



# CUYAMA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

## SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### Board of Directors

**Derek Yurosek** Chair, Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Lynn Compton** Vice Chair, County of San Luis Obispo  
**Das Williams** Santa Barbara County Water Agency  
**Cory Bantilan** Santa Barbara County Water Agency  
**Arne Anselm** County of Ventura  
**Zack Scrivner** County of Kern

**Paul Chounet** Cuyama Community Services District  
**Byron Albano** Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Rick Burns** Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Matt Vickery** Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Jane Wooster** Cuyama Basin Water District

### AGENDA

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Agenda for a meeting of the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors to be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 2:00 PM. Participate via computer at: <https://tinyurl.com/4zm4rjfb>, Meeting ID: 280 516 485 666, passcode: zYKM6P, or telephonically at (469) 480-3918, code: 354 080 953#.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-111 Authorizing Use of Teleconferencing for Public Meetings Under AB 361
5. Authorize Development and Submittal of an Application for a DWR Grant Round 2 Funding Opportunity
6. Authorize Resolution No. 2022-112 Designating the CBGSA Board Chairperson as the Authorized Representative to File an Application and Execute an Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for the SGMA Implementation Grant Round 2
7. Public comment for Items Not on the Agenda
8. Adjourn

**RESOLUTION 2022-111****A RESOLUTION OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
CUYAMA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
AUTHORIZING USE OF TELECONFERENCING FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS UNDER  
AB 361**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of California (Governor) proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist as a result of the threat of COVID-19. (Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency (Mar. 4, 2020));

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Executive Order No. N-25-20 (Mar. 12, 2020); Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20 (Mar. 17, 2020); and Governor's Executive Order No. N-08-21 (Jun. 11, 2021) provided that local legislative bodies may hold public meetings via teleconferencing and make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body and waived the Brown Act provisions found in Government Code section 54953(b)(3) which require the physical presence of the members, the clerk, or other personnel of the body, or the public, as a condition of participation in, or quorum for, a public meeting, including the requirement that:

1. State and local bodies notice each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting.
2. Each teleconference location be accessible to the public.
3. Members of the public may address the body at each teleconference location.
4. State and local bodies post agendas at all teleconference locations.
5. During teleconference meetings at least a quorum of the members of the local body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local body exercises jurisdiction.

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Governor's Executive Order No. N-25-20 (Mar. 12, 2020); Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20 (Mar. 17, 2020); and Governor's Executive Order No. N-08-21 (Jun. 11, 2021) expired on September 30, 2021 and will no longer remain in effect thereafter;

**WHEREAS**, per the Governor's October 17, 2022 announcement, it is anticipated that there will be a surge in COVID-19 cases after the holiday period;

**WHEREAS**, this potential surge in COVID-19 cases may further impede public agency operations and prolong the need for social distancing requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, recent legislation (AB 361) authorizes a local legislative body to use teleconferencing for a public meeting without complying with the Brown Act's teleconferencing quorum, meeting notice, and agenda requirements set forth in Government Code section 54953(b)(3), in any of the following circumstances:

1. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.
2. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for purposes of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.
3. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined by majority vote pursuant to 2 above that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency as follows:

**1. Determination of Imminent Health or Safety Risks.** The Board of Directors hereby determines by majority vote that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

**2. Continued Implementation of AB 361.** If the state of emergency remains in effect and meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, the Board of Directors shall, to continue meeting subject to the provisions set forth in AB 361 and the Brown Act, no later than 30 days after it adopts this Resolution and every 30 days thereafter, make the following findings by majority vote:

1. The Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency;  
*and*
2. Either (1) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or (2) state or local officials impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 15th day of November 2022.

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Derek Yurosek, Chair

ATTEST:

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TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 5

FROM: Brian Van Lienden, Woodard & Curran

DATE: November 15, 2022

SUBJECT: Authorize Development and Submittal of an Application for DWR Grant Round 2  
Funding Opportunity

**Recommended Motion**

Board feedback requested on development and submittal of a DWR grant Round 2 application.

**Discussion**

A presentation summarizing a current grant funding opportunity is provided as Attachment 1.

The Cuyama Basin GSA has budgeted \$40,000 to develop a grant application during the current Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and is seeking feedback on whether to submit an application for this California Department of Water Resources SGMA Round 2 competitive grant funding opportunity.

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# 5. Authorize Development and Submittal of an Application for a DWR Grant Round 2 Funding Opportunity

Brian Van Lienden

November 15, 2022





# Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program – Implementation, Round 2

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- Over \$200 million is available
- All high and medium priority subbasins are eligible to apply
- Eligible projects
  - Must be consistent with the goals of the GSP
  - Projects and planning activities related to implementation (\$171 million)
    - Revisions, updates, and/or modifications of a GSP
    - Capital improvement of activities as listed within the GSP
  - Additional activities
    - Geophysical investigations of groundwater basins **to identify recharge potential** (Aerial Electromagnetic (AEM) surveys);
    - Early implementation of existing regional **flood management plans that incorporate groundwater recharge** (e.g., recharge basins incorporating flood or stormwater); or
    - Projects that would complement efforts of a local GSP, that provide for **floodplain expansion to benefit groundwater recharge or habitat** (e.g., a recharge basin adjacent to a waterbody using peak flows for groundwater recharge).

# Timeline

Milestone/Activity	Schedule
Solicitation announcement by DWR	October 4, 2022
Application workshop	October 20, 2022
<b>Application due</b>	<b>December 16, 2022</b>
Draft award list posted for public review	May 2023
Final Award list posted	August 2023
Execute agreements	September – November 2023

# Key Considerations

- This is a **competitive** grant – unlike Round 1 which was non-competitive – difficult to assess how competitive it will be
- 176 participants attended the October 20 workshop, indicating a high level of interest
- Conjunctive uses around groundwater recharge with surface water, stormwater, recycled water are likely to be prioritized
- Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received SGMA Implementation funding



# Potential Grant Funded Activities

Proposed Component	Cost Estimate
1. Perform Investigation of Flow Conditions around Santa Barbara Canyon and Russell Faults (see task/cost breakdown in previous presentation)	\$2,000,000
2. Data and Model Improvements to Enhance Basin Understanding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Install additional multi-completion wells (assume 2)</li> <li>- Processing and digitization of well completion reports, stakeholder provided data, and WellSTAR data</li> <li>- Incorporation of data into RockWater and Data Management System</li> <li>- Perform stream channel survey of entire Cuyama River channel using LiDAR</li> <li>- Develop hydraulic (streamflow/flood) model to improve understanding of Cuyama River hydraulics</li> <li>- Cuyama Basin model update and recalibration to incorporate newly developed data</li> <li>- Develop monthly timestep model to reduce model runtime and allow faster scenario simulation</li> <li>- Data Management System enhancements</li> </ul>	\$1,250,000
3. Grant Administration	\$350,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,600,000</b>

# Board Direction

- Does the Board authorize staff to submit a proposal for this grant opportunity?
  - Estimated cost: \$30,000-\$40,000
  - Due date: December 16, 2022



TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 6

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Assistant Executive Director

DATE: November 15, 2022

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-112 Designating the CBGSA Board Chairperson as the Authorized Representative to File an Application and Execute an Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for the SGMA Implementation Grant Round 2.

**Recommended Motion**

Adopt Resolution No. 2022-112 Designating the CBGSA Board Chairperson as the Authorized Representative to File an Application and Execute an Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for the SGMA Implementation Grant Round 2.

**Discussion**

Pending the CBGSA Board decision to submit an application for the DWR SGMA implementation grant, a resolution designating an authorized representative to file an application and execute an agreement is a requirement of the grant and provided as Attachment 1 for consideration of approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-112

Resolved by the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, that an application be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Round 2 Grant pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resource Code, § 80000 et seq.) and the California Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240, § 80) and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the projects in the Cuyama Basin grant application. The Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Chairman, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement and any future amendments (if required), submit invoices, and submit any reporting requirements with the California Department of Water Resources. Passed and adopted at a meeting of the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency on November 15, 2022.

Authorized Original Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk/Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency held on November 15, 2022.

Clerk/Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_