



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

CARPINTERIA CITY HALL
5775 CARPINTERIA AVENUE
CARPINTERIA, CA 93013

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 5:35 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC FORUM (Any person may address the Board of Directors on any matter within its jurisdiction which is not on the agenda).
3. APPROVAL ITEMS
 - A. ****Minutes for the Meeting of the Board held on March 13, 2024**
4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none
5. NEW BUSINESS –
 - A. ****Consider Draft Budget for FY 2025 and FY 2026 (for information, Executive Director McDonald)**
 - B. **Consider determination of CGSA Fee for FY 2025 and FY 2026 (for information, Executive Director McDonald)**
 - C. ****Consider Prop 218 Notice for mailing on April 19, 2024 for FY 2025 and FY 2026 (for action, Executive Director McDonald)**
 - D. **Consider Appointing Lisa Silva GSA Board Secretary (for action, Executive Director McDonald)**
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS (for information) – None

**Indicates attachment of document to agenda packet.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Robert McDonald, Secretary

The above matters are the only items scheduled to be considered at this meeting.

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	MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY	
	March 13, 2024	
	Chairman Van Wingerden called the regular meeting of the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors held in the Carpinteria City Hall Chamber to order at 5:32 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024.	
	Directors Present; Johnson, Roberts, Holcombe, and Van Wingerden Director Absent: Balch	
	Others Present: Bob McDonald	
	Stephen Lee Lisa Silva	Carolyn Frary
PUBLIC FORUM	No one from the public addressed the Board.	
MINUTES	<p>Following discussion, Director Johnson moved, and Director Holcombe seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on February 28, 2024. The motion carried by a 3-1-1 vote with Director Roberts abstaining and Director Balch absent. The minutes were approved by roll call as follows;</p> <p>Ayes: Holcombe, Johnson and Van Wingerden Nays : none Abstain : Roberts Absent: Balch</p>	
ENGAGEMENT OF DCSE	<p>Executive Director McDonald presented to consider engaging the services of DCSE for GIS services with respect to estimating private groundwater extraction in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.</p> <p><u>DCSE Proposal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DCSE has developed an approach to estimate crop water use by measuring the evapotranspiration (ET) from satellite imagery once a week. - This is helpful to the GSA in determining if its approach for estimating is off, based on a completely separate method. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The water demands for a plant may be different depending on direction of slope face, sun exposure, fog, time of year and density of canopy. - The ET method is not meant to replace the current method of irrigation rates for specific crops or the use of well meters, it is a way to consider other information. <p>Carolyn Frary addressed the Board with concerns of why meters are not required, the cost to install them and paying for groundwater that growers are not using. How does satellite ET estimates take into account for greenhouses? Are greenhouses required to install meters if using wells? Concern is the unknown cost of implementation.</p> <p>Executive Director gave a verbal response.</p> <p>Following discussion, Director Holcombe moved, and Director Johnson seconded the motion to authorize the Executive Director to engage DCSE’s services for FY 22 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The motion carried by a 4-0-1 vote with Director Balch absent. The motion was approved by roll call as follows;</p> <p>Ayes: Holcombe, Roberts, Johnson and Van Wingerden Nayes : none Absent: Balch</p>
<p>JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT</p>	<p>Executive Director McDonald presented to consider revising the Joint Powers Authority Agreement for the GSA.</p> <p><u>Example of changes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supermajority to simple majority - Clarifying Unanimous vote as all Directors in attendance rather than All Directors on the Board, etc. <p>Item changed to Information Only as all 5 Directors needed to be present to vote. Will be brought back at future meeting.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Director Van Wingerden requested a plan for private pumpers that will install meters and possible recharge credits.</p> <p>Chairman Van Wingerden adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Robert McDonald, Secretary</p>

**CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
 OPERATING BUDGET - PROPOSED
 FY 2024-2025 · FY 2025-2026**

**2023/24
 Budget
 Adopted** **2024/25
 Budget
 Proposed** **2025/26
 Budget
 Proposed**

PERSONNEL

Revenue

20-4315	GSA MEMBER FEES	465,000	485,000	500,000
20-4314	GSA GRANT FUNDING	-	-	-
Total Revenue		465,000	485,000	500,000

Expenses

20-570-6025	GSA PERSONNEL	122,887	134,252	144,143
20-570-6117	GSA DIRECTORS FEES	12,600	7,200	13,367
20-570-6118	GSA ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	3,000	4,000	4,000
20-550-6308	GSA ANNUAL REPORTING	50,000	30,000	30,000
20-560-6307	GSA GROUNDWATER PROF SVCS	10,000	50,000	60,000
20-570-6309	GSA ADMIN PROF SERVICES	62,000	60,000	65,000
20-570-6310	GSA LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	21,125	10,000	12,000
20-560-6607	GSA SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	3,600	3,708	3,900
20-550-6806	GSA WTR QUALITY & TESTING	20,000	30,000	32,000
20-599-7313	INTEREST EXPENSE	30,500	10,000	3,450
Total Expenses		335,712	339,160	367,860

Net Operating Revenue **129,288** **145,840** **132,140**

DEBT SERVICE 79,288 84,428 89,428

RESERVES 50,000 50,000 50,000

Surplus (Deficit) **-** **11,412** **(7,288)**

CGSA

CVWD Labor Allocations FY24 - FY26

%'s Per Mgmt Letter 05/30/22

		FY24	FY25	FY26
GM	8%	211,477	224,056	235,259
AGM	5%	190,438	203,768	219,051
Accountant/IT	5%	160,000	176,000	189,200
Bd Sec/Adm Asst	5%	83,052	93,013	99,989
District Engineer	5%	178,194	191,776	201,365
Field Eng Tech	10%	87,090	100,922	111,014
Engineering Analyst	10%	112,715	124,446	136,891
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Wage Allocation		66,425	72,569	77,915
Overhead	85%	56,462	61,684	66,228
Total Allocation		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>



April 19, 2024

Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency
 1301 Santa Ynez Ave.
 Carpinteria, CA 93013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
To Property Owners of Real Property About
Proposed Groundwater Sustainability Agency Fees

When: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 @ 5:35 pm
Where: Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria, CA 93013

The Board of Directors of the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CGSA) will hold a **Public Hearing** on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 5:35 p.m. to consider changes to GSA fees for fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The CGSA determines the GSA pumping fee using methods outlined in the 2024 CGSA Fee Study which is incorporated into this notice by reference and can be found on the CGSA website at <https://carpgsa.org/>.

If you are a **legal property owner** subject to the fee and you oppose the **GSA fee changes** (as shown in Table I below) please submit one protest for your parcel in accordance with the requirements below:

- (1) the assessor’s parcel number(s) *or* street address(es) of the identified parcel(s); and
- (2) the printed name *and* original signature of the property owner of record.

At the Public Hearing, the CGSA Board will accept oral and written testimony, as well as written protests, regarding the proposed fee. Written testimony, including protests, will also be accepted at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013. **All mailed protests must be received by June 12, 2024, by 5:00 pm. Written protests submitted during the Public Hearing must be received by the Executive Director before the hearing concludes.**

Table I – GSA Fee

Current fee fiscal year 2024	Proposed fee fiscal year 2025	Proposed fee fiscal year 2026
\$68.00 /acre	\$79.00/acre-foot	\$79.00/acre-foot

The GSA fee supports the sustainability of the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin. The fee is based on estimated pumping for parcels using groundwater. Charges were developed using crop-based estimates for each parcel. Estimates were sent out to each parcel in early 2024 for verification.

If valid protests against the proposed fee are presented by a majority of property owners of identified parcels served by the CGSA, the CGSA shall not impose the fee change. Please call me, Bob McDonald, Executive Director, at 805-263-4826 if you have any questions about the Public Hearing process or the proposed changes to GSA fees. California law (Government Code section 53759) provides a 120-day statute of limitations for judicially challenging these rates.

Executive Director, Robert McDonald

La CGSA es bilingüe, para obtener información sobre las tarifas de extracción, llame a la oficina al 805-684-2816.