

**Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency  
Special Meeting  
June 9, 2021  
3:00 pm  
Zoom Conferencing Meeting  
Agenda Package**



Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency  
A Special District of the State of California

**AGENDA**  
**Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency**  
**Special Meeting of June 9, 2021**

Meeting Time 3:00 pm

**Zoom Teleconference Meeting**

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“Note: Due to staffing and facility availability on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, **OBGMA will hold a special board meeting at 3:00 p.m.**”

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20, Board Members of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency will participate in this meeting via a teleconference from separate locations.

In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, this meeting will be available through:

**For Public Call In Participation:**

1. Zoom Dial In Information: 1-669-900-9128, Meeting ID: 827 5712 7464, Password: 218792.

**For Public Viewing**

2. The OBGMA.com Website;
3. City of Ojai YouTube Channel at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3DhCB5Z1DynNC7n8qcNeDQ/live> (2 Minute delay of transmission)
4. In Ojai, CA: Spectrum Channel 10.

**Public Comments:** Members of the public who Call In may provide public comment. Please wait until the Board Chair ask if any members of the public wish to comment. This will provide for orderly participation during the meeting.

Members of the public may also submit written public comments in advance via e-mail no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Public comment e-mails should be sent to [OBGMA@aol.com](mailto:OBGMA@aol.com).

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

The board will receive comments from the public at this time. Other than for emergency items, no action can be taken during this period. Matters raised at this time may be briefly discussed by the board and will generally be referred to staff and/or placed on a subsequent agenda.

### **3. ACTION ITEMS:**

**a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update – Potential Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems**

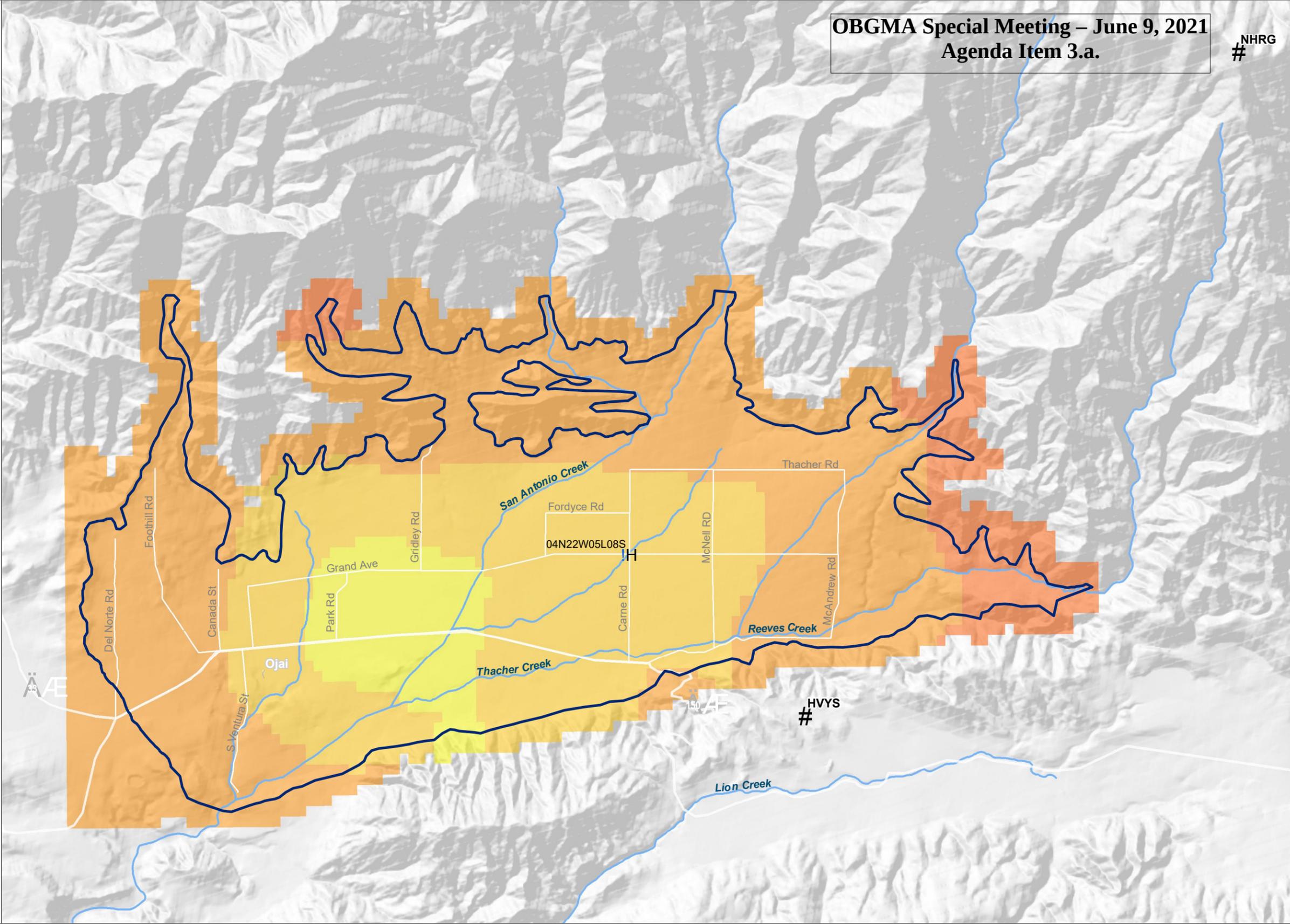
Board to receive update from Dudek, provide feedback and direction on the information presented.

**b. GSP Outreach & Communication Plan Draft Schedule.**

Board to review the draft schedule and provide comments and recommendations pertaining to meeting dates for outreach to stakeholders & interested parties.

**4. ADJOURNMENT:** The next regular board meeting is scheduled for **June 24, 2021, 3:00pm**, by Zoom conferencing. Details for providing public comment and or observation of the meeting will be posted with the agenda 72 hours prior to the meeting.

- Legend**
-  Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (4-002)
  -  CASGEM Key Well
  -  CGPS Station
- TRE Altamira InSAR Vertical Displacement (inches)**  
(October 1, 2019 to October 1, 2020)
-  -0.125 to 0
  -  0 to 0.125
  -  0.125 to 0.250
  -  0.250 to 0.375



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DATUM: NAD 1983 DATA SOURCE: ESRI; DWR; USGS; SGMA; UNAVCO



**FIGURE 2-37**  
Land Subsidence

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** John R. Mundy, General Manager - *JRM*

**Subject:** **Outreach and Communication Plan Draft Schedule**

**Overview**

As required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) are required to engage stakeholders and interested parties during the development of its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). This memorandum is presented to provide a suggested outreach schedule for Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) to engage stakeholders and interested parties prior to submittal of its GSP to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) by January 31, 2022. This schedule takes into account the required public hearing that is to be held at least 90 days after providing notice of public hearing to adopt the proposed GSP (Water Code Section 10728.4) and provides an example notice to provide to the public in September 2021 for a December 2021 public hearing to be held at either a special or regular Board meeting of the OBGMA. In addition, potential processes to solicit and incorporate formal comment from stakeholders and interested parties is discussed including a voluntary 30-day public comment period prior to adoption of the proposed GSP. The OBGMA will also receive public comment at the public hearing to adopt the proposed GSP in December 2021.

**Notification of Public Workshops**

A list of stakeholders and interested parties has been developed. Notice will be sent to stakeholders, interested parties and the public informing them of opportunities to engage in the GSP development process. Notices of public workshops will be posted in the Ojai Valley News. Further, parties will also be noticed of regular Board meetings that may contain discussions and actions of the GSP development process. Notice will also be sent of the availability of a final draft report prior to the Board of Director's final approval. All presentations to the public are expected to be done through Zoom Teleconferencing<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20, signed on March 12 and 17, 2020, authorize local agencies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and requiring public comment to be presented electronically. These Executive Orders also waived the requirement to post the remote meeting locations (typically the home addresses of elected and appointed officials and staff), as well as making those locations accessible to the public. OBGMA is monitoring requirements to returning to conducting business in person and will adapt as necessary taking into account public health and safety, even with the state's improved public health status.

## Draft Schedule

1. July 29, 2021 (Regular Board Meeting?) (Arts Commission – 5:00 p.m.)
  - *Overview of SGMA and Introduction to the GSP (Chapter 1)* – what it is and how GSPs have to comply with its provisions.
  - *Plan Area and Basin Setting (Chapter 2)* – to be presented covering the management area of the basin and a general overview of the current and historical groundwater conditions.
  - *Suitability Management Criteria (Chapter 3)* – what they are and how are they developed (discussion of sustainability goal(s) and undesirable results)
    - *Subsidence* – a brief overview of the negligible issues related to subsidence in the basin including new information just released by DWR indicating ground surface uplift or rebound in most of the Basin over the past year.
    - *Seawater Intrusion* – as this is not an issue for the basin it will be briefly mentioned as a criterion that was required to be evaluated.
    - *Water quality* – a discussion of water quality issues and potential impacts in the basin
    - *Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels* – present historical conditions in the Basin
    - *Reduction of Groundwater in Storage* – present historical conditions in the Basin and preliminary estimate of safe yield and discussion of sustainable yield
  
2. August [Day], 2021(Regular Meeting – 26th?)
  - *Identification of Projects and Management Actions* – a discussion of the development of monitoring/assessment protocols and projects/management actions to achieve sustainability goals and sustainable indexes for the basin, describe the implementation feasibility, and the method by which each will be evaluated for effectiveness.
  
3. September [Day], 2021(Regular Meeting – 30th?)
  - *Projects and Management Actions (Chapter 4)* – provide additional details on projects and management actions based on input received from August meeting
  - *Plan Implementation (Chapter 5)* – Estimate of Implementation Costs for ongoing monitoring, filling of primary data gaps, annual reporting and 5-year updates. Provide tentative schedule for Plan implementation.
  
  - Chapters 1 through 5 key concepts slides (Provides executive summary of the GSP).

4. October 1, 2021

- Begin 30-day public comment period, conduct outreach to Stakeholders/Interested Parties.

5. October 28, 2021(Regular Meeting date)

6. November [23], 2021

If a 30-day public comment period is incorporated provide summary of comments received and overview of response to comments. Make any necessary revisions to GSP based on pertinent comments received.

7. December 2, 2021(Regular Meeting for November & December typically consolidated)

8. December [15?], 2021

- Board of Directors to consider approval of draft GSP at public hearing after 90-day notice of intent to adopt Plan (Water Code Section 10728.4.).

9. January 27, 2022 (Regular Meeting Date)

10. January 31, 2022

- Submittal of GSP to California Department of Water Resources.
- The Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is required to be adopted by the GSA by January 31, 2022. SGMA does not require any public review period prior to adoption. The GSA, however, has added a 30-day public review period to ensure stakeholders and other interested parties have an opportunity to review comment on the GSP prior to adoption. Public review is anticipated to commence in late September 2021 (date subject to revision). The draft GSP will be available for review at the following locations:

Internet: <http://obgma.com/>

Hard Copy available at:

Ojai Groundwater Management Agency Office  
417 Bryant Circle, Suite 112  
Ojai, CA 93023  
Office Hours: M, W, F, 9 am – 1 pm

(Call for an appointment prior to coming to the office. Phone: 805.640.1207)

A final date for comments to be received will be provided by the GSA at the start of the public review period. Comments on the draft GSP should reference the project name and sent via e-mail or US Mail:

E-mail: OjaiBasinGSP@gmail.com

US Mail: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency  
P.O. Box 1779  
Ojai, CA 93024

# **(Draft)**

**Notice of Public Hearing for the Proposed Ojai Basin Groundwater Sustainability  
Plan Adoption (Water Code Section 10728.4)  
Published: September 1, 2021**

This is to provide notice of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency's ("OBGMA"), acting as the sole Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), proposed adoption of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4. Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (Water Code Sections 10720 et seq.) ("SGMA"), at least 90-days prior to holding a public hearing to adopt a GSP, a GSA must provide notice to a city or county within the area of the proposed GSP. (Water Code Section 10728.4.)

The GSP will be available for public review and comment through December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It may be downloaded from the Agency's website, [obgma.com](http://obgma.com), or a copy requested by email at [obgma@aol.com](mailto:obgma@aol.com).

A public hearing will be held at 3:00 PM on December [(15<sup>th</sup>)Day], 2021 or as soon thereafter as may be heard, via Zoom Teleconferencing. Considerations to adopt this document may occur as part of public hearing. Once adopted, the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin GSP will govern sustainable groundwater management actions within OBGMA's jurisdictional boundaries.

If you have any comments you would like OBGMA to review and consider, please provide them in writing (via letter or e-mail) to:

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