

# Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency

## Meeting

**December 9, 2021**

**2:00 pm**

Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall

401 South Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023

**(Zoom Teleconference Available)**

## Agenda Package



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

**AGENDA**  
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**Meeting of December 9, 2021**

**Meeting Time 2:00 pm**

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401 South Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023

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**(Note: Wearing of a face mask is required to attend the meeting in person per County of Ventura requirements effective August 23, 2021)**

This meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall and streamed Zoom Teleconferencing.

**For Zoom 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 attend the meeting or Call In may provide public comment under item 6 or on each agenda item presented herein. 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS**

- Mutuels:
- Ojai Water Conservation District:
- City of Ojai:
- Casitas Municipal Water District – Lake Level
- Community Facilities District - CMWD Ojai Service Area:

#### **4. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

- 2021/2022 Budget

#### **5. BASIN STATUS REPORTS**

- Current Status of Basin: Input, Output and Storage
- Nested Monitoring Well Project Update

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. CONSENT ITEMS:** Directors may pull an item off of consent items for discussion and action.

- a. Approve the Minutes of June 9, 2021.

#### **8. ACTION ITEMS:**

##### **a. PUBLIC HEARING - Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)**

**Presentation and Public Comment.** The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to discuss and receive public comment on the Draft GSP. The Board may direct the GSP consultant and/or staff regarding modifications to the Draft GSP based on public comments. *(Due to meeting room time constraints, public comment may be limited to 3 minutes for each person or entity requesting to speak. Commenters are asked to not be repetitive in their comments of previous speakers.)*

##### **b. Treasurer's Report for October 2021**

Board to Review and Approve reports for October 2021.

##### **c. January 2022 Board Meeting**

Board consider meeting earlier than January 27 due to GSP submittal due date of January 31.

#### **9. Information Items**

- a. The Board will be considering and voting on the adoption of the GSP at its regular rescheduled Board of Directors meeting in January 2022.
- b. Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan available at OBGMA.com
- c. Casitas MWD GSP Comment Letter

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** The next regular board meeting is scheduled for **January 27, 2022, 3:00 p.m.** However, this meeting is expected to be rescheduled as noted in this agenda. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at Ojai City Hall and by Zoom teleconferencing. Details for providing public comment and or observation of the meeting will be posted with the agenda 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Meeting Date: December 9, 2021  
To: Board of Directors  
From: Roberta Barbee  
Subject: Minutes of the Zoom Teleconference Special Board Meeting of June 9, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ojai Groundwater Management Agency, held as a Zoom Teleconference Meeting due to the Covid-19 virus response, called to order at 3:02 pm.

**Attendees were:** Board Members: Jim Finch, Peter Thielke, Bob Daddi, and Chair Richard Hajas; General Manager John Mundy, and Roberta Barbee, Administrative Assistant/Clerk of the Board. Also in attendance: Jordan Kear, Consultant, Peter Candy, Attorney, Betsy Stix, Ojai Mayor, Bruce Kuebler, Kelly Dyer, Brandon Hansen Bill Miley, Virgil Cleary, Mike Flood, and Julie Tumamait, Chumash Elder, Dudek Consultants: Trey Driscoll and Devin Pritchard.

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Hajas called the meeting to order at 3:02pm. Mundy called the roll.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** not performed.
- 3. Public Comments on Items Not Appearing on the Agenda:** Julie Tumamait-Stenslie Tribal Chair of the Barbareno/Ventureno Band of Mission Indians updated the Board on her visit to the Nested Monitoring Well site. Since the Nested Monitoring Well is in the area for cultural resources the city requires Tumamait-Stenslie to visit the site. She met Jordan Kear on Monday and watched him hand dig down to 5 feet. They saw very dark clay and black soil, that usually comes with artifacts or shells but there wasn't any. She didn't stay at the site very long but came back by for spot checks to view the core materials.
- 4. GSP - Groundwater Model Update:** Trey Driscoll went over the schedule of the plan submittals for review: the first two out of the five chapters will be sent to Mundy for his and the boards' review and comments later in June. In July they will complete those chapters and send them out to the stakeholders. In August they will be identifying projects and management actions. The DWR (Department of Water Resources) requires a 90 day notice of public hearing for all interested parties in preparation and adoption of the Agency's GSP. Daddi voiced concerns of not finishing by the deadline of January 31, 2022. Driscoll confidently stated that Dudek was prepared to meet the deadline and there is no reason to go beyond that date. Mundy noted that there aren't any fines but the State will step in and prepare the plan, most likely the SWCB. Mundy was also confident that we will meet the deadline. If there are any delays, we can notify them and let them know we will have it to them in so many days.



Driscoll said they are prepared to have the drafts of chapters 1 and 2 completed for the June 24 Regular Meeting. Dudek will be ready to meet again before the Regular Meeting in July if needed.

Pritchard showed slides of newly released land subsidence data that confirmed with the Basin not having any subsidence issues for the previous 4 years. He went over the GDEs (Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems) defined under SGMA as ecological communities or species that depend on groundwater emerging from aquifers or on groundwater occurring near the ground surface. They include wetlands, streams, springs, seeps, and vegetation. It is difficult to determine degree of dependency of GDEs on groundwater. Chronic lowering of groundwater levels, degraded water quality, and depletion of interconnected surface water can all threaten a GDE's existence. Dudek used a desktop analysis to begin process of identifying GDEs in the Basin. 33 GDEs were identified totaling 200 acres made up mostly of Coast Live Oak, Riparian Mixed Hardwood, Valley Oak, and Willow. The analysis identified 12 "priority" potential GDEs based on the desktop analysis that are classified as a potential not priority. The focus on potential GDEs is specific to one area in the Basin, primarily the San Antonio Creek and the outlet from the Basin. The potential GDEs that are on the alluvial fans below the Topa Topa Mountains and other areas of the Basin are unlikely to be impacted by any kind of groundwater production. The multi-depth monitoring well being drilled today will produce the information to better understand that habitat. There is not sufficient data at this time to develop any specific sustainable management criteria for the GSP on these GDEs. It is expected they will evolve during the implementation of the plan.

5. **Information Items:** none.
6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:03pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be June 24, 2021 at 3:00pm, in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 South Ventura Street; Ojai, CA 93023. However, it may continue to be held as a Zoom Teleconferencing Meeting at 3:00 pm that day.

**OBGMA**  
Budget Actuals FYTD 21/22

	Oct-21	YTD
<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>		
Checking	27,778.77	
Savings	50,016.23	
	<b>77,795.00</b>	
<b>Income</b>		
Returned Check Charges	-	-
GSP Extraction Fees	33,036.50	<b>33,036.50</b>
Well Head Fee	5,395.19	<b>5,395.19</b>
Interest Charges	5.42	<b>5.42</b>
Recordation Fee	351.38	<b>351.38</b>
Extraction Charges	22,838.15	<b>22,838.15</b>
Savings Acct Interest	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>61,626.64</b>	<b>61,626.64</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Equipment Purchased	160.82	<b>160.82</b>
Printing and Reproduction	-	-
Liability Insurance	2,444.00	<b>2,444.00</b>
Postage and Delivery	221.99	<b>221.99</b>
Bank Service Charges	-	-
Workers Comp Ins	-	-
Office Supplies	16.09	<b>16.09</b>
Payroll Expenses	2,228.36	<b>2,228.36</b>
Professional Fees	12,104.03	<b>12,104.03</b>
Rent	905.30	<b>905.30</b>
Special Events	26.92	<b>26.92</b>
Telecommunications	222.44	<b>222.44</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>18,329.95</b>	<b>18,329.95</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>43,296.69</b>	<b>43,296.69</b>
<b>Grant Activity</b>		
WCB Grant Income		-
WCB (WS) Expenses	3,454.20	<b>3,454.20</b>
GSP Expenses	61,950.05	<b>61,950.05</b>
	<b>(65,404.25)</b>	<b>(65,404.25)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(22,107.56)</b>	<b>(22,107.56)</b>
<b>Other Adjustments</b>		
Transfer to Savings	-	
Transfer From Savings	25,000.00	
Deposit Adj from Bank	-	
Payroll Tax Liab Paymts	813.63	
Payroll Liab on hold	359.11	
Customer Overpayments	-	
Voided Checks	-	
Refund- Work Comp Ins	-	
Customer Credits Applied	12.50	
Refund to Customer	-	
Missing deposit item	-	
Rent Share Reimbursement	-	
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>		
Checking	30,204.19	
Savings	25,016.23	
	<b>55,220.42</b>	

**OBGMA**  
**Disbursements Register**  
*October 2021*

Date	Num	Name	Description	Amount
10/06/2021	e	AT&T	Telephone	(197.44)
10/11/2021	e	Ojai Business Center	Office Supplies	(16.09)
10/14/2021	e	Employment Development Department	Payroll Taxes	(79.23)
10/14/2021	e	IRS	Payroll Taxes	(734.40)
10/26/2021	e	Stamps.com	Postage	(17.99)
10/15/2021	e	Burlington Stores	Event Supplies	(26.92)
10/28/2021	3338	417 Bryant Circle LLC	Rent	(800.00)
10/28/2021	3339	Brown & Brown Insurance	Liability Insurance	(2,444.00)
10/28/2021	3340	Condor Self Storage	Storage Rent	(105.30)
10/28/2021	3341	Fanning & Karrh CPAs	Professional Fees	(6,000.00)
10/28/2021	3342	Hollister & Brace, Attorneys at Law	Professional Fees	(975.00)
10/28/2021	3343	Kear Groundwater	Professional Fees/WCB Grant Expense	(7,366.58)
10/28/2021	3344	M J Saltis Bookkeeping	Professional Fees/Equipment Purchased	(642.07)
10/28/2021	3345	Roberta Barbee	Telephone	(25.00)
10/28/2021	3346	USPS	Postage & Delivery: Annual Box Rental Fees	(204.00)
10/28/2021	3347	Voided	Voided	-
10/29/2021	3348	Barbee, Roberta J	Payroll Expenses	(1,869.25)
10/28/2021	3349	Dudek	GSP Expenses	(61,685.45)
10/29/2021	3350	County of Ventura	Professional Fees	(1,000.00)

**Total Disbursements October 2021 \$ (84,188.72)**

**OBGMA**  
**Cash Flow**  
*October 2021*

**Beginning Cash Balances October 1, 2021**

Bank of the Sierra-Checking	27,778.77
Bank of the Serra-Savings	50,016.23
	<b>\$ 77,795.00</b>

**Inflows**

Transfer from Savings	25,000.00
GSP Extraction	33,036.50
Well Head Fee	5,395.19
Interest Charge On Extraction	5.42
Recordation Fee	351.38
Extraction Charges	22,838.15
Past Credits applied to Current Invoices	(12.50)
	<b>\$ 86,614.14</b>

**Outflows**

Postage and Delivery	221.99
Equipment Purchased	160.82
Liability Insurance	2,444.00
Special Events	26.92
Office Supplies	16.09
Payroll Expenses	1,869.25
Payroll Taxes Paid	813.63
Professional Fees	12,104.03
Rent	905.30
Telephone	222.44
GSP-Geologist/Hydrogeologist	61,950.05
WCB Water Resiliency (WS) Grant	3,454.20
	<b>\$ 84,188.72</b>

**Ending Balances October 31, 2021**

Bank of the Sierra-Checking	30,204.19
Bank of the Serra-Savings	25,016.23
	<b>\$ 55,220.42</b>

**Net Change in Cash Position**

**\$ (22,574.58)**

# OBGMA Reconciliation Summary

Bank of the Sierra-Checking, Period Ending 10/29/2021

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	<u>Oct 29, 21</u>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	37,812.94
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 13 items	-11,748.31
Deposits and Credits - 8 items	86,614.14
<b>Total Cleared Transactions</b>	<u>74,865.83</u>
<b>Cleared Balance</b>	<b><u>112,678.77</u></b>
<b>Uncleared Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 11 items	-82,474.58
<b>Total Uncleared Transactions</b>	<u>-82,474.58</u>
<b>Register Balance as of 10/29/2021</b>	<b><u>30,204.19</u></b>
<b>New Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 1 item	-196.96
<b>Total New Transactions</b>	<u>-196.96</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>30,007.23</u></b>

# OBGMA Reconciliation Detail

Bank of the Sierra-Checking, Period Ending 10/29/2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
<b>Beginning Balance</b>						37,812.94
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>						
<b>Checks and Payments - 13 items</b>						
Bill Pmt -Check	09/28/2021	3334	Kear Groundwater	X	-6,610.10	-6,610.10
Bill Pmt -Check	09/28/2021	3331	417 Bryant Circle LLC	X	-800.00	-7,410.10
Bill Pmt -Check	09/28/2021	3333	Hollister & Brace, At...	X	-731.25	-8,141.35
Bill Pmt -Check	09/28/2021	3332	Condor Self Storage	X	-105.30	-8,246.65
Paycheck	09/30/2021	3337	Barbee, Roberta J	X	-1,762.52	-10,009.17
Bill Pmt -Check	09/30/2021	3336	Roberta Barbee	X	-25.00	-10,034.17
Bill Pmt -Check	10/06/2021	e	AT&T	X	-197.44	-10,231.61
Check	10/11/2021	e	Ojai Business Center	X	-16.09	-10,247.70
Liability Check	10/14/2021	e	IRS	X	-734.40	-10,982.10
Liability Check	10/14/2021	e	Employment Develo...	X	-79.23	-11,061.33
Check	10/15/2021	e	Burlington Stores	X	-26.92	-11,088.25
Check	10/26/2021	e	Stamps.com	X	-17.99	-11,106.24
Bill Pmt -Check	10/28/2021	3344	M J Saltis Bookkeep...	X	-642.07	-11,748.31
Total Checks and Payments					-11,748.31	-11,748.31
<b>Deposits and Credits - 8 items</b>						
Deposit	10/07/2021			X	1,248.40	1,248.40
Deposit	10/14/2021			X	3,547.12	4,795.52
Deposit	10/14/2021			X	29,157.78	33,953.30
Deposit	10/18/2021			X	3,501.21	37,454.51
Bill Pmt -Check	10/28/2021	3347	Ventura River Water...	X	0.00	37,454.51
Deposit	10/28/2021			X	3,620.63	41,075.14
Deposit	10/28/2021			X	20,539.00	61,614.14
Transfer	10/28/2021			X	25,000.00	86,614.14
Total Deposits and Credits					86,614.14	86,614.14
Total Cleared Transactions					74,865.83	74,865.83
Cleared Balance					74,865.83	112,678.77
<b>Uncleared Transactions</b>						
<b>Checks and Payments - 11 items</b>						
Bill Pmt -Check	10/28/2021	3349	Dudek		-61,685.45	-61,685.45
Bill Pmt -Check	10/28/2021	3343	Kear Groundwater		-7,366.58	-69,052.03
Bill Pmt -Check	10/28/2021	3341	Fanning & Karrh CP...		-6,000.00	-75,052.03
Bill Pmt -Check	10/28/2021	3339	Brown & Brown Insu...		-2,444.00	-77,496.03
Bill Pmt -Check	10/28/2021	3342	Hollister & Brace, At...		-975.00	-78,471.03
Bill Pmt -Check	10/28/2021	3338	417 Bryant Circle LLC		-800.00	-79,271.03
Bill Pmt -Check	10/28/2021	3346	USPS		-204.00	-79,475.03
Bill Pmt -Check	10/28/2021	3340	Condor Self Storage		-105.30	-79,580.33
Bill Pmt -Check	10/28/2021	3345	Roberta Barbee		-25.00	-79,605.33
Paycheck	10/29/2021	3348	Barbee, Roberta J		-1,869.25	-81,474.58
Bill Pmt -Check	10/29/2021	3350	County of Ventura		-1,000.00	-82,474.58
Total Checks and Payments					-82,474.58	-82,474.58
Total Uncleared Transactions					-82,474.58	-82,474.58
Register Balance as of 10/29/2021					-7,608.75	30,204.19
<b>New Transactions</b>						
<b>Checks and Payments - 1 item</b>						
Bill Pmt -Check	11/04/2021	e	AT&T		-196.96	-196.96
Total Checks and Payments					-196.96	-196.96
Total New Transactions					-196.96	-196.96
<b>Ending Balance</b>					<b>-7,805.71</b>	<b>30,007.23</b>

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# OBGMA Reconciliation Summary

Bank of the Serra-Savings, Period Ending 10/29/2021

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	<u>Oct 29, 21</u>
Beginning Balance	50,016.23
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 1 item	<u>-25,000.00</u>
Total Cleared Transactions	<u>-25,000.00</u>
Cleared Balance	<u><b>25,016.23</b></u>
Register Balance as of 10/29/2021	25,016.23
Ending Balance	25,016.23

## OBGMA Reconciliation Detail

Bank of the Serra-Savings, Period Ending 10/29/2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
<b>Beginning Balance</b>						50,016.23
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>						
<b>Checks and Payments - 1 item</b>						
Transfer	10/28/2021			X	-25,000.00	-25,000.00
Total Checks and Payments					-25,000.00	-25,000.00
Total Cleared Transactions					-25,000.00	-25,000.00
Cleared Balance					-25,000.00	25,016.23
Register Balance as of 10/29/2021					-25,000.00	25,016.23
<b>Ending Balance</b>					<b>-25,000.00</b>	<b>25,016.23</b>



## OBGMA EXTRACTION CHARGES BY PERIOD

### 2018/2019 Water Year

(25/acre foot)					
October/November/December 2018 (2019/1)					
2019/1	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	500.00	\$12,800.72			
Dom/Land	63.48	\$1,688.63			
Muni/Indus	28.25	\$706.25			
CMWD	320.70	\$8,017.50			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>912.43</b>	<b>\$23,213.10</b>	<b>\$9,165.00</b>	<b>\$690.00</b>	<b>\$33,068.10</b>

(25/acre foot)					
January/February/March 2019 (2019/2)					
2019/2	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	104.54	\$2,965.06			
Dom/Land	71.07	\$1,693.83			
Muni/Indus	10.66	\$278.75			
CMWD	236.40	\$5,910.00			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>422.67</b>	<b>\$10,847.64</b>	<b>\$10,400.00</b>	<b>\$720.00</b>	<b>\$21,967.64</b>

(25/acre foot)					
April/May/June 2019 (2019/3)					
2019/3	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	668.57	\$16,201.23			
Dom/Land	212.60	\$3,857.05			
Muni/Indus	20.60	\$515.01			
CMWD	410.90	\$10,272.50			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1312.67</b>	<b>\$30,845.79</b>	<b>\$9,620.00</b>	<b>\$725.00</b>	<b>\$41,190.79</b>

(25/acre foot)					
July/August/September 2019 (2019/4)					
2019/4	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	1264.16	\$22,385.38			
Dom/Land	132.86	\$3,475.73			
Muni/Indus	39.06	\$976.67			
CMWD	524.10	\$13,102.50			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1960.18</b>	<b>\$39,940.28</b>	<b>\$10,270.00</b>	<b>\$755.00</b>	<b>\$50,965.28</b>

#### Total for water YTD 10/1/18 - 9/30/19

Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head Fee	Recordation Fee	Total Rec'd
4607.95	\$104,846.81	\$39,455.00	\$2,890.00	\$147,191.81

### 2019/2020 Water Year

(25/acre foot)						
October/November/December 2019 (2020/1)						
2020/1	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	431.39	\$10,819.24				
Dom/Land	89.85	\$2,464.89				
Muni/Indus	23.22	\$579.92				
CMWD	378.10	\$9,450.00				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>922.56</b>	<b>\$23,314.05</b>	<b>\$10,010.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$34,074.05</b>

(25/acre foot)						
Jan/Feb/Mar 2020 (2/2020)						
2020/2	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	441.31	\$11,103.92				
Dom/Land	84.89	\$2,188.69				
Muni/Indus	7.34	\$183.50				
CMWD	264.80	\$6,620.00				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>798.34</b>	<b>\$20,096.11</b>	<b>\$10,270.00</b>	<b>\$725.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$31,091.11</b>

(25/acre foot)						
April/May/June (3/2020)						
2020/3	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	763.17	\$19,139.48				
Dom/Land	85.02	\$2,307.81				
Muni/Indus	0.00	\$0.00				
CMWD	337.80	\$8,445.00				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1185.99</b>	<b>\$29,892.29</b>	<b>\$9,750.00</b>	<b>\$580.00</b>	<b>\$42,705.45</b>	<b>\$82,927.74</b>

(25/acre foot)						
July/August/September 2020 (2020-4)						
2020/4	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	1037.50	\$25,736.54				
Dom/Land	143.82	\$3,798.20				
Muni/Indus	0.00	\$0.00				
CMWD	359.00	\$8,975.00				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1540.32</b>	<b>\$38,509.74</b>	<b>\$9,620.00</b>	<b>\$580.00</b>	<b>\$56,912.91</b>	<b>\$105,622.65</b>

#### Total for water YTD 10/1/19- 9/30/20

Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head Fee	Recordation Fee	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
4447.21	\$111,812.19	\$39,650.00	\$2,635.00	\$99,618.36	\$ 253,715.55

## OBGMA EXTRACTION CHARGES BY PERIOD

### 2020/2021 Water Year

October/November/December 2020 (2021/1)						(\$25/acre foot)
2020/1	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	903.66	\$17,634.81				
Dom/Land	81.16	\$2,222.27				
Muni/Indus	13.10	\$327.50				
CMWD	339.00	\$8,487.50				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1336.92</b>	<b>\$28,672.08</b>	<b>\$9,490.00</b>	<b>\$565.00</b>	<b>\$41,161.87</b>	<b>\$79,888.95</b>

Jan/Feb/Mar 2021 (2/2021)						(\$25/acre foot)
2020/2	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	435.51	\$11,044.82				
Dom/Land	54.78	\$1,430.44				
Muni/Indus	11.60	\$290.00				
CMWD	241.30	\$6,032.50				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>743.19</b>	<b>\$18,797.76</b>	<b>\$6,545.00</b>	<b>\$520.00</b>	<b>\$26,447.88</b>	<b>\$52,310.64</b>

April/May/June 2021 (3/2021)						(\$25/acre foot)
2020/3	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	851.20	\$21,340.59				
Dom/Land	98.83	\$2,608.24				
Muni/Indus						
CMWD	322.00	\$8,055.00				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1272.03</b>	<b>\$32,003.83</b>	<b>\$7,670.00</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>\$46,461.22</b>	<b>\$86,585.05</b>

July/August/September 2021 (2021-4)						(\$25/acre foot)
2020/4	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	576.58	\$14,469.69				
Dom/Land	14.56	\$508.03				
Muni/Indus						
CMWD	334.10	\$8,352.50				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>925.24</b>	<b>\$23,330.22</b>	<b>\$6,305.00</b>	<b>\$390.00</b>	<b>\$33,642.74</b>	<b>\$63,667.96</b>

### **Total for water YTD 10/1/20- 9/30/21**

Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head Fee	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
4277.38	\$ 102,803.89	\$30,010.00	\$1,925.00	\$147,713.71	\$282,452.60

**OBGMA**  
**WCB Grant Budget Update**  
*October 2021*

	<u>Actual to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>WCB Grant Income</b>	5,607.00	150,600.00	(144,993.00)
	<b>\$ 5,607.00</b>	<b>\$ 150,600.00</b>	<b>\$ (144,993.00)</b>
<b>WCB Grant Expenses</b>			
<b>1 Task- Project Mgmt</b>	3,238.75	5,200.00	(1,961.25)
<b>2 Task- Water Mgmt Framewk</b>	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
<b>3 Task- Plans/Permits/Due D</b>	97,440.21	138,400.00	(40,959.79)
<b>4 Task- Reg Agency Guidance</b>	-	-	-
<b>5 Task- Education &amp; Outreach</b>	-	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
	<b>\$ 100,678.96</b>	<b>\$ 150,600.00</b>	<b>\$ (49,921.04)</b>
<b>WCB Grant Cost Share Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 15,230.33</b>	<b>\$ 29,400.00</b>	<b>\$ (14,169.67)</b>
<b>Total Cost of Project</b>	<b>\$ 115,909.29</b>	<b>\$ 180,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (64,090.71)</b>
<b>Net Cost of Project to Date</b>	<b>\$ 110,302.29</b>		
<b>Total Retention to Date</b>	\$ 9,564.78		
<b>Total OBGMA Cost of Project to Date</b>	\$ 125,474.07		

\*\*\*Retention of \$623.00 Held by WCB on 1st Progress Invoice

\*\*\*Expenses recorded through 10/31/2021

\*\*\*WCB Progress Invoice #2 for \$80,475.98 is in process



November 24, 2021

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Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency

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**Subject: Comments on the OBGMA Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan**

Dear Mr. Mundy:

Casitas Municipal Water District (Casitas) has the following comments on the OBGMA's Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Draft GSP) published October 2021.

**Comment #1: Page ES-2**

Please revise the language as follows:

*The Casitas Municipal Water District distributes Lake Casitas stored water to wholesale accounts, retail municipal and industrial accounts, and retail agricultural accounts ~~agricultural accounts, wholesale municipal accounts, and retail accounts~~. A portion of Lake Casitas storage is distributed to wholesale ~~agricultural~~ and retail accounts inside the boundaries of the OBGMA. Conjunctive use of surface water and groundwater is key to meeting the total water demand of the OVGB.*

**Comment #2: Page 2-6 & 2-11**

Please revise the language as follows:

*Current Draft GSP Language:*

*CMWD administers the Ojai potable water system, which serves approximately 2,953 residences and businesses within Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2013-1 (Ojai). CFD No. 2013-1 encompasses approximately 2,150 acres of land in the City of Ojai and unincorporated Ventura County (Figure 2-3; CMWD 2021).*

*Community Facilities District No. 2013-1 was formed by CMWD at the request of members of the community in March 2013 pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended (Sections 53311 et seq. of the Government Code of the State of California), to finance the acquisition of the Ojai Water System facilities from Golden State Water Company (David Taussig & Associates 2013). In June 2017, CMWD acquired the Ojai Water System.*



Revised Language:

*CMWD owns and operates the Ojai potable water system, which serves approximately 2,953 residences and businesses within Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2013-1 (Ojai). CFD No. 2013-1 encompasses approximately 2,150 acres of land in the City of Ojai and unincorporated Ventura County (Figure 2-3; CMWD 2021).*

*Community Facilities District No. 2013-1 was formed by CMWD at the request of members of the community in March 2013 pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended (Sections 53311 et seq. of the Government Code of the State of California), to finance the acquisition of the Ojai Water System facilities from Golden State Water Company (David Taussig & Associates 2013). In June 2017, CMWD acquired the Ojai Water System.*

**Comment #3: Page 2-27**

Please revise the language as follows. The numbers referenced in the draft GSP reflect the CMWD 2020 UWMP Table 3, which only goes back to Fiscal Year 2013-14 and does not reflect the historical high water demand:

Current Draft GSP Language:

*CMWD's water demand from Lake Casitas reached a high of 20,415 AF in fiscal year 2013–2014, but has since continued to decline to 8,802 AF in fiscal year 2019–2020 in response to water resource changes by large customers, heightened customer awareness of water resource conditions, and CMWD's Water Efficiency and Allocation Program (CMWD 2021).*

Revised Language:

*CMWD's water demand from Lake Casitas reached a high of 26,180 AF in calendar year 1989, but has since remained consistently lower with a decline to 7,668 AF in calendar year 2019 in response to water resource changes by large customers, heightened customer awareness of water resource conditions, and CMWD's Water Efficiency and Allocation Program.*

**Comment #4: Page 2-27**

Since the Casitas Water System supplies the Ojai Water System, the surface supplies were double-counted in the draft GSP evaluation. In addition, the assessment of Casitas' supplies should be reworded since there is not a surplus supply for multi-year droughts extending beyond the 5-year drought period required for analysis in the 2020 UWMP. Please revise the language as follows:

Current Draft GSP Language:

*As part of the 2020 UWMP update, CMWD's future water supplies and demands were assessed. For the period from 2020 to 2040, CMWD's projected water supply is 19,771 AFY. This estimate assumes that 15,326 AFY of surface water will be sourced from Lake Casitas, 145 AFY of groundwater will be pumped from Mira Monte Well, 2,000 AFY of State Water Project (SWP) water will be delivered via the Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie (discussed below), and up to 2,300 AFY will be pumped from the Ojai wellfield .*

*Based on CMWD's water supply reliability assessment, it is predicted that for average, single-dry, and multiple-dry water years (up to the second consecutive dry year) there will be a surplus of approximately 3,396 AFY (CMWD 2021). For multiple-dry water years after the second consecutive dry year, there will be a minimum surplus of 1,054 AFY (CMWD 2021)*

Revised Language:

*As part of the 2020 UWMP update, CMWD's future water supplies and demands were assessed. For the period from 2020 to 2040, CMWD's projected water supply is 19,310 AFY. This estimate assumes that 14,865 AFY of surface water will be sourced from Lake Casitas, 145 AFY of groundwater will be pumped from Mira Monte Well, 2,000 AFY of State Water Project (SWP) water will be delivered via the Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie (discussed below), and up to 2,300 AFY will be pumped from the Ojai wellfield. Based on CMWD's water supply reliability assessment, no water shortages are predicted based on average and single-dry years planning evaluations. Given that Lake Casitas and groundwater basin storage can sustain extended drought periods, a few dry years have little effect on Casitas' supply availability. However, supplies can become limited during extended drought periods and Casitas implements its WEAP as a demand management tool as Lake Casitas storage declines. This demand management helps to stretch supplies longer than the five year drought period evaluated in the 2020 UWMP. (CMWD 2021)*

**Comment #5: Page 2-27**

Please revise the language as follows:

*Funding is currently being pursued for construction of a 1.5-mile pipeline between CMWD and Carpinteria Valley Water District, referred to as the Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie, which would increase the size of a current Intertie connection as well as build pump stations to enable the ability to move ~~up to~~ 2,000 AFY on average of Casitas' SWP supplies to the Casitas system (CMWD 2021).*

**Comment #6: Page 2-83 (Figure 2-17) and Page 2-158 (Table 2-14)**

Casitas staff are unclear how the data provided for Casitas Water Deliveries in Figure 2-17 and Table 2-14 were derived. Casitas' current reporting systems are not set up to report aggregate Casitas water use within the Ojai groundwater basin. However, staff are currently working on a billing system and GIS project that will make this type of reporting easier in the future.

**Comment #7: Page 2-84 (Figure 2-18)**

It would be helpful for the GSP to explain whether the recharge areas shown in Figure 2-18 make it into the water supply aquifers, or if the recharge areas are only recharging the perched aquifer.

**Comment #8: Page 2-119 (Figure 2-31) and Page 2-104**

Figure 2-31 is showing Casitas' well exceeding the MCLs for manganese. Please add language to Page 2-104 explaining that Casitas MWD operates a groundwater treatment plant to remove iron and manganese prior to distribution to customers.



**Comment #9: Page 2-181**

Please update the Lake Casitas capacity to reflect 238,000 acre-feet based on the 2017 bathymetric survey (which is a reduced capacity from the original estimated 254,000 acre-feet).

**Comment #10: Page 3-28**

Please revise the language as follows. The resolution was approved by OBGMA representatives. However, the resolution has yet to be considered by the full board of the Casitas Municipal Water District.

Current Draft GSP Language:

In August 2017, the OBGMA and CMWD approved adoption of Resolution No. 2017-4 to work cooperatively on the development of an agreement for the integrated use of surface water and groundwater.

Revised Language:

In August 2017, the OBGMA approved adoption of Resolution No. 2017-4 to work cooperatively on the development of an agreement for the integrated use of surface water and groundwater.

**Comment #11: Page 3-32 and Page 4-17**

Please revise the language as follows.

*Currently, groundwater levels are monitored by VCWPD and OBGMA, groundwater quality is monitored by VCWPD and operators of drinking water systems, namely the Ojai Water System ~~Community Facilities District~~ operated by CMWD, who reports groundwater quality data to the SWRCB DDW, and groundwater extraction from all active production wells is monitored by individual operators who self-report extraction volumes to the OBGMA.*

**Comment #12: Page 4-26 – Explore Opportunity to Implement Focused Recharge**

Refer to the Draft GSP language provided in Attachment 1.

Casitas has the following comments:

1. In the description of “Measurable Objectives Expected to Benefit” and “Expected Benefits and Evaluation”, please clarify whether the proposed recharge projects would benefit the shallow perched aquifer or the lower producing zones, given the clay layers that separate the shallow aquifer from the lower water supply producing zones.
2. Please also clarify if measurable objectives were established for the shallow perched aquifer, which seems to be the portion of the basin that would benefit from stormwater capture and recharge projects.

**Comment #13: Page 4-28 Explore State Water Project Water Delivery Options**

Refer to the Draft GSP language provided in Attachment 1.

Casitas has the following comments:

1. Please revise the language in the third paragraph as follows:

*Currently, CMWD is exploring two SWP water alternatives: 1) connection with Carpinteria Valley Water District for ~~up to~~ 2,000 AFY on average and 2) connection between Calleguas Municipal Water District and the City of Ventura which ~~would~~ could offset the City of Ventura's demands from Lake Casitas by approximately 1,300 as much as 5,000 AFY.*

2. The statement that “any use of SWP water in the OVGB would be in-lieu of groundwater in most cases” is not accurate, since an “in-lieu” arrangement has yet to be established. Imported water via the State Water Project infrastructure is considered a backup supply to mitigate impacts of extended local drought periods on Lake Casitas. Groundwater will remain the most cost-effective water source for Ojai Basin pumpers, who may either implement demand reduction strategies or purchase Casitas water in the event that groundwater supply is not available. If it is OBGMA’s intent to explore an “in-lieu” arrangement related to State Water supply, this should be made clearer in the project description.
3. Regarding public noticing of State Water Project delivery options, Casitas strongly recommends that OBGMA coordinates with Casitas.

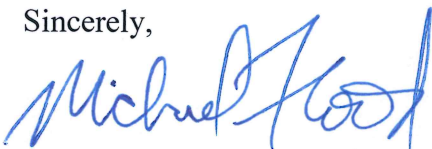
**Comment #14: Page 2-54 and 2-55, and Page 4-29 and 4-30**

Refer to the Draft GSP language provided in Attachment 1. This description of the “Settlement Management Plan from Physical Solution” in Sections 2 and 4 must be re-written to reflect the following:

1. No settlement agreement has been reached. The current terms of the Proposed Physical Solution have not been resolved, nor are they required, as implied in committal tone of the language. The adjudication process is ongoing, and will likely take several years to resolve.
2. The “Measurable Objective Expected to Benefit” and “Expected Benefits and Evaluation” language must be re-written to reflect that measureable benefits are still to be determined.

If there are any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me at [mflood@casitaswater.com](mailto:mflood@casitaswater.com) or 805.649.2251, Ext. 111.

Sincerely,



Michael Flood  
General Manager



Attachments:

1. Excerpts from OBGMA Draft GSP dated October 2021

### **Permitting and Regulatory Process**

The OBGMA has the authority to conduct additional analyses and develop plans in support of GSP implementation.

### **Implementation Schedule**

There is no specific schedule for implementation of this PMA.

### **Legal Authority**

The OBGMA has the authority to conduct additional analyses and develop plans in support of GSP implementation (CWC §10725 - 10726.9). In addition, SB 534 Article 5, Section 503 provides for the OBGMA to recommend and encourage wastewater reuse.

### **Estimated Costs**

The estimated cost to evaluate the feasibility of recycled water production for non-potable use as described above is approximately \$26,000 (see Chapter 5, Table 5-4).

## **4.4.3 Explore Opportunity to Implement Focused Recharge**

Managed recharge of the OVGB occurred until 1985 through diversion of San Antonio Creek surface flows to a series of percolations basins at the San Antonio Creek Spreading Grounds. The San Antonio Creek Spreading Grounds Rehabilitation Project (SACSGRP) was undertaken to restore the function of the percolation basins, but the spreading grounds have not been used since the project was completed due to operational issues with the diversion structure.

The OBGMA supports the use of the spreading grounds to recharge the OVGB. The OBGMA will partner with the VCWPD to develop a workplan to bring the spreading grounds back into operation.

The OBGMA also supports stormwater capture for shallow aquifer recharge in portions of the OVGB overlain by the City of Ojai. Enhanced recharge of the shallow aquifer would likely benefit GDEs and downstream water users. The OBGMA will partner with the City of Ojai and conduct a feasibility study to identify opportunities to capture and direct roof and hardscape runoff to open spaces for shallow aquifer recharge.

### **Measurable Objective Expected to Benefit**

The measurable objectives for chronic declines in groundwater levels, reduction of groundwater in storage, and depletions of interconnected surface water would benefit from implementation of this project if aquifer recharge results in an increase in groundwater elevations and groundwater in storage.

### **Expected Benefits and Evaluation**

Increased aquifer recharge would offset groundwater production and increase the sustainable yield of the OVGB. If the project is implemented, the success of the project will be evaluated based on the volume of water that recharges the groundwater aquifers.

### **Circumstances for Implementation**

This project is proposed to be implemented as a component of the first 5-year GSP update. The implementation of this PMA is ongoing and based on future study and funding availability.

### **Public Noticing**

The OBGMA will inform interested parties of progress and results of implementing focused recharge through implementation of the Public Outreach and Engagement Plan (included as Appendix C).

### **Permitting and Regulatory Process**

The OBGMA has the authority to conduct additional analyses and develop plans in support of GSP implementation.

### **Implementation Schedule**

This project is proposed to be developed as a component of the first 5-year GSP update. There is no specific schedule for implementation of this PMA.

### **Legal Authority**

The OBGMA has the authority to conduct additional analyses and develop plans in support of GSP implementation (CWC §10725 - 10726.9).

### **Estimated Costs**

The estimated cost to explore focused recharge opportunities as described above is approximately \$32,000 (see Chapter 5, Table 5-4).

## **4.4.4 Explore State Water Project Water Delivery Options**

CMWD does not plan to obtain additional water through surface water transfers and exchanges, from desalinated water, or from recycled water. CMWD does, however, have an entitlement to 5,000 AFY of State Water Project (SWP) water that it is currently not able to receive because CMWD does not have a physical connection to the SWP. In 1963, the Ventura County Flood

Control District (VCFCD), now the Ventura County Watershed Protection District), contracted with the State of California for 20,000 AFY of water from the SWP. In 1971, the VCFCD assigned the administration of the Water Supply Contract to Casitas. Casitas' contractual share is 5,000 AFY, the City of Ventura has 10,000 AFY, and United Water Conservation District (UWCD) has 5,000 AFY. UWCD can access SWP through Lake Piru (via Pyramid Lake and Piru Creek), although local infrastructure is not in place to deliver the contractual share to Casitas and the City of Ventura.

In August 2020, DWR issued its most recent update, the 2019 DWR State Water Project Delivery Capability Report (DCR). The 2019 DCR includes DWR's estimates of SWP water supply availability under both existing (2020) and future (2040) conditions. According to the DCP, the long-term average delivery under existing conditions is 58 percent of Table A, and long-term average delivery under future conditions is 52 percent of Table A (2019 CDR, Appendix A Table A-1 and Appendix B Table B-3). For Casitas, this would result in a long-term average yield of 2,900 AFY under existing conditions and 2,600 AFY under future conditions.

CMWD has been involved in several studies to bring SWP water to the service area. Ultimately, either construction of a pipeline or interagency coordination and water transfers and exchanges, would be required for CMWD to access its SWP entitlement (CMWD 2021; Milner 2016). Currently, CMWD is exploring two SWP water alternatives: 1) connection with Carpinteria Valley Water District for up to 2,000 AFY and 2) connection between Calleguas Municipal Water District and the City of Ventura which would offset the City of Ventura's demands from Lake Casitas by approximately 1,300 AFY. These alternatives are conceptual and further study and implementation will likely be based on eligibility and availability of funding.

### **Measurable Objective Expected to Benefit**

The measurable objectives for chronic declines in groundwater levels and reduction of groundwater in storage have the potential to benefit from implementation of this project, because any use of SWP water in the OVGB would be in lieu of groundwater in most cases.

### **Expected Benefits and Evaluation**

If a water supply pipeline or agency exchange is implemented to allow CMWD to obtain its full SWP Table A allocation, it is estimated that it could provide a long-term average yield of 2,900 AFY, taking the DCR into account. Depending on how much of this amount is delivered to the OVGB, it could significantly enhance operational flexibility within the basin, and allow for further conjunctive management of the basin.

### **Circumstances for Implementation**

The implementation of this PMA is ongoing and based on future study and funding availability.

### **Public Noticing**

The OBGMA will inform interested parties of State Water Project delivery options through implementation of the Public Outreach and Engagement Plan (included as Appendix C).

### **Permitting and Regulatory Process**

The OBGMA has the authority to conduct additional analyses and develop plans in support of GSP implementation.

### **Implementation Schedule**

There is no schedule for this PMA.

### **Legal Authority**

The OBGMA has the authority to conduct additional analyses and develop plans in support of GSP implementation (CWC §10725 - 10726.9). The OBGMA would need to coordinate with CMWD to explore SWP options.

### **Estimated Costs**

The estimated cost to explore State Water Project delivery options as described above is approximately \$20,000 (see Chapter 5, Table 5-4).

## **4.5 MANAGEMENT ACTION NO. 4 – COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY**

Effective communication between the OBGMA, stakeholders, and water users is a required component of SGMA and key to successful groundwater sustainability planning and implementation of projects and management actions.

### **4.5.1 Evaluate Settlement Management Plan from Physical Solution**

On September 15, 2020, the City of Ventura, Ventura River Water District, Meiners Oaks Water District, Wood-Claeysens Foundation, and the Rancho Matilija Mutual Water Company released a Proposed Physical Solution<sup>1</sup> as part of a settlement agreement between the City of Ventura and

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<sup>1</sup> A physical solution is a court-supervised management plan that protects water resources within the watershed (in this case for the ecological beneficial uses within the Ventura River watershed), while preserving water right priorities, to the extent that those priorities do not lead to unreasonable use.

Santa Barbara Channelkeeper over a water rights litigation in the Ventura River watershed. The Proposed Physical Solution resolves that it is not necessary at this time for the court to determine the relative priority rights to water or to establish a comprehensive adjudication of water rights in the Ventura River watershed. The Proposed Physical Solution recognizes and requires integration with GSPs under development for the OVGB and Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin. The parties and the management committee, an arm of the court, will coordinate with the GSAs in finalizing and preparing the Management Plan, which is a plan to move the conditions of the Southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) fish population (Fishery) in the watershed from baseline condition to good condition. The Proposed Physical Solution is expressly designed to address one of the six “undesirable results” that the GSP must avoid—the significant and undesirable depletions of interconnected surface water. The Proposed Physical Solution proposes to use the health of the Fishery as a proxy for the overall health of the instream uses in the Ventura River Watershed. The court finds that the Proposed Physical Solution addresses this undesirable result, and if they so choose, the GSAs may adopt the Proposed Physical Solution to meet the requirements of that portion of the GSP. In addition, the Proposed Physical Solution and the final adopted Management Plan will include a water management component that could inform other requirements of the GSPs.

The Proposed Physical Solution consists of three phases: 1) Adoption Phase, 2) Implementation Phase, and 3) Adaptive Management Phase. The Adoption Phase allows the parties time to establish the governance structure and adopt the Management Plan. The Implementation Phase is a 10-year period after adoption of the Management Plan in which the parties will implement the Management Plan, and the Adaptive Management Phase is a continuing series of 10-year periods in which the parties will adaptively manage the implementation of the Management Plan and plan updates. The purpose of this phasing is to allow for transition of existing baseline conditions in the Ventura River watershed to good conditions as measured by the health of the Fishery.

Management Plan actions to achieve good conditions for Fishery health include potential activities such as removing barriers that block the steelhead’s access to critical habitat, creation of rearing habitat (pools) and river features such as boulder and large woody material to improve habitat conditions, reducing invasive species, and monitoring water quality and the steelhead population. The OBGMA’s preparation of a Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Assessment as part of Management Action 1 is expected to be compatible with Management Plan actions to achieve good conditions for Fishery health.

To date, no formal coordination by the parties and the management committee has occurred with the OBGMA. As this GSP is due to the DWR on January 31, 2022, it is unlikely that there will be sufficient time to review and incorporate appropriate findings and recommendations of the Management Plan into the GSP. When the Management Plan is finalized the OBGMA will review the plan and evaluate its applicability to the GSP and management of the OVGB.

### **Measurable Objective Expected to Benefit**

The measurable objectives for depletions of interconnected surface water and groundwater dependent ecosystems may benefit from implementation of this project.

### **Expected Benefits and Evaluation**

The primary expected benefit from this project would be enhancement of the Southern California steelhead population in the Ventura River watershed, including in San Antonio Creek, through adoption of the Proposed Physical Solution and implementation of the Management Plan. It is anticipated that the Management Plan will include activities and monitoring on San Antonio Creek and in the OVGB including water quality monitoring and removal of invasive species (see Section 4.2.4). Data collected as part of implementation of the Management Plan may fill data gaps and improve understanding of the hydrogeology of the OVGB.

### **Circumstances for Implementation**

The OBGMA will evaluate the settlement Management Plan when finalized.

### **Public Noticing**

The OBGMA will communicate issues from the Physical Solution, if they relate to activities within the OVGB, through means outlined in the Public Outreach and Engagement Plan (included as Appendix C). This could include website postings, email distribution, public meeting agenda items, etc.

### **Permitting and Regulatory Process**

There would be no permitting and regulatory process for the OBGMA associated with the Proposed Physical Solution, because the OBGMA's role would be limited to reviewing and incorporating appropriate findings and recommendations of the Management Plan into the GSP at the time of the 5-year update, as appropriate.

### **Implementation Schedule**

The OBGMA will evaluate the settlement Management Plan when finalized. The OBGMA will provide comment and input during the Adoption Phase if contacted by the parties and the management committee.

### **Legal Authority**

The OBGMA has the legal authority to review and incorporate findings and recommendations of the Management Plan into the GSP, as appropriate (CWC §10725 - 10726.9).

### **Estimated Costs**

The estimated cost to evaluate the Management Plan from the Proposed Physical Solution as described above is approximately \$24,000 (see Chapter 5, Table 5-4).

### **4.5.2 Implement Public Outreach and Engagement Plan**

In 2020, the GSA prepared a Draft Public Outreach and Engagement Plan to provide individual stakeholders, stakeholder organizations, and other interested parties an opportunity to be involved in the development and evaluation of this GSP. To this end, the Public Outreach and Engagement Plan, included as Appendix C of this GSP, describes the steps the GSA has taken, and will continue to take, to achieve broad, enduring and productive public involvement during the development and implementation phases of this GSP.

The Public Outreach and Engagement Plan includes a list of identified stakeholders as of 2020 and describes the methods and avenues in which the GSA has continued to identify additional stakeholders, continued to solicit public involvement and feedback, and considered and/or incorporated stakeholder comments and concerns into the development and future implementation of this GSP. Examples of outreach and engagement that could occur during the GSP's implementation phase include soliciting input and/or communicating progress on the other PMAs discussed in this chapter, communicating the status of the Basin, and coordinating with other agencies in the watershed affected by GSP implementation.

### **Measurable Objective Expected to Benefit**

The measurable objectives for chronic declines in groundwater levels, reduction of groundwater in storage, degraded water quality, and depletions of interconnected surface water have the potential to benefit from implementation of this project.

### **Expected Benefits and Evaluation**

Stakeholder engagement is an important component of any successful long-term planning effort and is required by SGMA (Sections 10720–10730) and GSP Regulations (Section 353–354). Engaging members of the public on groundwater sustainability planning can improve public understanding of the technical, financial, and political considerations the GSA factors into their decision-making process. Participation by the public can also improve the GSA's understanding of the potential impacts of their decisions.

### **Circumstances for Implementation**

The Public Outreach and Engagement Plan will be implemented as a component of the GSP.