AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   3.1 Minutes of August 20, 2015

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (items not on the Agenda)

5. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS
   5.1 Elect/Appoint Chair and Vice Chair for SAGMC
   5.2 Discussions Regarding Amending the JPA to Allow for SAGMC Committee Alternates
   5.3 Status Update and Discussions Regarding the GSA Formation Subcommittee Recommendations
   5.4 Discussion Regarding the Additional Support Services by the State Water Resources Control Board for GSA Formation and GSP Development
   5.5 Discussions on Draft Basin Boundaries

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

7. REPORTS
   7.1 Oral – time for any SAGMC member to report out.

8. ADJOURNMENT
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Bruce Jaffe called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**
**Voting Committee Members Present:**
Bruce Jaffe, Soquel Creek Water District
Tom LaHue, Soquel Creek Water District
John Benich, Central Water District
Bob Postle, Central Water District
Bill Wigginton, Seascape Greens Homeowners Association (outgoing member)
Curt Abramson, Private Well Owner Representative (incoming member)
Jim Kerr, Private Well Owner Representative (incoming member)
Jon Kennedy, Private Well Owner Representative (incoming member)
Cynthia Mathews, City of Santa Cruz
Micah Posner, City of Santa Cruz

**Committee Members Absent:**
John Leopold, County of Santa Cruz
Zach Friend, County of Santa Cruz

**Others Present:**
Ralph Bracamonte, Manager, Central Water District
Rosemary Menard, City of Santa Cruz Water Manager
Ron Duncan, Interim General Manager, Soquel Creek Water District
John Ricker, Santa Cruz County Water Resources Division Director
Melanie Schumacher, Soquel Creek Water District
Brian Lockwood, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency
Martin Mills, PureSource Water
Robert Shultz, Trout Gulch Mutual
Brett Walton, Circle of Blue Water News
Cameron Tana, HydroMetrics WRI
Marci DuPraw, Center for Collaborative Policy
Karen Reese, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk, Soquel Creek Water District

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
3.1 Minutes of May 21, 2015

MOTION Bill Wigginton; Second; Bob Postle: To approve the minutes of May 21, 2015 as submitted. Motion passed with Tom LaHue abstaining.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (items not on the Agenda)**
Brian Lockwood, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency reported that their Board approved staff moving forward with submitting an application to DWR to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).
5. **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

5.1 Review and Approve Revised Third Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA)

The agreement has been signed by the County of Santa Cruz, approved by Central Water District at their Board meeting. SqCWD’s Board also approved the agreement. The City of Santa Cruz’s counsel asked that there be a line added for the City Attorney’s signature.

Director Jaffe expressed concerns of the SqCWD:

- The third amendment states cost sharing be set by measured use of the Partner Agencies but not everyone measures their water use. The understanding is that the County is estimating private well pumping at this time.

- How to deal with issues if one Partner Agency doesn’t want to take part in a project. Within this third amendment there is no plan to address this. SqCWD wants it understood that it is a concern and will need to be addressed in the GSA moving forward. Mr. Posner felt that Item 13, Non-Restrictive of Independent Activities, addressed this issue.

- Cost-sharing ratios that were set for FY 2015 contributions were set pragmatically and should be revisited but this would not preclude SqCWD from signing the agreement.

- This agreement should not be considered precedent setting for the GSA formation.

**MOTION:** Tom LaHue; Second; Bob Postle: To approve the revised attached Third Amendment of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and let it take precedent over the previously approved version. Approved unanimously.

The Third Amendment to the JPA was signed by those present. Dr. LaHue commented on the spirit of cooperation that led to the momentous occasion of signing this agreement. Ms. Menard will take the agreement back to the City for the final signatures.

The Basin Implementation Group shall now be formally referred to as the Soquel-Aptos Groundwater Management Committee (SAGMC).

5.2 Selection of Private Well Committee Representatives

The selection subcommittee was comprised of Micah Posner, John Ricker, John Benich and Bruce Jaffe. 25 applicants were reviewed and interviews were held with the short listed candidates. It was noted that many very well qualified
individuals applied making selection a difficult decision. Of those who applied, many indicated they would like to be involved in some way with the process moving forward even if they were not selected to sit on the committee.

Mr. Wigginton asked a procedural question. By passing this motion is he no longer on the SAGMC and would he still be eligible to serve on the GSA formation subcommittee? Mr. Jaffe indicated that is correct. Mr. Wigginton expressed his desire to still participate in the subcommittee. He was thanked for his years of service on the committee.

Discussion was held regarding alternates for the City, the County and the private well representatives. SqCWD and CWD have alternates identified.

**MOTION** Bruce Jaffe; Second; Tom LaHue: To agendize discussion of the process and selection of alternates to the SAGMC. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** Bob Postle; Second; Tom LaHue: To approve the subcommittee’s recommendations for private well representatives. Motion passed with Mr. Wigginton abstaining.

Incoming private well representatives Curt Abramson, Jim Kerr, and Jon Kennedy were introduced and invited to sit at the table to participate in the remainder of the meeting as committee members.

### 5.3 Approve Revised Soquel-Aptos Area Groundwater Management Annual Budget FY 2015/16

Ms. Schumacher and Mr. Tana answered questions about items on the proposed budget. Lack of staffing resources for the SAGMC was discussed. Also discussed was the budget for boundary changes.

**MOTION**: Cynthia Mathews; Second; Tom LaHue: To approve the revised Soquel-Aptos Area Groundwater Management Annual Budget FY 2015/16. Motion passed unanimously.

### 5.4 Quarterly Monitoring Report

Mr. Tana answered questions about the report included in the packet.

**MOTION** Tom LaHue; Second; Cynthia Mathews: To accept the Quarterly Report. Motion passed unanimously.

### 5.5 Update from Subcommittee on Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Formation
Ms. Schumacher and Mr. Kennedy reviewed the progress of the subcommittee. They are aiming for a January 2016 date to file the papers to become a GSA with the agency made up primarily of the current members of the SAGMC. Moving forward with the formation of the agency is the first step, then formulating the GSP, with the understanding that the GSA can be fluid as the plan is formulated.

Lengthy discussion was held with some members of the SAGMC expressing concern that January is too ambitious of a deadline.

**MOTION:** Tom Lahue; Second; Cynthia Mathews: To direct the subcommittee to bring back the prioritized components of getting us toward establishing a GSA at the September SAGMC meeting and aim for a more complete version at the SAGMC November meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

5.6 Update on Soquel-Aptos Area Community Engagement Pertaining to GSA Formation

Marci DuPraw gave an update.

**MOTION:** Bruce Jaffe; Second; Cynthia Mathews: To accept the update and direct staff to come up with options of how best options to use the $15,000 in kind services. Motion passed unanimously.

5.7 Intent of Department of Water Resources (DWR) to Designate the Groundwater Basin as Being in Critical Overdraft

Mr. Duncan noted that SqCWD already sent a letter to DWR in support of the redesignation of the Soquel Valley basin as being in critical overdraft.

Mr. Posner suggested a press release indicating the basin is in critical overdraft and why a GSA is being formed for public outreach.

Mr. Abramson asked if there was a disadvantage to being designated as critically overdrawn.

Mr. Ricker replied there is a state proposal that might limit new well construction in some areas of critical overdraft.

**MOTION:** Tom LaHue; Second; Cynthia Mathews: To direct staff to send a letter of support to DWR regarding their intent to recommend the basin as being in critical overdraft and to direct staff to perform public outreach/education on the issue. Motion passed unanimously.

5.8 Approve Proposed Scope for Evaluating Shallow Groundwater Conditions in Aromas and Purisima Areas
Discussion was held on the need for this study. Mr. Tana answered questions.

**MOTION:** Cynthia Mathews; Second; Bob Postal: To approve the attached proposed scope work for a total not-to-exceed $19,905. Motion passed unanimously.

5.9 Approve Proposed Scope for Preparation of Basin Boundary Revisions

Mr. Tana gave a short presentation and outlined the schedule for submitting the proposal to the State. Discussion of sub-basins with PVWMA was held.

**MOTION:** Tom LaHue; Second; Cynthia Mathews: To approve the proposal from HydroMetrics WRI for assistance in preparing request to revise the state’s definitions of groundwater basin boundaries in the Soquel-Aptos area. Motion passed unanimously.

5.10 Consider Proposal for Retention from Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck for Assistance in Forming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)

Ms. Schumacher reviewed the memo and outlined Mr. McGlothlin’s expertise in the area of GSA formation.

**MOTION:** Bruce Jaffe; Second; Micah Posner: To approve the proposal from Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck for assistance in forming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Motion passed unanimously.

5.11 Consider Comments on Draft Basin Boundary Emergency Regulations

Ms. Schumacher noted the emergency draft regulations were included in the packet as well as the proposed comments prepared by HydroMetrics on behalf of the SAGMC.

**MOTION:** Tom LaHue; Second; Micah Posner: To approve the comments by HydroMetrics, WRI (dated 8/13/2015) on the Draft Basin Boundary Emergency Regulations and direct staff to submit to DWR. Motion passed unanimously.

5.12 Approve Reimbursement to Central Water District (CWD) for their Groundwater Model Based on JPA Cost Split

Ms. Schumacher noted that having a running credit with CWD is not working from an accounting standpoint and staff is recommending reimbursement by the Partner Agencies based on the third amendment cost split of:
% split | Central Water District | 10% | $10,670  
| Soquel Creek Water District | 70% | $74,690  
| City of Santa Cruz | 10% | $10,670  
| County of Santa Cruz | 10% | $10,670  
| **Total** | 100% | **$106,700**  

**MOTION:** Micah Posner; Second; Bruce Jaffe: To approve reimbursement of Central Water District's groundwater modeling efforts at the percentages noted above. Motion was passed unanimously.

Central Water District will invoice each Partner Agency individually.

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

7. **MANAGER'S REPORTS**

7.1 Central Water District

Mr. Bracamonte reported that conservation has reduced use by 50% from 2013. He would like to see the logos of all member agencies of the SAGMC at the top of the meeting agendas, and he would like agenda item #7 to be re-titled from “Manager's Reports” to “SAGMC Member Updates/Oral Reports” to be more reflective of the entire membership.

7.2 City of Santa Cruz

Ms. Menard reported that the City and SqCWD are working to sign a short term agreement for the City to sell excess Pre-2014 water rights water and are hoping to have this in place this winter. Monitoring, data collection and testing of the infrastructure will take place.

7.3 County of Santa Cruz

Mr. Ricker reported that the Board of Supervisors finalized adoption of metering requirements. Small water systems with 5-199 connections are now required to install source meters by October and will have two years to install individual meters. Individual domestic wells are not required to be individually metered.

The groundwater recharge project is underway at Brommer Street Park.

7.4 Soquel Creek Water District

Mr. Duncan reported on the agreement between SqCWD and the City for water transfers of winter storm water.

Ms. Schumacher will be attending the ACWA conference on Sustainable Groundwater Management tomorrow in Sacramento.
Brett Walton was introduced. He is a reporter for Circle of Blue http://www.circleofblue.org/waternews/ and has been meeting with agencies in California discussing the drought.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. The next meeting of the SAGMC will be September 17, 2015.

SUBMITTED BY:  
APPROVED BY:

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Karen Reese, Board Clerk  Ron Duncan, Interim General Manager
Soquel Creek Water District
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MEMO TO THE SOQUEL APTOS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Subject: Agenda Item 5.1    Elect/Appoint Chair and Vice Chair for SAGMC

Dr. Bruce Jaffe, current chair of the Soquel Aptos Groundwater Management Committee (SAGMC), requested staff agendize discussion of the selection of the Chair for the committee as the third amendment of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement was recently approved. Per the third amendment, “The Committee shall select a chair from among its Partner Agency members with the chair rotating every two years among Partner Agencies.” The third amendment does not address selection of a vice-chair; however, the committee may also want to elect/appoint a vice-chair.

To aid in the committee’s discussion, the following points are provided for consideration:

- The intent of the SAGMC is to be short term (less than two years) while the partner agencies work together to jointly oversee local groundwater management activities (groundwater model and other data collection/studies) and form the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).
- The GSA will include new Joint Powers of Authority (JPA) provisions, including the terms and election/appointment of officers (such as chair, vice-chair, etc.).

POSSIBLE ACTIONS

1. By MOTION, continue with Bruce Jaffe as Chair and elect a Vice-Chair for the SAGMC until formation of the GSA or June 30, 2017, whichever comes first; or
2. By MOTION, select a new Chair and Vice-Chair of the SAGMC to serve through the formation of the GSA or June 30, 2017, whichever comes first.
3. No action.

By ______________________________
Melanie Mow Schumacher, Special Projects/Community Dialogue Manager
Soquel Creek Water District

By ______________________________
Ron Duncan, Interim General Manager
Soquel Creek Water District
September 17, 2015

MEMO TO THE SOQUEL APTOS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Subject: Agenda Item 5.2 Discussions Regarding Amending the JPA to Allow for SAGMC Committee Alternates

At the August 20, 2015 Soquel Aptos Groundwater Management Committee (SAGMC) meeting, committee members requested an item be agendized for discussing amending the Joint Exercise of Power Agreement (JPA) to allow for committee alternates.

Questions the committee may want to consider when developing protocols for alternates are:

1. How will the alternates for the private well representatives be selected?
2. Are the partner agencies agreeable that the individual agency can determine their own alternate selection process for their two appointments?
3. How will the alternates stay informed so they can be informed whey they do fill in?

POSSIBLE ACTIONS

1. By MOTION, agree on the protocol for alternates and direct staff to work with legal counsels to create a fourth amendment to the JPA; and
2. By MOTION, direct staff to return at a subsequent meeting with a fourth amendment to the JPA for adoption.
3. No action.

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MEMO TO THE SOQUEL APTOS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

September 17, 2015

Subject: Agenda Item 5.3 Status Update and Discussions Regarding the GSA Formation Subcommittee Recommendations

At the August 20, 2015 Soquel Aptos Groundwater Management Committee (SAGMC) meeting, the committee asked the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Formation Subcommittee to provide a status update and develop recommendations regarding what is necessary to form a GSA and Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Since the subcommittee met on September 16, there was not sufficient time to include the recommendations from the meeting in this memo.

At the September 17 SAGMC meeting, the GSA Formation Subcommittee will present:

- A list of items/issues that the subcommittee has consensus on
- Recommendation on when to incorporate legal assistance and facilitation in the subcommittee process
- Next meeting date and items the subcommittee proposes to cover

The subcommittee seeks input from the SAGMC on their recommendations and approach moving forward.

POSSIBLE ACTIONS

1. By MOTION, provide feedback and direction to the GSA formation subcommittee.

2. No action.

By _______________________________
Melanie Mow Schumacher, Special Projects/Community Dialogue Manager
Soquel Creek Water District

By _______________________________
Ron Duncan, Interim General Manager
Soquel Creek Water District
September 17, 2015

MEMO TO THE SOQUEL APTOS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Subject: Agenda Item 5.4 Discussion Regarding the Additional Support Services by the State Water Resources Control Board for GSA Formation and GSP Development

At the August 20, 2015 Soquel Aptos Groundwater Management Committee (SAGMC) meeting, the committee asked staff to provide recommendations on how to best utilize the additional services by the Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP) for Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation and Groundwater Sustainability Plan development. This additional assistance amounts to approximately $15,000 services that would be funded directly by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to CCP.

Staff feels very fortunate that the state has offered an additional $15,000 in support through 2015 on top of the original contact ($39,323.83) for the Soquel Aptos Groundwater Management Area’s efforts.

Staff suggests that CCP’s services could be best utilized to:

- Host and facilitate the fall Mid-County Groundwater Stakeholder Meeting in November.
  - Staff received positive feedback from community members about the June Mid-County Groundwater Stakeholder Meeting that CCP facilitated.
  - CCP’s assistance with planning and conducting the meeting helps staff which is currently very limited in time/resources.
- Assist and Moderate/Facilitate the GSA Formation Efforts
  - The GSA Formation currently doesn’t have a formal moderator/facilitator assisting with the GSA Formation subcommittee; however, the chair has been providing this function. With Jon Kennedy now appointed as a private well representative on the SAGMC as of August 20, 2015, it would benefit the process and perception that a third-party, neutral entity (CCP) help the subcommittee members work through the checklist items and foster an open and balanced environment for the partner agencies and private well representatives to communicate.
  - Staff feels that CCP can work with the staff and the chair of the committee to set the agenda, coordinate legal assistance, and help move the GSA formation process forward on a schedule that is amenable to all the subcommittee members.
POSSIBLE ACTIONS

1. By MOTION, provide input to staff on the additional support services by the State Water Resources Control Board for GSA Formation and GSP Development.

2. No action.

By _______________________________
Melanie Mow Schumacher, Special Projects/Community Dialogue Manager
Soquel Creek Water District

By _______________________________
Ron Duncan, Interim General Manager
Soquel Creek Water District
MEMO TO THE SOQUEL APTOS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

September 17, 2015

Subject: Agenda Item 5.5 Discussions on Draft Basin Boundaries

Attachment: Basin Boundary Revisions Concepts for Soquel-Aptos Groundwater Sustainability, PowerPoint, by Hydrometrics WRI

At the August 20, 2015 Soquel Aptos Groundwater Management Committee (SAGMC) meeting (Item 5.11), committee members discussed the basin boundary revisions. This memo allows for the continuation of that discussion. The attachment shows the latest work from Hydrometrics WRI. The first map shows existing basins and what would happen to existing basin areas that end up outside of the boundary. The second map just shows the conceptual area. Cameron Tana from Hydrometrics WRI will be available by phone to discuss the attached slides.

POSSIBLE ACTIONS
1. By MOTION, provide direction to staff regarding the boundary revisions.

2. No action.

By _______________________________
Melanie Mow Schumacher, Special Projects/Community Dialogue Manager
Soquel Creek Water District

By _______________________________
Ron Duncan, Interim General Manager
Soquel Creek Water District
Working Basin Boundary Revision Concept

Possible Modification By SVWD

Low Priority

Exclusive GSA

Future Status of Areas Outside Basin

Presented 9/17/15