc committee met three times (March 26, April 15, April 28) to receive and discuss staff recommendations on the key issue areas.

At its May 28, 2026 meeting, the Board accepted recommendations on the following:

1. Revised definitions of sustainable management criteria (SMC)
2. Potential revisions to Projects and Management Actions

3. Potential modifications to the GSP monitoring program, including groundwater wells, surface water gages, and Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems
4. Other implementation activities identified in the current GSP (e.g., metering of non-de minimis private wells, long-term approach to SGMA compliance funding)

The Board also discussed a revised GSP Sustainability Goal. A revised goal is attached.

DISCUSSION

Since the May 28, 2026 Board meeting, progress on the GSP amendment has continued, including the completion of a future conditions groundwater modeling scenario. Additionally, staff has reviewed information to San Lorenzo River flows for habitat benefit in a Habitat Conservation Plan developed by the City of Santa Cruz in consultation with California Department of Fish & Wildlife and the National Marine Fisheries Service. This new information has led to slight modifications to proposed SMC presented to the Board in May. The ad hoc committee convened on July 16 and August 17 to discuss this information. Staff will provide an overview of progress on the GSP amendment to the Board.

Submitted by,

Rob Swartz, Senior Planner
Regional Water Management Foundation

Attachment(s): Revised Sustainability Goal

Revised Draft GSP Sustainability Goal

August 21, 2026

The sustainability goal for the Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin is to achieve and maintain groundwater conditions that support beneficial uses and users and sustain the long-term health of the Basin's community, economy, and environment.

The sustainability goal will be achieved by:

- Monitoring and managing groundwater conditions to meet established sustainable management criteria and striving to achieve measurable objectives to enhance Basin conditions.
- Maintaining groundwater levels sufficient to protect domestic, municipal, agricultural, and industrial supply wells.
- Maintaining groundwater levels that support streamflow and groundwater dependent ecosystems, where applicable.
- Maintaining groundwater quality for current and future beneficial uses.
- Implementing adaptive management strategies, including expanding conjunctive use and drought response measures, to enhance drought resilience and long-term supply reliability.

AGENDA REPORT

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

To: Board of Directors
Date: August 27, 2026
Item: General 4.2
Subject: **Well Monitoring Access and Cost Reimbursement Agreement with San Lorenzo Valley Water District**

SUMMARY

Recommendation: Approve the Well Monitoring Access and Cost Reimbursement Agreement and allow Agency staff to make non-substantive updates to the Agreement.
Fiscal Impact: The estimated cost to convert and equip the two monitoring wells is up to \$16,000. The approved budget for fiscal year 2027 includes funds for this purpose.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Well Monitoring Access and Cost Reimbursement Agreement (Agreement) between the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) and the San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD or District) would authorize the conversion of two existing District-owned wells, Olympia 1 ("Oly 1") and Estrella, into long-term groundwater monitoring wells within the Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin. The additional monitoring locations will provide groundwater level and quality data to inform evaluation of Basin conditions and progress toward achieving the Sustainable Management Criteria established in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The Agreement preserves SLVWD ownership and operational control of the wells while providing SMGWA long-term access for groundwater monitoring purposes.

DISCUSSION

The proposed Agreement represents a collaborative effort between SMGWA and SLVWD that will enhance the Basin monitoring network and support long-term groundwater sustainability management. It would add two strategically located monitoring wells to the Basin monitoring network in areas where additional groundwater data is desired. The additional data will improve SMGWA's ability to assess Basin conditions, evaluate long-term trends, and support SGMA-required monitoring and reporting activities.

The Agreement represents a cost-effective opportunity to expand the monitoring network by converting two existing wells, previously used for production rather than drilling, and constructing new dedicated monitoring wells. Because the wells already exist, the cost of equipping them for monitoring purposes is substantially lower than the cost of developing new monitoring wells. The SMGWA's approved annual budget includes funding for the estimated conversion and equipment costs of up to \$16,000. Under the Agreement, SMGWA will be responsible for funding the conversion work and ongoing monitoring equipment costs.

The Agreement also establishes responsibilities related to access, monitoring activities, data collection and sharing, maintenance, insurance, and termination, while ensuring that the wells remain the property of District and available for future District operational needs. Approval of the Agreement will allow SMGWA and SLVWD to proceed with finalizing the scope of work and implementing the well conversions. The Agreement must be approved by both the SMGWA Board of Directors and the SLVWD Board of Directors before implementation.

Submitted by,

Tim Carson, Program Director
Regional Water Management Foundation

Attachment(s): Well Monitoring Access Agreement

WELL MONITORING ACCESS AND COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Between the
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
and the
SANTA MARGARITA GROUNDWATER AGENCY

This Well Monitoring Access and Cost Reimbursement Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of _____, 2026 ("Effective Date"), by and between the San Lorenzo Valley Water District, a California special district ("District" or "SLVWD"), and the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency, a California groundwater sustainability agency ("SMGWA"). District and SMGWA are each referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

RECITALS

- (A) WHEREAS, the District owns and operates the water wells identified in Section 1 below (the "Wells"), located within the Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin;
- (B) WHEREAS, SMGWA is responsible for implementation of the Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code § 10720 et seq., "SGMA"), and requires a network of long-term groundwater monitoring points to fulfill its basin monitoring and reporting obligations;
- (C) WHEREAS, SMGWA has determined that the Wells are well-positioned within the basin to serve as effective long-term groundwater monitoring points and has requested that the District commit the Wells for that purpose;
- (D) WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors, at its regular meeting of March 5, 2026, authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement committing the Wells for use as long-term groundwater monitoring wells, subject to the conditions that (i) the Wells remain the property of the District, (ii) the District retains full discretion regarding the future use, modification, or destruction of the Wells, and (iii) SMGWA funds the full cost of converting the Wells to monitoring wells; and
- (E) WHEREAS, the Parties now wish to memorialize the terms and conditions under which SMGWA may access and use the Wells for groundwater monitoring purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. THE WELLS

This Agreement applies to the following two (2) wells owned by the District (collectively, the "Wells"):

1. Olympia 1 Well, located within the District's Olympia Watershed Property, as depicted on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

2. Estrella Well, located at the Estrella Drive site within the District's service area, as depicted on the map attached hereto as Exhibit B.

2. DISTRICT OWNERSHIP RETAINED

The Wells shall at all times remain the sole property of the District. Nothing in this Agreement transfers, conveys, or encumbers title to the Wells, the real property on which they are located, or any District water rights, facilities, or infrastructure associated with the Wells. This Agreement grants SMGWA a limited, non-exclusive right of access and use for groundwater monitoring purposes only, as set forth herein, and does not create a leasehold, easement, or other interest in real property.

3. DISTRICT DISCRETION RESERVED

The District retains full and sole discretion regarding the future use, modification, repair, decommissioning, or destruction of the Wells if the District determines, in its sole judgment, that operational, water supply, regulatory, safety, or other needs so require. The District shall provide SMGWA with as much advance written notice as is reasonably practicable — and in no event less than sixty (60) calendar days' notice, except in the case of an emergency threatening public health, safety, or water supply reliability, in which case the District shall provide notice as soon as reasonably practicable — before permanently decommissioning or destroying a Well or taking any action that would permanently end its availability for monitoring purposes. Temporary interruptions for maintenance, repair, or operational needs are governed by Section 6 below and do not require the sixty (60) day notice period.

4. SCOPE OF MONITORING USE

- (a) Purpose. SMGWA and its authorized agents, contractors, and consultants (collectively, "SMGWA Representatives") may access the Wells solely for the purpose of installing, operating, calibrating, maintaining, and reading groundwater monitoring equipment, and for collecting groundwater level, water quality, and related data in support of SGMA basin monitoring and reporting obligations.
- (b) No Interference. SMGWA's monitoring use of the Wells shall not interfere with the District's water production, delivery, treatment, or other operational use of the Wells or associated facilities.
- (c) No Additional Uses. SMGWA shall not use the Wells for any purpose other than groundwater monitoring as described in this Agreement without the District's prior written consent.
- (d) Access Coordination. SMGWA Representatives shall coordinate all site visits and access to the Wells with the District's designated representative at least five (5) business days in advance, except in the case of monitoring equipment malfunction or data-collection emergencies requiring more immediate access, in which case SMGWA shall provide as much advance notice as reasonably practicable.

5. CONVERSION SCOPE AND COST

- (a) Conversion Work. SMGWA shall be responsible, at its sole cost, for the design, permitting, and physical conversion of the Wells from their current configuration to groundwater monitoring wells, including installation of monitoring equipment, wellhead modifications, telemetry (if any), and any related appurtenances ("Conversion Work"). The scope of the Conversion Work

for each Well shall be documented in a mutually approved work plan ("Scope of Work") prior to commencement, which shall be attached to and incorporated into this Agreement as Exhibit C upon approval by both Parties. SMGWA shall ensure that all Conversion Work complies with applicable prevailing wage requirements.

- (b) Full Cost Funding by SMGWA. SMGWA shall fund one hundred percent (100%) of the actual, documented costs of the Conversion Work, including but not limited to engineering, permitting, materials, equipment, and contractor or consultant labor. The District shall bear no cost for the Conversion Work.
- (c) District Review and Approval. The Scope of Work and any contractor(s) selected to perform the Conversion Work are subject to the District's prior written review and approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. All work shall be performed in accordance with applicable law, District specifications and standards, and applicable permit requirements.
- (d) Payment Procedure. SMGWA shall pay Conversion Work costs directly to its selected contractor(s), or, at the District's election, shall reimburse the District within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice for costs the District incurs at SMGWA's request in connection with the Conversion Work.
- (e) Post-Conversion Ownership. Upon completion, any monitoring equipment, telemetry, or appurtenances installed as part of the Conversion Work shall be identified in the Scope of Work as either (i) the property of SMGWA, subject to removal by SMGWA upon termination of this Agreement, or (ii) property that becomes a fixture of the Well and title to which transfers to the District, as the Parties may agree in the applicable Scope of Work.

6. OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR

- (a) Monitoring Equipment. SMGWA shall be solely responsible, at its own cost, for the ongoing operation, maintenance, calibration, and repair of any monitoring equipment it installs at the Wells.
- (b) Well Infrastructure. The District shall remain responsible for the maintenance and repair of the underlying Well infrastructure (casing, pump, wellhead structure, and related District facilities) in accordance with its standard operational practices, except to the extent damage is caused by SMGWA or SMGWA Representatives, which shall be remedied at SMGWA's cost.
- (c) Temporary Outages. The District may temporarily take a Well out of service for routine maintenance, repair, water quality response, or other operational needs. The District shall provide SMGWA with reasonable advance notice of any planned outage expected to interrupt monitoring for more than seventy-two (72) hours, and shall notify SMGWA promptly following any unplanned outage.
- (d) Operational Coordination. SMGWA acknowledges that the Wells are active District facilities that the District operates, maintains, tests, repairs, and uses in the course of its water supply operations. The District shall exercise reasonable care when performing routine operation, maintenance, testing, repair, or decommissioning of the Wells to avoid damage to SMGWA monitoring equipment. The District shall notify SMGWA as soon as reasonably practicable, either before or after undertaking planned maintenance, repair, or testing activities involving downhole tool insertion, removal of monitoring equipment, or physical wellhead modification.

If the District damages SMGWA equipment as a result of a failure to exercise reasonable care, or through the active negligence of the District, the District shall reimburse SMGWA for the actual repair or replacement cost of the damaged equipment.

7. DATA COLLECTION AND SHARING

The District shall collect monthly manual groundwater level measurements and download data from any installed recording data loggers semi-annually and provide the data to SMGWA at no cost. In the event District is unable to collect the data or if SMGWA collects data other than groundwater elevations, SMGWA will have the option to collect the data at no cost to the District. The Party collecting data shall provide the other Party, at no cost, with copies of all groundwater level, water quality, and related monitoring data collected from the Wells under this Agreement, including raw data and any reports prepared using such data, within a reasonable time following collection or preparation, and in any event no later than thirty (30) days following a written request by either Party.

Neither this Agreement nor the collection or use of any data from the Wells shall create or establish any right in favor of SMGWA or any third party to the District's groundwater or provide a basis for imposing or supporting any limitation on the District's groundwater pumping. SMGWA acknowledges that the District's operations may affect the quality or usefulness of the data, and the District shall have no obligation to modify its operations to accommodate monitoring activities or improve data quality.

8. TERM AND TERMINATION

- (a) Term. This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue until terminated by either Party as provided herein.
- (b) Termination for Convenience. Either Party may terminate this Agreement for convenience upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar days' prior written notice to the other Party.
- (c) Termination by District for Well Decommissioning. The District may terminate this Agreement as to a specific Well, in accordance with the notice provisions of Section 3, if the District determines that decommissioning or destruction of that Well is necessary. Termination as to one Well shall not affect the continuation of this Agreement as to the remaining Well.
- (d) Effect of Termination. Upon termination, SMGWA shall, within a reasonable time and at its own cost, remove any monitoring equipment identified in the applicable Scope of Work as SMGWA property, and shall restore the affected Well site to substantially its condition prior to installation, reasonable wear and tear excepted, unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing.

9. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

- (a) Insurance. SMGWA shall maintain, or shall require its contractors and consultants performing work under this Agreement to maintain, commercial general liability insurance, automobile liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance in amounts and forms reasonably satisfactory to the District, and shall name the District as an additional insured on the commercial general liability policy with respect to activities performed under this Agreement.
- (b) Indemnification by SMGWA. To the fullest extent permitted by law, SMGWA shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District, its officers, directors, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys'

fees) arising out of or resulting from the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of SMGWA or SMGWA Representatives in connection with the Conversion Work or monitoring activities under this Agreement, except to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the District.

- (c) Indemnification by District. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the District shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless SMGWA, its officers, directors, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or resulting from the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of the District or its employees or agents in connection with this Agreement, or arising from any pre-existing environmental contamination, structural well defects, or hazardous conditions present at the Wells prior to SMGWA's entry, except to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of SMGWA.
- (d) Indemnification Process. In any matter where a Party demands defense or indemnification under this Section 9, the indemnifying Party shall have the right to select legal counsel reasonably acceptable to the indemnified Party and control the defense. The indemnifying Party shall not settle or compromise any claim without the prior written consent of the indemnified Party if such settlement imposes any monetary liability, equitable obligation, or admission of fault upon the indemnified Party.

10. ACCESS AND SAFETY

SMGWA Representatives entering District property under this Agreement shall comply with all applicable District safety policies and site rules, applicable Cal/OSHA requirements, and any access restrictions communicated by the District. The District may require that SMGWA Representatives be accompanied by District staff for access to certain facilities.

11. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

This Agreement does not create a partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship between the Parties. Each Party shall be solely responsible for the acts and omissions of its own officers, employees, agents, and contractors.

12. NOTICES

All notices under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered by email with confirmation of receipt, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following addresses (or such other address as a Party may designate in writing):

If to District:	If to SMGWA:
San Lorenzo Valley Water District Attn: Jason Lillion, General Manager 13060 Highway 9 Boulder Creek, CA 95006 jlillion@slvwd.com	Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Attn: GSA Executive 2 Civic Center Dr Scotts Valley, CA 95066 admin@smgwa.org

13. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (a) Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, and any dispute arising under this Agreement shall be venued in Santa Cruz County, California.
- (b) Amendment. This Agreement, including any Scope of Work incorporated as Exhibit C, may be amended only by a written instrument signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.
- (c) Assignment. Neither Party may assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party.
- (d) Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.
- (e) Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with its Exhibits, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties regarding the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior discussions and understandings, written or oral.
- (f) Authority. Each person signing this Agreement represents that they are authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Party for whom they sign.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date first written above.

SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT SANTA MARGARITA GROUNDWATER AGENCY

Jason Lillion
General Manager
Date: _____

David McNair
SMGWA GSA Executive
Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM

District Counsel
San Lorenzo Valley Water District
Name: _____
Date: _____

Agency Counsel
Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency
Name: _____
Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

- 1.** Exhibit A — Olympia Watershed Property Well Location Map (Olympia 1 Well)
- 2.** Exhibit B — Estrella Well Location Map
- 3.** Exhibit C — Approved Scope of Work and Conversion Cost Estimate (to be attached upon approval by both Parties)

AGENDA REPORT

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

To: Board of Directors
Date: August 27, 2026
Item: General 4.3
Subject: **Appointment of Well Owner Representative Alternate**

SUMMARY

Recommendation: Ratify the appointment of Raymond Martin as the Well Owner Representative Alternate on the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board of Directors for a three (3) year term effective immediately.
Fiscal Impact: None for this action.

BACKGROUND

Well Owner Alternate Director F. Cheap was appointed as a Well Owner Representative Director on October 23, 2025 to complete the term of C. Hutchison following her resignation from the Board. At the February 26, 2026 meeting, E. Rubio was appointed as the new Well Owner Representative Alternate. On March 18, 2026, Ms. Rubio resigned from the Board. At the following meeting on May 28, the Board appointed an ad-hoc committee of three Directors (Cassidy, Perri, and Cheap) to facilitate the selection process for a Well Owner Representative Alternate to fill the vacancy.

DISCUSSION

The Well Owner selection process is outlined in Section 2.3 of the Amended and Restated Bylaws. The Agency publicly noticed the opportunity for individuals to apply to serve as a Well Owner to fill a vacancy. Public notice was given on June 1, 2026, with applications due on June 24, 2026. At the close of the application period, two eligible applications were received.

Applications were received from Raymond Martin and Aaron Freitas. The two applicants and the committee members were provided with each other's contact information as per the self-selection process set forth in the Bylaws. Per the Bylaws, the applicants are to be given the opportunity to self-nominate a Well Owner by reaching agreement among themselves by having an applicant voluntarily withdraw their application so that the remaining number of applicants is the same as the number of vacant positions.

On July 21, 2026, after a meeting of the two applicants and members of the Committee and staff to confer on the self-selection, Mr. Freitas notified the Agency that he elected to voluntarily withdraw his application. As a result, the number of remaining applicants (1) equals the number of vacancies (1). The application of Mr. Martin is provided to the Board for consideration.

Submitted by,

Tim Carson, Program Director
Regional Water Management Foundation

Attachment(s):

1. Procedure for Appointment of Well Owners – Bylaws §2.3.4
2. R. Martin Application

2.3 PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT OF WELL OWNERS.

2.3.1 Under section 6.3.7 of the Agreement, Well Owners shall be nominated and approved by the procedure described in these Bylaws.

2.3.2 At minimum, one (1) of the two (2) Well Owner Directors shall be from an Individual Water System. If one (1) of two (2) Well Owner Directors is from a Small Water System, then the preference in choosing a Well Owner Alternate shall be given to an Individual Water System representative.

2.3.3 Any person meeting the requirements of section 2.3.2 and the following qualifications may apply to serve as a Well Owner (individually, an “**Applicant**”). At a minimum, an Applicant shall (a) be an owner of a private well located within the boundaries of the Agency, a tenant leasing property with a private well located within the boundaries of the Agency, or a representative of a small public water system with a well located within boundaries of the Agency; (b) be at least 18 years of age; and (c) exhibit high standards of integrity, commitment, and good judgment; (collectively, 2.3.3 (a)-(c) shall be the “**Qualifications**”). Once appointed, a Well Owner shall meet the Qualifications for the duration of his or her service as a Well Owner.

2.3.4 If a Well Owner position becomes vacant for any reason, including death, permanent disability, inability to perform his or her responsibilities, resignation, removal, or failure to meet the Qualifications, the following process shall apply:

2.3.4.1 In the event of Well Owner Director vacancy, the Well Owner Alternate shall fill the vacancy as a Director if the Well Owner Alternate is willing to serve as a Director, subject to compliance with section 2.3.2 of these Bylaws. The Well Owner Alternate who fills a vacancy under this section shall serve as a Director for the remainder of the term of the departing Well Owner Director.

2.3.4.2 If a Well Owner Director vacancy is not filled under section 2.3.4.1, or if a Well Owner position remains vacant, the Board shall appoint an ad hoc committee of three (3) Directors of the Agency to facilitate the appointment process (“**Committee**”). At least one (1) of the members of the Committee shall be a Member Director, and the Board shall give preference to then-serving Well Owners to fill the remaining two (2) Committee positions.

2.3.4.2.1 The Committee shall provide or cause to be provided a notice of the opportunity for individuals to submit an application to serve as a Well Owner to fill a vacancy. The notice may include a description of the work of the Agency, the minimum qualifications of a Well Owner, the desired characteristics and skills of a Well Owner, criteria to be used in evaluating applications received, as well as deadlines and the timeline for decision-making on appointees. The notice shall also inform Applicants that if there are more Well Owner Applicants than the number of positions available, the Applicants will have the opportunity to self-nominate a Well Owner by reaching agreement among themselves by having some Applicants voluntarily withdraw their applications so that the remaining number of applications is the same as the number of

vacant positions. To encourage participation, a variety of print media, electronic or other formal and informal communication mechanisms may be utilized, and the period of notice shall cover, at a minimum, ten (10) working days.

2.3.4.2.2 The Committee shall be given the names and contact information of all Applicants. The Applicants shall be informed that they have at least twenty (20) days but no more than forty (40) days (“**Deadline**”) to meet and/or confer and endeavor to seek agreement on which Applicants elect to voluntarily withdraw their applications and which Applicants will be recommended to fill the vacant positions. Committee members are encouraged to attend the meetings of the Applicants. The Committee may recommend the rejection of an application if the Applicant fails to meet the Qualifications or if an Applicant fails to attend a meeting of Applicants called for the purpose of nominating an Applicant to fill a vacancy.

2.3.4.2.3 An Applicant may withdraw his application prior to the Deadline by sending a written request to the Principal Office by mail, email or facsimile.

2.3.4.2.4 If by the Deadline, the number of Applicants equals the number of vacancies, then the applications shall be forwarded to the Board for consideration, provided the Applicants meet the Qualifications.

2.3.4.2.5 If no applications are forwarded to the Board under section 2.3.4.2.4, then the Committee shall report its findings and forward all of the applications of the Applicants to the Board. The Board may then appoint any Applicant to fill each vacant Well Owner position.

2.3.4.2.6. If a Well Owner position remains vacant after the conclusion of the forgoing process, the Board may appoint any person meeting the requirements of section 2.3.3.

2.3.5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the final appointment of any person to fill a Well Owner vacancy shall be subject to the approval of the Board and the unanimous approval of the Member Directors participating in voting.

Application for Well Owner Representative - Alternate Director

First Name: Raymond	Last Name: Martin
Mailing Address: 1860 Jarvis Rd	
City: Santa Cruz	Zip Code: 95065
Phone: [REDACTED]	
Email Address: [REDACTED]	
Current or Past Occupation/Profession: Business Consultant, Product Management & Marketing executive in semiconductor industry, Adjunct Professor	
Community Interests and Activities: Community Service, hiking, bicycling, kayaking, gardening.	
Do you own, manage, or are served by a private or shared domestic well; a small water system well; or an irrigation well used for commercial, industrial, institutional, recreational, or agricultural purposes within the Basin*? ☒ Yes ☐ No, I receive all my water from a municipal water supplier. If you answered no to the above question, you are not eligible to be a Well Owner representative. *Interactive Map searchable by address on the Department of Water Resources GSA Map Viewer: Santa Margarita Basin 3-027	
Identify the type of private well configuration best describes you as a groundwater user: (Check all that apply)	
☐ Private well for domestic use (single family home)	☒ Shared private well for domestic use (up to 4 homes)
☐ Small water system with 15-199 connections Name of water provider:	☐ Private Well for commercial, institutional, industrial, or recreational uses Please describe:
☐ Small water system with 5-14 connections Name of water provider:	
☐ Private well for agricultural use Please describe:	
☐ Other. Please describe:	
Is your well used for irrigation? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, please estimate how many acres that you irrigate.	

Application for SMGWA Well Owner Representative - Alternate Director (continued):

Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Directors of this Agency?

I am interested in community service and this seems like a good way to apply my engineering and professional background as well as my long time interest in sustainability.

Describe your knowledge of the Basin's groundwater sustainability issues as well as knowledge of the issues faced by private well, small water system, or mutual water company/system:

The Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin is generally stable, yet several long-standing vulnerabilities fall most directly on private well-owners. In certain areas—especially near Mount Hermon and southern Scotts Valley—groundwater levels in key aquifers have declined for decades, in some cases by many tens of feet. Large water districts can shift pumping or rely on multiple wells, but individual homeowners depend entirely on a single source. When water levels drop or a well fails, the impact is immediate and costly, making the risk of dry wells during drought or localized drawdown a major concern for well-owners.

The basin's groundwater also sustains the baseflows of Bean, Zayante, Lompico, and Carbonera Creeks, which support sensitive ecosystems and contribute to the San Lorenzo River supply. Lower groundwater levels can diminish these flows, a sustainability issue highlighted by the state. Climate pressures—longer droughts, reduced recharge, and more variable rainfall—intensify these challenges.

Private wells are further affected by limited monitoring in rural areas. Many neighborhoods that rely on domestic wells lack nearby monitoring wells, creating uncertainty in groundwater models. Wells may decline before basin indicators show a problem. Water quality issues—including nitrate, iron, manganese, and naturally occurring metals—also disproportionately impact wells without treatment systems.

For these reasons, strong well-owner representation on the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board is essential to ensure that management decisions reflect the realities of those who rely solely on groundwater.

Application for SMGWA Well Owner Representative - Alternate Director (continued):

Describe your qualities/skills/characteristics that would make you an effective representative of private well owners in the Basin:

As a private well owner with a long-standing commitment to clean water, sustainable resource use, and responsible stewardship, I bring both personal experience and a deep sense of civic responsibility to the role. I listen carefully, approach issues calmly, and work diligently to understand diverse perspectives. My background includes years of community service, service as a director on both private and public companies, and three productive years as HOA president—an environment often marked by strong and conflicting opinions. I consistently fostered constructive dialogue, and upon stepping down received more than 75 messages urging me to continue serving. I am creative, thoughtful, and patient, and I take seriously the responsibility to represent all well owners fairly. These qualities position me to contribute effectively and collaboratively to the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency.

Describe your prior community engagement or service (e.g., Board member or volunteer) and/or prior participation in multi-party or community collaborative processes:

I've served as a director for private and public companies. I served as President of the board of the nonprofit organization Sustainable Silicon Valley where we conducted numerous symposia on water usage and conservation.

I served as President of an HOA in Fremont for a community of 275 homes, for 3 years, and, working with my fellow board members, accomplished significant results such that when I quit, I received over 75 emails requesting me to continue my service.

I've organized blood drives for the American Red Cross, Donations for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, tutored inmates in a federal prison, taught art classes in elementary school, been a Boy Scout troop leader, a Little League coach, a Youth soccer coach, and worked on the Bible Task Force of the city where I lived in Oregon.

I'm a trained meeting facilitator and have facilitated the creation of strategic 15-year roadmaps for the semiconductor industry. These road maps were significant in driving capital investment and were therefore attended by high-profile, intelligent people with often disparate points of view.

Application for SMGWA Well Owner Representative - Alternate Director (continued):

Are you able to commit to attending regular board meetings? Currently, the Board meets quarterly (4x/year) in the evening (starting at 8pm) at Scotts Valley Water District. Meetings are typically 1.5 to 3 hours long. ☒ Yes ☐ No
Do you understand and agree to adhere to the Board's Guiding Principles and Code of Conduct policies? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Do you acknowledge and agree to comply with the following legally required obligations applicable to California public officials? These obligations include: • Filing <u>Form 700: Statement of Economic Interests</u> upon appointment, annually during service, and upon leaving office • Completing mandatory trainings for public officials (ethics training (AB 1234); fiscal and financial training (SB 827)). These trainings will be made available at no charge to Directors. ☒ Yes ☐ No
Have you previously attended a meeting of the SMGWA Board of Directors? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Have you read the <u>Executive Summary</u> of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If not selected for the current opening, would you like this application to be considered for the next opening (note: the next solicitation is anticipated to occur in approximately two years)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
When there is a future opening, do you have a preference to serve as a Director or Alternate Director? ☐ Director ☐ Alternate Director ☒ Either

Ray Martin

AGENDA REPORT

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

To: Board of Directors
Date: August 27, 2026
Item: General 4.4
Subject: Biennial Review -- Amended Conflict of Interest Code

SUMMARY

Recommendation: Approve the proposed amended 2026 Conflict of Interest Code of the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency and Authorize staff to submit the amended Conflict of Interest Code to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, as the Agency's code reviewing body, for review and approval pursuant to Government Code §82011, §87303, and §87306.5.

Fiscal Impact: None.

The proposed amendments update the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code to reflect current positions and responsibilities and to distinguish positions subject to the Agency's local Conflict of Interest Code from officials subject to statutory financial-disclosure requirements under Government Code Section 87200.5.

BACKGROUND

The California Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code Section 81000 et seq.) requires every state and local agency to adopt and maintain a Conflict of Interest Code identifying positions that participate in governmental decisions that may foreseeably have a material financial effect on economic interests. Designated individuals are required to disclose specified economic interests on Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700). The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) has adopted California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 18730, containing the provisions of a standard Conflict of Interest Code that may be incorporated by reference by a local agency.

Government Code Section 87306.5 requires the code reviewing body to direct local agencies to review their Conflict of Interest Codes during every even-numbered year and, when amendments are necessary, to submit amended codes in accordance with Government Code Sections 87302 and 87303. Government Code Section 87303 provides that a Conflict of Interest Code or amendment does not become effective until approved by the code reviewing body.

Government Code Section 82011(b) designates the County Board of Supervisors as the code reviewing body for a local government agency, other than a city agency, whose jurisdiction is wholly within the county. Accordingly, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors serves as the code reviewing body for the Agency.

DISCUSSION

Staff completed the Agency's 2026 biennial review and determined that amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code are appropriate to reflect current Agency positions, responsibilities, and statutory filing requirements. This review distinguishes between two categories of filers: (1) statutory filers, who file directly with the FPPC under Government Code Section 87200.5; and (2) local designated filers, whose positions and disclosure categories are established by this Code under Government Code Section 87300 and who file through the County of Santa Cruz.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency Statutory Filers Required to File with the California Fair Political Practices Commission

Senate Bill 1156 (Hurtado), Chapter 458, Statutes of 2024, added Government Code Section 87200.5, effective January 1, 2025. Section 87200.5 provides that Directors and the GSA Executive of a groundwater sustainability agency must file Statements of Economic Interests in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 9 of the Government Code using the FPPC's online filing system. For purposes of Section 87200.5, "executive" means the executive director, general manager, or other equivalent position of the groundwater sustainability agency.

Section 87200.5 applies by its terms to Directors and the GSA Executive. The Agency's Alternate Directors are treated as Directors for purposes of the Conflict of Interest Code policy because they have Board authority when serving in place of an absent or conflicted Director.

Positions Required to File Locally with the County of Santa Cruz

Government Code Section 87300 and the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code require that individuals serving in "designated positions" who make or participate in making governmental decisions on behalf of the Agency file the required disclosure statements with the County of Santa Cruz. Appendix A identifies these designated positions: General Counsel, Treasurer, and the members of the Agency's Executive Team, specifically the General Manager of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District, General Manager of the Scotts Valley Water District and the Santa Cruz County Water Resources Program Manager. Consultants and newly created positions which are designated by the GSA Executive who participate in making governmental decisions on behalf of the Agency become designated local filers under Government Code Section 87300 upon the start of their service.

Appendix B updates the disclosure categories applicable to designated local positions to reflect the Agency's groundwater sustainability functions, including regulatory, monitoring, and fee authority, and interests in real property connected to Agency facilities. Category 3 has been revised to require disclosure only where real property is both located within the Agency's jurisdiction and within five hundred feet of a proposed or existing Agency project site, well, or facility — consistent with the statutory standard that disclosure categories be tailored to interests reasonably foreseeable to be materially affected by a position's duties. The definition of "land owned or used by the Agency" for purposes of this category has also been clarified to include Agency-owned or leased facility sites (such as wells, monitoring stations, and recharge facilities), while excluding water mains, pipelines, service

laterals, fire hydrants, valves, and similar distributed water-system infrastructure that merely crosses or underlies land owned by others.

Submitted by,

Teresa Rein, Counsel
Rein & Rein

Tim Carson, Program Director
Regional Water Management Foundation

Attachment(s): Amended Conflict of Interest Code

SANTA MARGARITA GROUNDWATER AGENCY

AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Section 1. Background and Terms of the Code

The Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code Section 81000 et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate Conflict of Interest Codes. Government Code Section 87300 requires each agency to adopt a Conflict of Interest Code identifying positions that make or participate in making governmental decisions that may foreseeably have a material financial effect on financial interests.

The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 18730, which contains the terms of a standard Conflict of Interest Code. The terms of Section 18730, together with any amendments duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, and the attached Appendices A and B, are incorporated herein by reference and constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 87303, this Conflict of Interest Code shall become effective upon approval by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, which acts as the designated code reviewing body pursuant to Government Code Section 82011(b).

This Code recognizes two categories of filers: (1) statutory filers whose disclosure requirements and filing location are established by statute under Government Code Section 87200.5 and who file directly with the Fair Political Practices Commission; and (2) local designated filers whose positions and disclosure categories are established by this Code under Government Code Section 87300 and who file through the County of Santa Cruz.

Section 2. Statutory Filers — Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Government Code Section 87200.5 requires that Directors and the executive of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency to file Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 9 of the Government Code using the electronic filing system established by the Fair Political Practices Commission. The term “executive” includes the executive director, general manager, or other equivalent position of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Government Code Section 87200.5 applies by its terms to seated Directors, and the GSA executive. Alternate Directors serve as Directors when acting in place of an absent or conflicted Director. Therefore, it is appropriate to designate Alternate Directors as statutory filers under this Code, as set forth in Appendix A.

The following positions are statutory filers under Government Code Section 87200.5 and file Statements of Economic Interests electronically with the Fair Political Practices Commission:

- Directors
- Alternate Directors
- GSA Executive (currently the General Manager, Scotts Valley Water District)

These positions are governed by the statutory disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act rather than the local disclosure categories set forth in Appendix B. These positions are listed in Appendix A for informational purposes only.

Section 3. Local Designated Positions

Individuals holding positions designated in Appendix A as local code filers shall file Statements of Economic Interests on Form 700 with the Agency using the electronic filing system administered by the County of Santa Cruz.

Consultants and newly created positions which are designated by the GSA Executive as individuals who participate in making governmental decisions on behalf of the Agency become designated local filers under Government Code Section 87300, as set forth in Appendix B and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 18734.

All statements filed pursuant to this Code shall be made available for public inspection and reproduction in accordance with Government Code Section 81008.

Appendix A

Local Designated Positions

Position	Filing Location	Disclosure Categories
General Counsel	Santa Cruz County Electronic Filing System	1, 2, 3
General Manager, San Lorenzo Valley Water District	Santa Cruz County Electronic Filing System	1, 2, 3
General Manager, Scotts Valley Water District	Santa Cruz County Electronic Filing System	1, 2, 3
Water Resources Program Manager, County of Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz County Electronic Filing System	1, 2, 3
Treasurer	Santa Cruz County Electronic Filing System	1, 2, 3
Consultants and Newly Created Positions	Santa Cruz County Electronic Filing System	See Appendix B

Statutory Filers Listed for Informational Purposes Only

Position	Filing Location	Disclosure Categories
Directors and Alternates	Fair Political Practices Commission Electronic Filing System	Statutory Full Disclosure (Gov. Code § 87200.5)
GSA Executive (General Manager, Scotts Valley Water District)	Fair Political Practices Commission Electronic Filing System	Statutory Full Disclosure (Gov. Code § 87200.5)

Note: Directors, Alternates and the GSA Executive file electronically with the FPPC pursuant to Government Code Section 87200.5 and are not designated positions under this Code. They are listed above for reference only and are not governed by the disclosure categories in Appendix B.

Appendix B

Disclosure Categories

Category 1: Investments, Business Positions, and Sources of Income

Investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income (including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments), if the business entity or source provides leased facilities, products, equipment, vehicles, machinery, materials, supplies, or services (including training, consulting, hydrogeological, engineering, legal, financial, or other professional services) of the type utilized by the Agency, or is engaged in water production, well drilling, groundwater extraction, or water purveyance within the jurisdiction of the Agency.

Category 2: Grants, Regulatory Decisions, and Agency Assistance

Investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income (including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments), if the business entity or source is subject to the regulatory authority, groundwater management actions, monitoring, fees, rates, or charges of the Agency, or is of the type to receive grants, subventions, contracts, or other funding or financial assistance from or through the Agency.

Category 3: Real Property

Interests in real property located within the jurisdiction of the Agency, if the real property is located within five hundred feet of the site of a proposed or existing Agency capital construction project, property acquisition, groundwater well, or other major facility development. For purposes of this Category, real property is located within the jurisdiction of the Agency if it is located within the Agency's service boundaries, within two miles of the Agency's service boundaries, or within two miles of any land owned or used by the Agency.

For purposes of this Category, "land owned or used by the Agency" means real property in which the Agency holds a fee, leasehold, or site-specific easement interest for a groundwater well, monitoring station, recharge facility, storage facility, administrative office, or other fixed Agency facility. It does not include water mains, pipelines, service laterals, fire hydrants, valves, meters, or other linear or appurtenant water-system infrastructure that merely crosses, underlies, or occupies a right-of-way on land otherwise owned by a third party.

A residence used exclusively as a personal residence is not reportable under this Category. However, a residence for which the filer claims a business deduction, or from which the filer receives rental income, is reportable as to the affected portion, consistent with Fair Political Practices Commission Schedule B filing instructions.

Consultants and Newly Created Positions

Consultants and newly created positions that participate in making governmental decisions shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure categories applicable to the position, including Categories 1, 2, and 3. The GSA Executive shall determine in writing which consultants and newly created positions participate in governmental decisions and require disclosure under all categories. Any such written determination shall describe the duties of the consultant or newly created position, specify the

applicable disclosure requirements, and be maintained as a public record in the same manner and location as this Conflict of Interest Code pursuant to Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 18734.

AGENDA REPORT

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

To: Board of Directors
Date: August 27, 2026
Item: Staff Report 5.1
Subject: **Financial Report for the Period July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026**

SUMMARY

Attached is the Financial Management Report with the short summary provided below.

- Budget vs. Actuals – reflects grant revenue and contributions from the member agencies, payments for services incurred in the period, in comparison with the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Budget.
- Balance Sheet – reflects the cash balance at West Coast Community Bank (formerly Santa Cruz County Bank) as of June 30, 2026, revenue invoiced but not yet received as Accounts Receivable (A/R), payments owed to vendors as Accounts Payable (A/P), retained earnings from prior year activity and net income for the period.
- Checking Account Activity – reflects all payments made in this period
- A/P Aging Summary – reflects payments owed to vendors
- Credit Card Activity – provides a list of expenses charged on the credit card
- Investment Report – provides details on investments held by the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Submitted by,

John Dillon, Treasurer
Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Attachment(s): Financial Management Report for the Period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

FY25-26 Budget vs. Actuals

July 2025 - June 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income				
Billable Expense Income	451,790.00	451,790.00	0.00	100.00 %
Interest Income	1,472.92		1,472.92	
Total Income	\$453,262.92	\$451,790.00	\$1,472.92	100.33 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$453,262.92	\$451,790.00	\$1,472.92	100.33 %
Expenses				
51000 Administrative Services				
51100 Administrative Staff	201,210.89	245,000.00	-43,789.11	82.13 %
51200 Treasury Administration		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
Total 51000 Administrative Services	201,210.89	255,000.00	-53,789.11	78.91 %
52000 Professional Contract Services				
52100 Legal Services	6,018.75	10,000.00	-3,981.25	60.19 %
52200 Outreach Services	10,245.63	20,000.00	-9,754.37	51.23 %
52400 Audit Services	7,500.00	8,000.00	-500.00	93.75 %
52500 Technical Services	254,546.14	321,178.00	-66,631.86	79.25 %
Total 52000 Professional Contract Services	278,310.52	359,178.00	-80,867.48	77.49 %
53000 General Administrative Expenses				
53100 Insurance	1,807.50	2,000.00	-192.50	90.38 %
53200 Membership Fees	5,945.00	6,600.00	-655.00	90.08 %
53300 Supplies & Equipment		500.00	-500.00	
53400 Software & Licenses	2,442.00	1,800.00	642.00	135.67 %
53500 Meetings		500.00	-500.00	
53600 Travel, Training & Seminars		1,200.00	-1,200.00	
53700 Banking Fees		200.00	-200.00	
53800 Other Business Expenses		1,200.00	-1,200.00	
Total 53000 General Administrative Expenses	10,194.50	14,000.00	-3,805.50	72.82 %
54100 Monitoring Network Enhancement	237.41		237.41	
Total Expenses	\$489,953.32	\$628,178.00	\$ -138,224.68	78.00 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -36,690.40	\$ -176,388.00	\$139,697.60	20.80 %
NET INCOME	\$ -36,690.40	\$ -176,388.00	\$139,697.60	20.80 %

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Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2026

		TOTAL
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Checking		527,140.61
Total Bank Accounts		\$527,140.61
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable (A/R)		0.00
Total Accounts Receivable		\$0.00
Other Current Assets		
Undeposited Funds		0.00
Total Other Current Assets		\$0.00
Total Current Assets		\$527,140.61
TOTAL ASSETS		\$527,140.61
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable (A/P)		164,862.27
Total Accounts Payable		\$164,862.27
Credit Cards		
SCCB Credit Card		75.00
Total Credit Cards		\$75.00
Other Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses		0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities		\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities		\$164,937.27
Total Liabilities		\$164,937.27
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity		0.00
Retained Earnings		398,893.74
Net Income		-36,690.40
Total Equity		\$362,203.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		\$527,140.61

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

A/P Aging Summary

As of June 30, 2026

	CURRENT	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 AND OVER	TOTAL
Balance Hydrologics	3,163.83		1,603.73			\$4,767.56
cbec eco engineering	3,994.00					\$3,994.00
County of Santa Cruz - Enviro Health	57,914.21					\$57,914.21
Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	92,661.50					\$92,661.50
Miller Maxfield	231.25					\$231.25
Nigro & Nigro PC	4,000.00					\$4,000.00
Rein & Rein, APC	1,293.75					\$1,293.75
TOTAL	\$163,258.54	\$0.00	\$1,603.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164,862.27

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Check Detail

July 2025 - June 2026

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	CLR	AMOUNT
Checking						
07/17/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1422	Miller Maxfield	May 2025 - Public Outreach Services	R	-1,412.50 -1,412.50
07/17/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1423	Rein & Rein, APC	Legal services- May 2025	R	-990.00 -990.00
07/17/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1424	Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	WY2024 GSP Annual Report - May 2025	R	-4,705.50 -4,705.50
07/17/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1425	Balance Hydrologics	Bean Creek real-time gauge - service through 6/21/25	R	-4,099.73 -4,099.73
07/17/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1426	cbec eco engineering	Streamflow monitoring - Jun 2025	R	-5,380.50 -5,380.50
07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1434	Nigro & Nigro PC	Audit Service for FY 2025 -Interim	R	-4,000.00 -4,000.00
07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1438	Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	WY2024 GSP Annual Report - July 2025	R	-1,978.00 -1,978.00
08/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1428	cbec eco engineering	Streamflow monitoring - Jul 2025	R	-3,294.50 -3,294.50
08/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1429	Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	WY2024 GSP Annual Report - June 2025	R	-4,168.50 -4,168.50
08/07/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1430	ACWA-JPIA	FY 25-26 Cyber Liability Insurance	R	-100.00 -100.00
08/13/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1427	Miller Maxfield	June 2025 - Public Outreach Services	R	-1,325.00 -1,325.00
08/13/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1431	County of Santa Cruz - Enviro Health	FY 25-Q4 (Apr-Jun) - RWMF Services	R	-43,289.49 -43,289.49
09/03/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1435	cbec eco engineering	Streamflow monitoring - Aug 2025	R	-3,118.50 -3,118.50
09/11/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1432	Rein & Rein, APC	Legal Services - 06/01 - 06/30/2025	R	-202.50 -202.50
09/11/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1433	Rein & Rein, APC	Legal Services - 07/01 - 07/31/2025	R	-225.00 -225.00
09/11/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1436	SVWD	FY 24-25 Treasurer Service	R	-10,000.00 -10,000.00
09/11/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1437	Balance Hydrologics	Bean Creek real-time gauge - service through 7/19/25	R	-1,000.90 -1,000.90
09/11/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1439	Miller Maxfield	Aug 2025 - Public Outreach Services	R	-587.50 -587.50
10/03/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1440	Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	WY2024 GSP Annual Report - August 2025	R	-2,298.00 -2,298.00
10/03/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1441	Rein & Rein, APC	Legal Services - 08/01 - 08/31/2025	R	-753.75 -753.75

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Check Detail

July 2025 - June 2026

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	CLR	AMOUNT
11/14/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1442	cbec eco engineering	Streamflow monitoring - Sep 2025	R	-6,809.00 -6,809.00
11/14/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1443	Miller Maxfield	Sep 2025 - Public Outreach Services	R	-450.00 -450.00
11/14/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1444	Rein & Rein, APC	Legal Services - 09/01 - 09/30/2025	R	-697.50 -697.50
11/14/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1445	Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	WY2024 GSP Annual Report - September 2025	R	-2,001.50 -2,001.50
11/26/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1446	ACWA-JPIA	FY25-26 Auto & General Liability	R	-1,507.50 -1,507.50
11/26/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1447	Rein & Rein, APC	Legal Counsel - October 2025	R	-1,282.50 -1,282.50
11/26/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1448	Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	WY2024 GSP Annual Report - October 2025	R	-2,001.50 -2,001.50
11/26/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1449	Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	WY2024 GSP Annual Report - October 2025	R	-4,993.50 -4,993.50
12/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1451	County of Santa Cruz - Enviro Health	FY25-26 Q1 Admin	R	-56,285.29 -56,285.29
12/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1452	Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	WY2024 GSP Annual Report - Nov 2025	R	-1,131.00 -1,131.00
12/12/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1453	cbec eco engineering	Streamflow monitoring - Nov 2025	R	-2,986.50 -2,986.50
12/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1455	Rein & Rein, APC	Legal Services - 11/01 - 12/31/2025	R	-348.75 -348.75
12/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1459	Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	WY2025 Annual Report - Dec 2025	R	-8,513.50 -8,513.50
12/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	1460	Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	WY2025 Annual Report - Dec 2025	R	-7,697.50 -7,697.50
01/23/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1456	cbec eco engineering	Streamflow monitoring - Dec 2025	R	-7,388.50 -7,388.50
01/23/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1457	ACWA	2026 Affiliate Membership	R	-3,445.00 -3,445.00
01/23/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1458	Balance Hydrologics	Bean Creek real-time gauge - service through 12/20/25	R	-704.25 -704.25
03/05/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1461	County of Santa Cruz - Enviro Health	FY 25-26 Q2 (Oct-Dec) - RWMF Services	R	-45,721.45 -45,721.45
03/05/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1462	Balance Hydrologics	Bean Creek real-time gauge service - through 01/17/26	R	-1,714.25 -1,714.25
03/05/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1463	Nigro & Nigro PC	Audit Services for FYE 2025 - Final	R	-3,500.00 -3,500.00

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Check Detail

July 2025 - June 2026

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	CLR	AMOUNT
03/05/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1466	Press Banner	Public Notice - Intent to Begin an Amendment to GSP	R	-251.88 -251.88
03/06/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1464	Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	WY2025 Annual Report - Jan 2026	R	-28,074.50 -28,074.50
03/06/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1465	Pacific Policy Group	Small Groundwater Association Coalition - Jan 1, 2026 - Jun 30, 2026	R	-2,500.00 -2,500.00
03/30/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1468	Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	WY2025 Annual Report - Feb 2026	R	-4,548.00 -4,548.00
03/30/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1469	Balance Hydrologics	Bean Creek Real-time Gauge - Service through 02/21/26	R	-1,894.78 -1,894.78
03/30/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1470	ACWA-JPIA	Public Official Bond - John Dillon - 3.13.26 - 3.13.27	R	-200.00 -200.00
03/30/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1471	Rein & Rein, APC	13080-00001 - Legal Services - Feb 2026	R	-1,237.50 -1,237.50
03/30/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1472	Miller Maxfield	Public Outreach - Feb 2026	R	-781.25 -781.25
04/23/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1476	cbec eco engineering	Streamflow monitoring - Mar 2026	R	-1,307.25 -1,307.25
04/23/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1477	Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	WY2025 Annual Report - Mar 2026	R	-19,419.00 -19,419.00
04/23/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1478	Miller Maxfield	Mar 2026 - Public Outreach Services	R	-2,031.25 -2,031.25
04/23/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1479	Rein & Rein, APC	Legal Services - To 03/31/2026	R	-67.50 -67.50
05/28/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1481	County of Santa Cruz - Enviro Health	FY 25-26 Q3 (Jan-Mar) - RWMF Services	R	-54,683.59 -54,683.59
06/15/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1482	Rein & Rein, APC	Legal Services - To 04/30/2026	R	-112.50 -112.50
06/15/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1483	Errol L Montgomery & Associates Inc.	WY2025 Annual Report - Apr 2026	R	-26,855.00 -26,855.00
06/15/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	1484	Miller Maxfield	May 2026 - Public Outreach Services		-2,081.25 -2,081.25

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Credit Card Activity

July 2025 - June 2026

DATE	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	CLR	AMOUNT
SCCB Credit Card				
07/27/2025	EvoGov, Inc.	July 2025 web hosting	R	75.00
08/27/2025	EvoGov, Inc.	Aug 2025 Web Hosting	R	75.00
09/27/2025	EvoGov, Inc.	September 2025 web hosting	R	75.00
10/27/2025	EvoGov, Inc.	October 2025 web hosting	R	75.00
11/27/2025	EvoGov, Inc.	November 2025 web hosting	R	75.00
12/07/2025	In-Situ, Inc	Monitoring equip - Data Cable	R	237.41
12/18/2025	DOCUSIGN, INC	Docusign Annual License	R	300.00
12/27/2025	EvoGov, Inc.	December 2025 web hosting	R	75.00
01/27/2026	EvoGov, Inc.	Jan 2026 Web Hosting	R	75.00
02/27/2026	EvoGov, Inc.	Feb 2026 Web Hosting	R	75.00
03/04/2026	Intuit Quickbooks	Quickbooks Annual License	R	1,242.00
03/27/2026	EvoGov, Inc.	March 2026 web hosting	R	75.00
04/27/2026	EvoGov, Inc.	April 2026 web hosting	R	75.00
05/27/2026	EvoGov, Inc.	May 2026 web hosting	R	75.00
06/27/2026	EvoGov, Inc.	June 2026 web hosting	R	75.00

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Investment Summary

As of 06/30/26

						Rate		Balance as of:	
Institution	Investment	CUSIP	Purchased	Maturity	Purchase \$	3/31/2026	6/30/2026	3/31/2026	6/30/2026
Unrestricted Funds:									
West Coast Community Bank	General Checking		various			0.00%	0.00%	\$ 690,856	\$ 100,000
West Coast Community Bank	IntraFi Cash Service (ICS) Sweep Account		various				3.81%		\$ 432,003
Subtotal for Unrestricted Funds:						%		\$ 690,856	\$ 532,003
Weighted Average Yield							3.09%		

The current investments comply with the requirements of the Investment Policy (P5)

Sufficient cash is available to meet expected expenditure requirements for the next six months.

**Santa Margarita Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan
Implementation Activities Status Report
August 27, 2026**

1. Agency Membership and Funding Structure Evaluation
SMGWA Board of Directors (Board) approved the current cost share structure on February 24, 2022. This cost share, with minor modification, was used for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, FY 2026 and FY 2027.
2. Administrative and Business Operations
- Board approved the agreement with the County of Santa Cruz for administrative and planning services, and data management system (DMS) hosting and maintenance for a three-year period through June 30, 2025. The County contracted with Regional Water Management Foundation (RWMF) to provide administrative and planning services and Kisters North America to provide DMS hosting and maintenance effective July 1, 2022. Board approved an extension of the contract with the County through June 30, 2027. - Board approved the FY 2027 budget on May 28, 2026. - Board approved cbec, inc. as contractor on March 23, 2023 for dry season stream monitoring. Contract with cbec executed effective April 12, 2023. The contract covered monitoring for 2023, 2024, and 2025. No dry season monitoring is being conducted in 2026, so cbec (now Verdantas) has removed monitoring equipment from the sites and data loggers are stored at the Scotts Valley Water District office. The contract is eligible for an extension of up to 2 years should SMGWA determine a need to monitor the streams in the future. - Board approved Montgomery & Associates as a contractor on October 26, 2023 for hydrogeologic support services. Services consist primarily of assistance in preparation of the required Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Annual Report, collection and upload of data required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), groundwater model data updates and simulations to assist in annual report preparation. The support agreement is eligible for up to 5 years, and the Board authorized Year 4 tasks on May 28, 2026.
3. Technical Support and Consultation
- Basin groundwater model with Water Year 2025 (WY25) hydrology and metered pumping data updated and ran for purposes of preparing the WY25 annual report required under SGMA. The Basin model has also been updated to support the GSP Amendment. This includes an updated current and future conditions assessment based on more recent groundwater extraction that has declined relative to prior to SGMA passage. - Staff reviewed a well permit application for a domestic well that will serve 2 parcels in June 2026. This was the second well permit reviewed under the SMGWA Well Construction Permit Application Review Policy adopted in August 2025. Staff had no concerns associated with the permit.

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4. Monitoring and Reporting
• Spring 2026 groundwater level data collected in late April to early May and uploaded into DMS. Data uploaded to the SGMA Portal by the July 1, 2026 deadline. • Fall 2025 groundwater level data collected in late September and early October and were uploaded to the SMGA Portal on January 6, 2026. • Dry season streamflow monitoring for 2025 commenced on April 30, 2025 and concluded on November 3, 2025. The monitoring report for 2025 was completed in June 2026 and uploaded to the SMGWA website. • Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) monitoring for fall 2025 completed by County staff in October. The GDE field monitoring approach was evaluated as part of GSP Periodic Evaluation and the work was suspended by the County for spring 2026. • WY25 annual report approved by Board on February 26, 2026 and posted to SGMA web portal on March 6, 2026. DWR confirmed the WY25 annual report determined as complete on August 20, 2026.
5. Address Data Gaps
• Construction of the monitoring network of seven shallow wells completed in August 2023. The shallow wells were partially funded through a Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant awarded in 2020. Data downloaded from loggers in April 2026. • The County of Santa Cruz identified a domestic well owner in the Weston Road area that is allowing County staff to collect groundwater spring and fall groundwater level measurements. First measurement was collected on May 10, 2024 and latest reading collected in April 2026. The Weston Road area was an identified monitoring data gap in the GSP. • Request for construction of a deep monitoring well in the Butano Formation at Vine Hill Elementary School submitted to the Department of Water Resources Technical Support Services Program on September 26, 2023. DWR provided update on August 28, 2025 that the request is still being evaluated. • Conducted dry season monitoring in 2024 and 2025 at a location on Carbonera Creek. The creek had been identified as a potential monitoring data gap in the GSP. The need for continued site monitoring was considered during the GSP Periodic Evaluation. The site was determined to not be a data gap, and it will no longer be monitored.
6. Data Management System (DMS)
• Initial development of DMS with a public web portal, in coordination with the neighboring Mid-County Groundwater Basin and the County of Santa Cruz, has been completed. Kisters completed an update to the WISKI system to a newer version on May 20, 2026. • Member agency and RWMF staff continue to upload data to the DMS site.
7. Evaluate, Prioritize, and Refine Projects and Management Actions
• Member agencies progressing on their respective projects. Updates on progress were collected from agencies as part of WY25 GSP Annual Report preparation. Projects and management actions are being updated as part of GSP periodic evaluation and GSP amendment.

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Preliminary Agenda Overview

Day 1 | Dec. 1

 May qualify for continuing education credits.

- 9:30 AM Committee Meeting & Education Session 
Groundwater Committee
- 10:45 AM Committee Meetings
Energy Committee | Water Management Committee
- 11:45 AM Networking Lunch
- 11:45 AM Taskforce Meetings
Outreach Taskforce | Headwater Taskforce
- 1:00 PM Committee Meetings & Education Session 
Agriculture Committee | Local Government Committee
- 2:15 PM Committee Meetings
Communications Committee | Finance Committee | Water Quality Committee
- 3:30 PM Committee Meetings & Education Session 
Federal Affairs Committee | Legal Affairs Committee | Membership Committee
- 4:00 PM New Member Mixer
- 4:00 PM Exhibit Hall Opens
- 5:00 PM Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall

Day 2 | Dec. 2

- 7:30 AM Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 AM Welcome Keynote & Opening Address
- 10:30 AM Program  & Spotlight Sessions
- 11:45 AM Networking Lunch
- 1:30 PM Water Talk at the Main Stage
- 2:25 PM Spotlight Sessions
- 2:30 PM Program Sessions 
- 3:45 PM Region Meetings
- 5:00 PM Networking Reception in the Exhibit Hall

Venue & Hotel Information

Anaheim Marriott
700 W. Convention Way
Anaheim, CA

Room Rate: \$239/night +
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Note: Conference
registration is required to
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rate. A reservation link will be
provided in your registration
confirmation email.

Day 3 | Dec. 3

- 7:30 AM Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 AM Grand Prize Drawing in the Exhibit Hall
- 9:00 AM Program Sessions 
- 10:30 AM Closing Keynote & Awards Presentation
- 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn Program Sessions 