



## AGENDA

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

CARPINTERIA CITY HALL  
5775 CARPINTERIA AVENUE  
CARPINTERIA, CA 93013

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Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 5:35 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA CONFIRMATION: Executive Director Dyer
3. PUBLIC FORUM (Any person may address the Board of Directors on any matter within its jurisdiction which is not on the agenda).
4. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. **\*\*Minutes for the Meeting of the Board held on April 22, 2026**
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none
6. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. **\*\*Consider Ratification of Contract Amendment with Michael Coluonto Contract for Water Rates Legal Counsel (for action, Executive Director Dyer)**
  - B. **Update on Well Registration and Metering Policy Implementation (for information, Executive Director Dyer)**
  - C. **\*\*Present Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget (for information, General Manager Dyer)**

\*\*Indicates attachment of document to agenda packet.

**D. Public Hearing Regarding GSA Fees for Fiscal Year 2027**

- 1. Opening of Public Hearing (Chair Van Wingerden)**
- 2. \*\*Receive Staff Report and Recommendations (Executive Director Dyer)**
- 3. Receive Report of Written Communications (Lisa Silva, Board Secretary)**
- 4. Receive Public Comment (Chair Van Wingerden)**
- 5. Close the Public Hearing (Chair Van Wingerden)**
- 6. Discussion by Board of Directors**

**E. \*\*Consider Resolution No. 043 Adopting Fiscal Year 2027 Budget (for action, Executive Director Dyer)**

**F. \*\*Consider Resolution No. 044 Adopting Fees for Fiscal Year 2027 and Authorizing Tax Roll Charges (for action, Executive Director Dyer)**

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS (for information) – none**

**8. ADJOURNMENT.**

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

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<b>MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>			
<b>CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY</b>			
<b>April 22, 2026</b>			
	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 5:39 p.m., Wednesday April 22, 2026.		
	Directors Present: O'Connor, Balch, and Van Wingerden Directors Absent: Holcombe and Roberts		
	Others Present: Kelley Dyer		
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<b>AGENDA CONFIRMATION</b>	Executive Director Dyer reported no changes to the agenda.		
<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b>	No one from the public addressed the Board.		
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>  <b>A. Minutes</b> <b>B. Disbursement Report</b> <b>C. Director's Quarterly Compensation Report</b>	Director O'Connor moved, and Director Balch seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by a 3-2 vote with Directors Holcombe and Roberts absent. The motion was approved by roll call as follows;  Ayes: O'Connor, Balch, and Van Wingerden Nays : none Absent: Holcombe and Roberts		
<b>CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER BASIN SUSTAINABILITY PLAN WATER YEAR 2025 ANNUAL REPORT</b>	Executive Director Dyer presented to consider the Presentation of Carpinteria Groundwater Basin Sustainability Plan Water Year 2025 Annual Report. Presentation by Robert Marks, Pueblo Water Resources.  Scott Van Der Kar addressed the Board commented that open space and agricultural land overlay the recharge areas of the groundwater basin and the importance of supporting groundwater recharge. In addition, streamflow and groundwater recharge are dependent on multi-year hydrologic conditions. Van Der Kar also inquired whether the changes in sea level due to king tides are contributing to chloride trends at the District's wells.  For Information.		

<p><b>WELL REGISTRATION AND METERING POLICY UPDATE</b></p>	<p>Executive Director Dyer presented to consider Update on Well Registration and Metering Policy.</p> <p><u>Future Items:</u>  May – Press release/advertisement/social media reminders highlighting ongoing registration assistance  June – Target mailers and phone calls to short list of remaining property owners</p> <p>Scott Van Der Kar addressed the Board sharing his experience with regards to purchasing meters.</p> <p>For Information.</p>
<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p>	<p>Chairman Van Wingerden adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Lisa Silva, Board Secretary</p>



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*Kelley Dyer*

To: CGSA Board of Directors  
From: Kelley Dyer, Executive Director  
Date: June 10, 2026

### **For Consideration: Ratification of a Contract with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC for Water Rates Legal Services reflecting Updated Hourly Rates**

#### **Background:**

On May 13, 2026, the CVWD Board authorized a contract with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC for water rates legal services reflecting an updated capped hourly rate. The contract proposes services for both the CVWD and the CGSA. Therefore, the contract requires ratification by CGSA.

Previously, in 2021, the Board authorized a professional services agreement with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC to provide specialized legal services related to water rates and compliance with Propositions 218 and 26. The firm has continued to provide legal counsel to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency on water rate and fee matters and related advisory services since that time.

The existing agreement established a capped hourly billing rate of \$355 per hour for advisory services. That rate has remained unchanged since 2021.

#### **Analysis:**

Given that costs have substantially increased since 2021, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC is requesting an adjustment in the capped hourly rate.

The proposed updated capped hourly rate is \$435 per hour for advisory services related to water rates and Proposition 218 compliance matters. In addition, annual adjustments are proposed beginning July 1, 2027 based on the lesser of 5% or the increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Los Angeles area.

The proposed adjustment reflects increases in legal service costs and inflation since execution of the prior agreement in 2021. The California-wide CPI has increased substantially during that period (22.4% increase).

The CGSA will continue to require legal representation on ratemaking matters and related legal services. Staff believes the proposed adjustments remain reasonable and appropriate given the complexity and specialized nature of public agency water rate legal services.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The proposed FY 2027 budget includes increased legal services costs that will provide for an increased fee schedule at a similar level of legal services as historically utilized by the CGSA.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Board ratify the contract with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC for water rates legal services reflecting the proposed updated capped hourly rate.



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To: CGSA Board of Directors  
From: Kelley Dyer, Executive Director  
Date: June 10, 2026  
Written by: Norma Rosales, Treasurer

### **For Consideration:** Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget

**Background:** Each year the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CGSA) prepares an operating budget to support implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and ongoing administrative functions of the Agency. The operating budget outlines anticipated revenues and expenditures necessary to carry out groundwater sustainability activities, regulatory compliance, and agency operations for the upcoming fiscal year.

The proposed FY 2027 Operating Budget was developed by staff based on historical expenditures, anticipated operational needs, and projected program requirements. The budget also considers prior year budget performance and adjustments necessary to support continued implementation of groundwater sustainability activities.

### **Analysis:**

This staff report provides a high-level summary of the proposed FY 2027 budget. The proposed budget for adoption is provided within the Board packet (refer to Item 6.E).

The proposed FY 2027 operating budget projects total revenues of approximately \$504,000, primarily from member property tax roll assessments. This is based on an estimated fee of \$120/acre-foot and estimated total pumping of 4,202.34 acre-feet.

Total operating expenditures are projected at \$503,576. Major expenditure categories include:

- **Supplies & Equipment Costs:** Projected to increase \$36,000 and fund pumps, transducers and endpoints.
- **Personnel Costs:** Projected to increase \$126,000, reflecting staffing necessary to support administrative, financial, and programmatic activities of the Agency. New in FY 27, the Field Technician-Customer Service classification is projected time allocation of 10% along with the Associate Engineer time allocation of 15%.
- **Administrative Services:** Increasing \$7,820 and includes meter reading for 200 endpoints as well as website, insurance, and other operational support.
- **Annual Reporting:** Decrease of \$10,000 as we transition from consultant to in-house annual reporting.

- Groundwater Professional Services: Increasing \$25,500 related to monitoring well expansion project
- Administrative Professional Services: Decreasing \$46,500 related to not having to use a consultant for certain report preparation.

In prior years of the CGSA formation and operations, funds were borrowed from the CVWD. As of June 30, 2025, the outstanding debt was \$514,644. A \$300,000 principal and interest payment was made in FY 2026, bringing the balance down to \$214,644 at June 30, 2026. The proposed budget includes a 3-year paydown schedule, with a principal payment of \$71,548 and interest expense of \$6,440 based on a 3% interest rate approved by the CVWD Board on March 8, 2023. Implementing a three-year paydown schedule allows the CGSA to gradually retire the remaining debt while maintaining a prudent reserve balance. Maintaining this reserve will help ensure the Agency has sufficient cash on hand to cover operating expenses during periods when expenditures occur before property tax revenues are received from the County, thereby supporting stable cash flow and uninterrupted operations.

Overall, the proposed FY 2027 budget maintains the Agency's ability to meet its obligations while supporting continued implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

There have been no significant changes to the proposed budget since it was presented to the CGSA Board of Directors on April 08, 2026.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The proposed FY 2027 operating budget includes:

- Total Revenues: \$504,281
- Total Expenditures: \$503,575
- Total Debt Repayment: \$71,548

This results in projected decrease in cash of \$70,842.

The following is a summary of the projected year-end cash balance for the Agency:

- June 30, 2025 (Actual): \$634,999
- June 30, 2026 (Projected): \$339,323
- June 30, 2027 (Projected): \$268,480

**Recommendation:** This is an informational item. Staff recommend the Board conduct the public hearing on proposed water rates and charges, which are necessary to fund the proposed budget, and adopt the budget resolution following the public hearing.



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*Kelley Dyer*

To: CGSA Board of Directors  
From: Kelley Dyer, Executive Director  
Date: June 02, 2026  
Written by: Norma Rosales, Treasurer

### **For Consideration:** Fiscal Year 2027 Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency Fee

#### **Background:**

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires high and medium priority groundwater basins to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). The Carpinteria GSA (CGSA), formed in 2020 through a Joint Powers Authority, is the exclusive GSA for the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin.

To fund the implementation of its groundwater sustainability program, including monitoring, data collection, technical studies, reporting, and administrative support, the CGSA is authorized under Water Code Section 10730 to impose fees on groundwater extraction. The proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 fee is based on estimated groundwater pumping derived from crop demand, 2024 aerial imagery, and available Carpinteria Valley Water District water use data. A Cost of Service Study prepared by CGSA staff supports the proposed fee methodology and rate.

#### **Analysis:**

The proposed fee is necessary to provide a reliable and equitable funding source for implementation of the CGSA's groundwater sustainability program. Continued funding is required to meet SGMA mandates and maintain progress toward long-term groundwater sustainability within the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin.

The proposed FY 2027 fee allocation methodology distributes costs based on estimated groundwater extraction, thereby aligning costs with the degree to which properties benefit from and contribute to groundwater management activities. Estimated extraction is derived using current crop and land use information together with available water use records, providing a reasonable basis for assigning program costs among benefiting properties. The estimated pumping for each parcel was previously distributed to property owners for verification.

The Cost of Service Study concludes that:

- The estimated fee for FY 2027 is \$120 per acre-foot based on estimated FY 2024 groundwater pumping of approximately 4,200 Acre-feet for properties overlying the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin.
- Revenues generated by the fee will not exceed the costs necessary to provide groundwater sustainability services.
- The fee charged to each parcel does not exceed the proportional cost of service attributable to that parcel.
- The fee applies only to properties that directly benefit from sustainable groundwater management within the Basin.
- The proposed rate is sufficient to fund the FY 2027 operational and administrative expenses of the CGSA.

Pursuant to State law established by Proposition 218, property owners must be notified of any proposed increases to fees at least 45 days prior to the date of the public hearing for the CGSA to consider the proposed fee increases. On April 8, 2026, the CGSA Board directed staff to mail the notice of public hearing (Attachment 1) and make the accompanying Cost of Service Study (Attachment 2) available on its website.

If valid written protests are not received from a majority of the parcels identified to be within the CGSA, the Board of Directors may adopt the proposed increases. To be valid and counted, written protests must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 10, 2026 if mailed or hand delivered before the close of this public hearing.

As of June 5, 2026, when this report was written, a total of 6 protest letters have been received.

If adopted, the FY 2027 fee will be applied to estimated groundwater pumping for the period between July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (FY2024) and submitted to Ventura County and Santa Barbara County for property tax roll charges during Fiscal Year 2027.

**Fiscal Impact:** The proposed FY 2027 CGSA Fee will provide funding necessary to support the operational and administrative costs of the CGSA's groundwater sustainability program. The fee is proposed at \$120 per acre-foot of estimated groundwater extraction.

**Recommendation:** For information only. Following public comments, staff recommends the Board adopt a resolution establishing the proposed FY 2027 CGSA fee at a rate of \$120 per acre-foot of estimated groundwater extraction and authorizing collection of the fee through the County property tax roll.

**Attachments:**

1. Proposition 218 Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year CGSA Fee
2. Cost of Service Study dated March 2026



April 20, 2026

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

**When: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 @ 5:30 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 June 10, 2026 to consider changes to GSA fees for fiscal year 2027. The CGSA determined the GSA pumping fee using methods outlined in the 2027 Cost of Service Study which is incorporated into this notice by reference and can be found on the CGSA website at <https://carpgsa.org/>.

Current fee fiscal year 2026	Proposed fee fiscal year 2027
\$79.00 /acre-foot	\$120.00/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 fall of 2025 for verification.

**Protesting the Increase**

If you are responsible to pay this fee for an affected property, and you oppose the change shown in the table above, you may submit a written protest that includes (at a minimum) the following information:

- (1) The assessor’s parcel number(s) or street address(es) of the affected property(ies);
- (2) A clear statement protesting the fee change discussed in this notice;
- (3) Your status as to the affected property(ies) that makes you responsible to pay this fee (e.g., property owner, tenant); and
- (4) Your printed name *and* original signature.

CGSA will only accept one protest per affected property. Protests may be mailed to the PO box listed at the top of this letter, delivered in person to 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013, or submitted at the hearing on June 10, 2026. In any event, written protests must be received prior to or during the June 10 hearing. **Any protest received after that hearing concludes will not be counted.** If valid written protests against the proposed fee are presented by a majority of parcels served by the CGSA, the CGSA shall not impose the fee change. Finally, while CGSA will accept oral testimony and comments at the hearing, only written protests will be counted toward a majority protest.

**Legal Objections**

If you claim the proposed rate change is unlawful, you may file a legal objection with CGSA. Any such objection must include the following information to be valid:

- (1) Your printed name, original signature, and either the assessor’s parcel number or street address of your property that is subject to CGSA’s fee.



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- (2) The specific rate or charge that you claim is unlawful.
- (3) The grounds for your claim that the rate or charge at issue is unlawful. Please note that these grounds must be sufficiently detailed to allow CGSA to determine whether alterations to the proposed fee are needed. A general statement such as, "This violates Proposition 218," is insufficient. As noted above, the written basis for the proposed rate change can be found on the CGSA website at <https://carpgsa.org/>.

Legal objections may be mailed to the PO box listed at the top of this letter or delivered in person to 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013. Faxed or emailed objections will not be accepted. **In any event, objections must be received no later than Monday, June 8, 2026.** Please note that this deadline is prior to the hearing on June 10, 2026, so CGSA may review objections and provide a response at that hearing.

Failure to submit a timely objection will bar the right to challenge this rate increase in court, and any such action will be limited to the issues identified in that objection. Finally, California Government Code section 53759 provides a 120-day statute of limitations for judicially challenging these rates.

Please call Kelley Dyer, Executive Director, at (805) 600-4871 if you have any questions about the Public Hearing process or the proposed changes to GSA fees.

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

# Carpinteria GSA

## **COST OF SERVICE STUDY FY2027**

ESTIMATED GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION METHODOLOGY



**CARPINTERIA GSA**

Prepared by  
CGSA Staff  
March 2026

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## 1. Executive Summary

### 1.1 Background of the Study

In September of 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was passed which provided a framework for achieving sustainable groundwater management in previously unregulated basins throughout the State of California. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) ranked basins as high- medium- or low-priority basins and those categorized as high- or medium- priority were required to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and develop Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). Carpinteria Groundwater Basin (CGB) was initially designated as a low-priority basin; however, in 2019 DWR reclassified the CGB as a high-priority basin, requiring the establishment of a GSA and GSP.

The Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CGSA) was formed in February of 2020 and a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) was established which is comprised of four member agencies: Carpinteria Valley water District (CVWD), City of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara County, and the County of Ventura. **Figure 1** outlines the CGB and its member agencies relative to the basin's boundary. The CVWD was awarded a \$1.9M grant on behalf of the CGSA to be used toward the GSP development and planning in 2020. Other costs associated with the GSP and CGSA were covered by loans from CVWD for fiscal years (FYs) 2020, 2021, and 2022 and repayment of these loans to CVWD is accounted for in the GSA's annual budget. Fiscal years begin July 1 and end June 30 of the following calendar year.



**Figure 1.** Map of the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin and jurisdictions within

In FY2022, the CGSA hired *Raftelis* to carry out a fee study to determine the most equitable and easily implementable methodology for generating revenue to cover CGSA Phase 1 funding requirements.

Phase 1 included the regulatorily required GSP development in addition to CGSA operations, administration, professional services, and establishment of a prudent cash reserves. The fee study that *Raftelis* completed did not include the direct GSP development costs covered by the DWR grant. Ultimately, the fee study found that distributing the CGSA fees based on the total acreage of the parcel overlying the CGB boundary was the most equitable way to implement the fee. This methodology was used for FY23 and FY24. If a parcel was only partially within the groundwater basin boundary, the parcel was only charged for the acreage that was overlapping. These fees were collected through Ventura and Santa Barbara county's property tax rolls.

The disadvantage of the acreage-based approach was that CGSA charges were not tied to groundwater extraction or direct groundwater benefit. Because charges were independent from groundwater use within the basin, the acreage-based fee-structure also did not incentivize groundwater conservation and the implementation of water-saving practices on agricultural properties using wells.

After implementing the parcel acreage-based CGSA fees for two FYs, the CGSA received feedback from the community that "the pumpers should be paying". Through input from property owners and the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee (CGSPAC), it was determined that parcel-acreages may not be the best indicator of groundwater benefit and that an alternative method should be pursued.

In May of 2024 a Cost-of-Service Study was completed by CGSA staff to outline a new approach to collecting CGSA fees for FY25 and FY26, which was based on estimated groundwater extraction for private property owners and known groundwater extraction for CVWD. Estimated pumping for FY2025 was based on FY2022 and FY2026 was based on FY2023. Trailing years were utilized due to the availability of the 2022 aerial image and known CVWD metered data for the prior fiscal years.

The purpose of this current Cost-of-Service study is to describe the FY2027 methodology to fulfil Prop 218 requirements and inform property owners how these fees were calculated. This Cost-of-Service study uses the same estimated groundwater extraction approach; however, the FY2027 fees and estimated pumping are based on FY2024 due to the availability of the newer August 2024 aerial image and known CVWD metered data for FY24. In addition, we will describe the potential scenarios where estimated extractions may be removed or reduced based on additional data provided by the property owner with sufficient supplemental information and verification from public records requests as necessary.

## 1.2 Cost-of-Service Study Objective and Summary

### 1.2.1 Objective

The objective of this study was to describe the FY2027 fee calculation, which is based on FY2024 estimated groundwater extraction for property owners and known groundwater extraction by the Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD). The process mirrors the methodology used for FY2026 and FY2025 fee calculations. The Carpinteria Valley Water District, who meters the quantity of groundwater they pump for the public water supply, would also be charged a CGSA fee as well for their extraction quantities. Through CVWD being charged CGSA fees, CVWD customers indirectly benefitting from groundwater delivered through the public water supply, such as residential accounts without direct groundwater access, would be contributing to the CGSA fees indirectly through their CVWD monthly water bills. Prior to moving to the estimated pumping methodology in FY2025, in FYs 2023 and 2024, these residential accounts would have had a CGSA fee on their property tax statements that was proportional to the size of their property within the groundwater basin.

### 1.2.2 Cost-of-Service Study Summary

The current methodology calculates the total water demand of the parcel based on the crops present and subtracts the known CVWD metered water use to derive an estimated water extraction estimate. Water extraction estimates are calculated for any property where crops are present and calculated water demand exceeds the known delivered water amount. Delivered water is only available from CVWD records and was not available for Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD) or Rincon Road and Water Works customers. If a property owner did not have a CVWD water account, their known delivered water amount was set as zero in the calculation. Letters were mailed to all property owners in the fall of 2025 outlining their property's calculation and groundwater estimate, and many CMWD and Rincon Road and Water Works customers have provided proof of service with their water purveyor and signed Statements of Non-Groundwater Extraction from the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin for fiscal year 2027 to have their estimated groundwater extraction fees removed if applicable. If CMWD and Rincon Road and Water Works customers are actively using groundwater, they were able to submit an adjustment request and provide their water bills to change their delivered water amount from zero to their metered water use for FY2024.

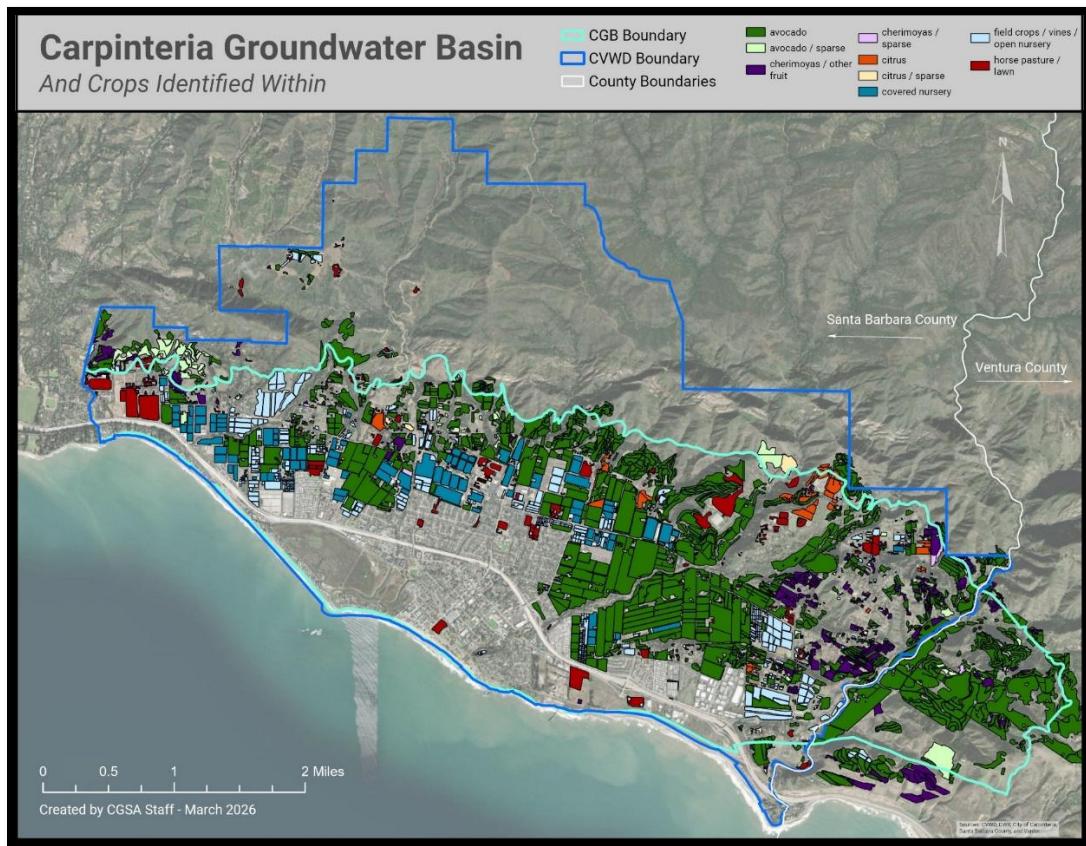
## 2. Methodology

Since 2002, CVWD has been using GIS software, aerial imagery, metered consumption data, and statistical analysis of the derived data to evaluate land use activities and estimate private pumping in the CGB. Prior to 2002, CVWD estimated groundwater use, but relied heavily on the institutional knowledge of staff to update land use records on paper cards when changes in land use were noticed as a part of other District activities.

First, crop boundaries are digitized, and crop acreages are calculated in GIS software (ArcGIS Pro). These crops and acreages are associated with a particular assessor's parcel number (APN). Then, crop factors (acre-feet/acre of water use) are calculated for each crop type with data available in the Carpinteria Valley. Finally, the crop factors and crop acreages are used to derive the total water demand at the property level and the known CVWD metered water use is subtracted to arrive at the estimated groundwater extraction for the parcel.

## 2.1 Crop Determinations

CVWD participates in a local aerial imagery acquisition project with other public agencies through the Channel Islands Regional GIS Collaborative (CIRGIS). CVWD obtains a 3-inch resolution aerial image of their jurisdiction every 2 years, which allows for the documentation of land use and crop changes over time. Each time a new aerial image is received, a GIS analyst examines the agricultural areas to adjust changes to crop boundaries or make note of any crop changes. Staff perform site visits, if possible, or drive-by crop assessments if new crops are unknown or questionable. Through this biannual interpretation of imagery, crop acreages are calculated for each land use on a particular property. An overview of the crop types and boundaries derived from the 2024 aerial image, flown between August 20, 2024 and August 27, 2024, is shown in **Figure 2**.



**Figure 2.** Map of the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin and Identified Crop Categories Within Based on August 2024 Aerial Image

## 2.2 Calculating Crop Factors

There are properties throughout the CGB and CVWD’s water service area where there is primarily one type of crop grown, it is known that no private well water is being applied to the property, and only CVWD’s water meter is used for irrigation. For these properties, the metered use for the period being studied (FY2024) is pulled into excel, converted from hundred cubic feet (HCF) to acre-feet, and then the water use in acre-feet is divided by the quantity of acres of the crop on the parcel. This value is what is called the crop factor for the parcel. The crop factors for multiple properties growing the same crop are compared and z-tests are applied to remove outliers to arrive at an average crop factor for the land use

for the period of interest. The land use categories that crop factors are calculated for consist of: avocado, cherimoyas, covered nurseries, lawn, lemons, and open nurseries. Mixed crops and field crops have the open nursery crop factor applied, and other fruit crops have the cherimoya crop factor applied. The crop factor for lawn is applied to both turf and pasture. A summary of the crop factors calculated for FY2024 is shown in **Table 1**.

**Table 1.** Crop Types and Calculated Crop Factors for FY2024

Crop type	Calculated Crop Factors - FY2024
Avocado	1.65
Cherimoyas	1.39
Covered Nursery	3.37
Lawn	2.18
Lemons	0.90
Open Nursery	2.18

### 2.3 Calculating Water Demand and Estimated Extraction at the Parcel Level

All land uses and their corresponding acreages are summarized at the parcel level. These acreages are then multiplied by their corresponding crop factors and summarized to arrive at an overall property water demand value. The known metered water use from CVWD records for the matching time period is then subtracted from the property's total water demand and the remaining value is considered to be their estimated groundwater use.

### 2.4 Advantages and Disadvantages of Current Method

There are several advantages to the current approach, although some disadvantages have been acknowledged. The benefit of this fee structure is that the groundwater users pay fees that are proportional to their groundwater use. Because of this, property owners are more incentivized to conserve groundwater resources and implement water-saving practices. Using this method, properties who directly benefit from groundwater contribute to the costs associated with the management and monitoring of this shared resource. The direct groundwater users are also those who care about the long-term sustainability and availability of groundwater in the Carpinteria Valley.

Some of the disadvantages of the estimated extraction-based method are that the process is much more burdensome from a staffing perspective and that the estimates may not be representative of an individual property owner's documented extraction. Analyzing the aerial imagery and creating crop maps and estimates to mail to individual property owners on an annual basis takes much more time than the acreage-based approach. Through property owners sharing their meter logs and irrigation schedules with the CGSA, we have seen instances where the CGSA's estimates exceed documented metered water use (even after calibrating the metered use based on accuracy testing). This mathematically makes sense since outliers are removed for both high and low users and an average is applied to all parcels for that particular crop. This also means that high groundwater users could be getting under-charged. It has also been brought to the CGSA's attention that differences in the species of crop, density of plantings, ground

slope, soil types, and age of the tree impact water application in ways that are not incorporated into the existing model.

The estimated extraction model is still the best available approach for FY2027 to distribute the costs to groundwater users. The CGSA adopted a Well Registration and Metering Policy in August of 2025 and groundwater users are actively installing flowmeters, which are planned to be used for future CGSA fee calculations. Flowmeters will help to more equitably distribute CGSA costs amongst groundwater users.


### 3 Property Notifications and Deadlines for Revisions

#### 3.1 Mailed Notices

In October of 2025, properties with estimated groundwater extraction estimates for FY2027 were contacted by mail to inform them that the CGSA's model had estimated groundwater use for their property in FY2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024). The FY2024 data is what is being used for FY2027 CGSA charges. Property owners were sent a letter (**Figure 3**) and a table (**Figure 4**) showing their property's water demand calculation minus their known CVWD metered water use, which was used to calculate their estimated groundwater extraction. Additionally, a map was enclosed showing the crop areas on the property using the aerial image flown in August of 2024.

#### 3.2 Deadline

Property owners who contested the groundwater extraction estimates and did not use groundwater on their properties during FY2024 or property owners who did use groundwater during FY 2024, but who had alternate data indicating that the extraction estimate was incorrect, were required to contact the CGSA in writing by February 28, 2026. This Cost-of-Service study takes these adjustments into consideration. The fee has been calculated under the assumption that all adjustments will be accepted; however, there is the chance that the Executive Director may reject an adjustment request. In this case, the property would be assessed their original fees and revenue would be slightly greater than what is described in Section 5 of this document (**Table 2**).



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**SUBJECT: GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION ESTIMATE FOR APN: <<APN>> FOR FY2024 WHICH WILL BE USED FOR FY2027 CGSA FEES**

Dear Owner,

Beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025 (FY2025) the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CGSA) began collecting groundwater fees based on estimated groundwater extraction after the community encouraged the move to having groundwater users pay for CGSA fees that contribute to meeting the requirements of California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The first estimated pumping fees were applied to FY2025 & will continue through FY2026's property tax statements based on data for FY2022 & FY2023, respectively. The CGSA has estimated groundwater extraction based on crop types present on the subject property using aerial imagery from 2024 and known CVWD meter consumption for FY2024 for proposed use for the FY2026-2027 CGSA fees. Starting in FY2027-2028 (FY2028) metered groundwater use will be used for CGSA fees.

The reverse side of this page shows the breakdown of the CGSA's FY2024 groundwater estimates for the subject property. The FY2027 per-acre foot CGSA fees will be adopted after a Cost-of-Service Study has been completed. A map showing the crop coverage used in these calculations is also included for you.

Please take the time to review this information. If you believe this information is not correct and that amendments are required, please contact the CGSA's Executive Director in writing by mailing a letter to the address listed above explaining the changes you are requesting for your property. The letter must be submitted **by February 28, 2026**. In your letter you will also need to provide a phone number and e-mail so that we may contact you if supplemental information or a site visit is required.

We encourage you to sign up for CGSA updates at <https://carpgsa.org/> to receive additional information regarding the CGSA and California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). We invite you to attend CGSA Board meetings and participate in discussions related to groundwater management.

To sign up for e-mail updates, visit [carpgsa.org](https://carpgsa.org/). If you have any questions, please contact [bob@cvwd.net](mailto:bob@cvwd.net) or call 805-684-2816 extension 123.

Sincerely,

**CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

2025 LETTER – APN <<APN>> NOTICE FOR FY2027 CGSA FEES – BASED ON FY2024 CROPS AND METERED WATER USE

Figure 3. Letter template that was mailed out to property owners for FY2024 (used for FY2027 fees)

**GROUNDWATER ESTIMATE FOR : <<APN>>**

*Note: Values in table are rounded*

Crop Type	Crop Acreage (acres)	Estimated water applied per acre (acre-feet/acre)	Total water use estimate (acre-feet)
avocado			0.00
avocado / cherimoyas			0.00
avocado / citrus			0.00
avocado / fruit			0.00
avocado / lemons			0.00
avocado / lemons / oranges			0.00
avocado / lemons / persimmons			0.00
avocado / sparse			0.00
cherimoyas			0.00
cherimoyas / avocado / lemons			0.00
cherimoyas / lemons			0.00
cherimoyas / passion fruit / zapote			0.00
cherimoyas / sparse			0.00
covered nursery			0.00
covered nursery / garden center			0.00
covered nursery / orchids			0.00
field crops / mixed crops			0.00
field crops / vines			0.00
fruit trees			0.00
grapes / vines			0.00
horse facilities / pasture			0.00
horse facilities / pasture & barn			0.00
horse facilities / pasture / pen			0.00
horse facilities / polo field			0.00
lawn			0.00
lemons			0.00
lemons / avocado			0.00
lemons / oranges			0.00
lemons / sparse			0.00
mixed orchard			0.00
olives			0.00
open nursery			0.00
open nursery / garden center			0.00
open nursery / palms			0.00
open nursery w shade cover			0.00
orchard / mixed			0.00
park / sports field			0.00
passion fruit			0.00
persimmons			0.00
persimmons / sparse			0.00
roses			0.00
stone fruit			0.00
vegetable garden			0.00

Known metered water use for FY2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024): <<acre-feet>> acre-feet  
 Estimated Groundwater Use: <<acre-feet>> acre-feet

2025 LETTER – APN <<APN>> NOTICE FOR FY2027 CGSA FEES – BASED ON FY2024 CROPS AND METERED WATER USE

**Figure 4.** Table that was mailed out to property owners that was customized with their crop acreages, known CVWD metered water use, and final calculation for FY2024

## 4. Eligibility for Fee Adjustment or Removal

Property owners who responded to the groundwater extraction estimates in writing with letters or e-mails prior to the February 28, 2026 deadline are eligible to have their fees adjusted or removed if adequate data is provided or site visits are performed. The Executive Director will approve of these adjustments on a case-by-case basis. Data that may be evaluated includes:

- CMWD water bills
- CVWD water bills to examine whether the water application rate for the crop was within range of other water application rates observed throughout the basin
- Rincon Road and Water Works water bills
- Rincon Road and Water Works service area boundary maps
- Southern California Edison (SCE) bills for private water well pumps demonstrating that the well was not used or was used minimally during the FY2024 timeframe
- Irrigation Schedules for the time period with known hours and gallons applied per minute, gallons per hour, or gallons per emitter per tree and number of trees
- Logs of private well meter reads for the time period
- Site visits to properties to obtain global navigation satellite system (GNSS) points of wells to determine whether they fell within or outside of the CGB boundary
- Site visits to properties to examine private shared groundwater distribution systems

If property owners stated that no groundwater was applied to their property during FY2024, they are required to sign a Statement of Non-Groundwater Extraction from the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin form (**APPENDIX B**). In addition, a GIS search and/or public records request was sent to Santa Barbara County's EHS department if one had not been sent already to check for well-related documents. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Water Information System Mapper was also used to check for well records. Ventura County had already previously delivered private well data for the Ventura County parcels intersecting the CGB. If wells did exist on the parcel and claims were made that the well was inactive or not in use during FY2024, a site visit was required to be performed to examine the status of the well and get a GNSS point if one had not been obtained by CVWD staff previously. If a well existed on a parcel, but it was uncertain whether it truly fell within the groundwater basin then a site visit was performed to get a GNSS point to prove it was or was not within the basin.

If power was hooked up to the well, then Southern California Edison (SCE) bills were required to be provided for FY2024 to verify that the well pump was not used or was used minimally. If the well was inactive with no equipment installed within it or SCE bills demonstrated the pump was not used or was used minimally during this time, then the CGSA fee is eligible to be removed with Executive Director approval.

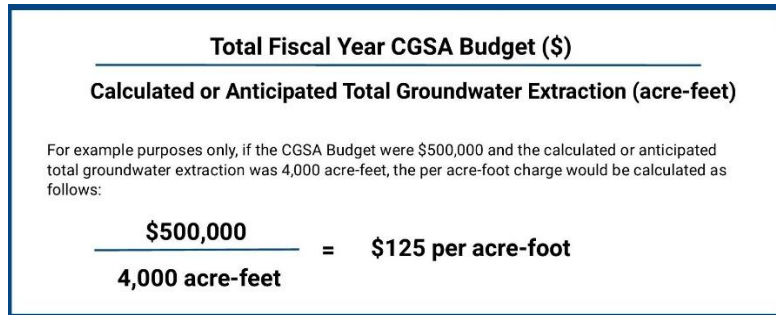
## 5. GSA Proposed Budget & Final Fee Calculation

The CGSA plans to adopt the proposed budget outlined in **Figure 5** for FY2027, which requires generating \$503,575 to cover net expenditures.

CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY		2026/27
OPERATING BUDGET - PROPOSED AMENDED		Budget
FY 2026-2027		Proposed
Groundwater Extracted in Acre Feet		4,202
<b>OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES - BUDGETED</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>		
20-4315	GSA MEMBER FEES	504,281
20-4314	GSA GRANT FUNDING	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>504,281</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
20-550-6806	GSA WTR QUALITY & TESTING	35,000
20-560-6607	GSA SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	40,000
20-570-6025	GSA PERSONNEL	270,066
20-570-6117	GSA DIRECTORS FEES	8,250
20-570-6118	GSA ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	11,820
20-550-6308	GSA ANNUAL REPORTING	20,000
20-560-6307	GSA GROUNDWATER PROF SVCS	85,500
20-570-6309	GSA ADMIN PROF SERVICES	18,500
20-570-6310	GSA LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	8,000
20-570-6123	GSA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	-
20-599-7313	INTEREST EXPENSE	6,439
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>503,575</b>
	<i>\$ Change</i>	135,715
	<i>% Change</i>	27%
		<i>VS 2025/26 Budget</i>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE - BUDGETED</b>		<b>705</b>
	<i>\$ Change</i>	<i>(131,435)</i>
		<i>VS 2025/26 Budget</i>

**Figure 5.** CGSA Proposed Budget

The budget serves as the numerator in the equation used to determine the cost per acre-foot of groundwater extracted (**Figure 6**).



**Figure 6.** Calculation for determining the cost per acre-foot of groundwater extracted

### 5.1 Groundwater Extraction Calculated in FY2024 for FY2027 Fees

Using the methodology described within this document, the total estimated groundwater extraction from the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin was calculated for FY2024 after examining all parcels with crops intersecting the groundwater basin boundary in any capacity and using known CVWD groundwater extraction, detailed in **APPENDIX A**.

The estimated groundwater extraction for Ventura and Santa Barbara County parcels and known groundwater extraction for CVWD during FY2024 amounted to 4,202.34 acre-feet. The total proposed net budget for FY2027 is \$503,575. Using the formula shown in **Figure 6**, this would make the FY2027 charge \$119.83 per acre-foot, or \$120.00 if rounded to the next whole number. It is suggested to use \$120.00, which would result in collecting \$504,280.80 between direct assessments and CVWD’s groundwater fees (**Table 2**).

**Table 2.** Proposed FY2027 CGSA fee

<b>FY2027 CGSA PROPOSED NET BUDGET: \$503,575</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Number of properties</b>	<b>Estimated groundwater (acre-feet)</b>	<b>Total Fees</b>
Ventura County	5	111.91	\$ 13,429.20
Santa Barbara County	356	3,353.24	\$ 402,388.80
CVWD	(3 CVWD active wells)	737.19	\$ 88,462.80
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>4,202.34</b>	<b>\$ 504,280.80</b>
CGSA Fee (Budget/total estimated acre-feet) = <b>\$119.83</b> Rounded to nearest dollar = <b>\$120.00</b>			

## APPENDIX A: CVWD DETAILED METERED GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION FOR FY2027

Month	Groundwater Extracted (acre-feet)
July 2023	112.44
August 2023	153.59
September 2023	132.25
October 2023	69.34
November 2023	37.07
December 2023	19.37
January 2024	36.24
February 2024	21.79
March 2024	24.04
April 2024	4.04
May 2024	16.05
June 2024	110.97
<b>Total FY 2024</b>	<b>737.19</b>

# APPENDIX B: STATEMENT OF NON-GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION FROM THE CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER BASIN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027



## Statement of Non-Groundwater Extraction from the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin For Fiscal Year 2027

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the owner of real property(ies) located at,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and containing Assessor's Parcel Number(s);

(APN \_\_\_\_\_), (APN \_\_\_\_\_)  
(APN \_\_\_\_\_), (APN \_\_\_\_\_)  
(APN \_\_\_\_\_), (APN \_\_\_\_\_)

(hereinafter "My Property"), hereby attest to the following facts regarding groundwater extraction from the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin:

1. I did not extract groundwater between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, and am not currently planning to extract, divert, or otherwise use groundwater anywhere on or under My Property before July 1, 2027.
2. I did not use groundwater on My Property extracted from other lands overlying the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024.
3. I have reviewed the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency's analysis for my property and believe the crop acreage to be correct.
4. I used CVWD or Casitas water exclusively to irrigate the crops on My Property between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024.

Attest:

I certify, and in good faith swear and assert under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the information contained herein is true to the best of my knowledge, after making reasonable inquiry. I further understand that waiver or reduction of the CGSA Fee as a result of this Affidavit is entirely contingent upon the accuracy of information provided with this statement.

Signature of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX C: PARCELS IN VENTURA COUNTY WITH ESTIMATED GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION IN FY2027 AFTER ADJUSTMENTS

Number (Count) of Ventura County Parcels	Parcel Number
1	0080160460
2	0080160480
3	0080210030
4	0080210040
5	0080220095

## APPENDIX D: PARCELS IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WITH ESTIMATED GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION IN FY2027 AFTER ADJUSTMENTS

Number (Count) of Santa Barbara County Parcels	Parcel Number
1	001-020-008
2	001-020-010
3	001-020-015
4	001-020-022
5	001-020-030
6	001-020-033
7	001-020-041
8	001-030-022
9	001-030-023
10	001-030-027
11	001-030-029
12	001-030-031
13	001-030-037
14	001-040-012
15	001-040-014
16	001-040-033
17	001-040-034
18	001-040-038
19	001-040-039
20	001-050-009
21	001-050-011
22	001-050-028
23	001-050-031
24	001-050-040
25	001-060-001
26	001-060-027
27	001-060-030
28	001-060-040
29	001-060-042
30	001-060-043
31	001-060-053
32	001-060-057
33	001-060-059
34	001-070-068
35	001-080-007

Number (Count) of Santa Barbara County Parcels	Parcel Number
36	001-080-008
37	001-080-011
38	001-080-018
39	001-080-019
40	001-080-025
41	001-080-031
42	001-080-045
43	001-080-046
44	001-080-051
45	001-080-056
46	001-080-057
47	001-090-002
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67	001-120-022
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69	001-130-026
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71	001-140-026
72	001-160-016
73	001-160-017
74	001-160-019

<b>Number (Count) of Santa Barbara County Parcels</b>	<b>Parcel Number</b>
75	001-160-031
76	001-160-032
77	001-190-006
78	001-190-042
79	001-200-005
80	001-200-006
81	001-200-018
82	001-200-020
83	001-200-021
84	001-200-025
85	001-200-031
86	001-300-046
87	001-440-005
88	001-450-006
89	004-002-002
90	004-002-010
91	004-002-014
92	004-002-025
93	004-002-026
94	004-002-029
95	004-002-030
96	004-002-032
97	004-002-038
98	004-003-003
99	004-003-005
100	004-003-007
101	004-003-010
102	004-003-011
103	004-003-012
104	004-004-006
105	004-004-007
106	004-004-012
107	004-004-016
108	004-004-018
109	004-004-026
110	004-004-031
111	004-004-032
112	004-004-033
113	004-004-034

Number (Count) of Santa Barbara County Parcels	Parcel Number
114	004-004-035
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116	004-004-038
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148	005-430-050
149	155-160-020
150	155-160-021
151	155-170-025
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<b>Number (Count) of Santa Barbara County Parcels</b>	<b>Parcel Number</b>
153	155-170-075
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156	155-180-049
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184	001-020-025
185	001-020-026
186	001-020-029
187	001-020-031
188	001-020-034
189	001-020-035
190	001-020-036
191	001-020-037

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194	001-030-021
195	001-030-028
196	001-030-033
197	001-030-034
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<b>Number (Count) of Santa Barbara County Parcels</b>	<b>Parcel Number</b>
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273	001-200-017
274	001-200-027
275	001-220-017
276	001-220-018
277	001-220-025
278	001-220-026
279	001-220-073
280	001-220-089
281	001-261-004
282	001-291-001
283	001-460-013
284	004-002-005
285	004-002-027
286	004-002-028
287	004-003-001
288	004-003-002
289	004-004-001
290	004-004-002
291	004-004-013
292	004-004-014
293	004-005-004
294	004-005-005
295	004-005-006
296	005-270-008
297	005-270-018
298	005-270-042
299	005-280-004
300	005-280-039
301	005-310-007
302	005-310-021
303	005-310-024
304	005-310-026
305	005-430-004
306	005-430-043
307	005-430-057
308	005-430-060

<b>Number (Count) of Santa Barbara County Parcels</b>	<b>Parcel Number</b>
309	005-430-061
310	155-140-073
311	155-140-074
312	155-140-075
313	155-160-013
314	155-160-016
315	155-170-011
316	155-170-022
317	155-170-023
318	155-170-024
319	155-170-091
320	155-180-031
321	155-180-045
322	155-180-067
323	155-180-073
324	155-180-075
325	155-180-081
326	155-200-057
327	155-200-080
328	155-200-081
329	155-200-082
330	155-200-084
331	155-200-089
332	155-200-090
333	155-200-091
334	155-200-092
335	155-200-093
336	155-200-094
337	155-200-095
338	155-200-096
339	155-260-003
340	155-260-004
341	155-260-005
342	155-260-006
343	155-260-007
344	155-260-008
345	155-260-012
346	155-260-020
347	155-260-021

<b>Number (Count) of Santa Barbara County Parcels</b>	<b>Parcel Number</b>
348	155-260-026
349	155-260-027
350	155-260-030
351	155-260-031
352	155-260-032
353	155-260-033
354	155-260-036
355	155-260-037
356	155-260-038

**RESOLUTION NO. 043**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
APPROVING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026–2027**

**WHEREAS**, the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency (the “CGSA”) was formed pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Water Code §§ 10720 et seq. (the “SGMA”) and the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement among the Carpinteria Valley Water District, the City of Carpinteria, the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, and the County of Ventura (the “JEPA”);

**WHEREAS**, the CGSA shall approve a budget as per Article 14.1 Budget and Expense of the JPA; and

**WHEREAS**, staff of the CGSA has prepared a Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating Budget for approval by the Board of Directors of the CGSA; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Operating Budget projects a need for \$503,575 in operating funds for the fiscal year of 2026-27

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Directors of the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency as follows:

1. The Board hereby approves and adopts the operating budget for fiscal year 2026-27, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized and directed to take any and all actions reasonably necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency on the 10th day of June, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:  
NAYES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

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Case Van Wingerden, Chair

ATTEST:

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Lisa Silva, Board Secretary

**EXHIBIT A**

**OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026–2027**

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**CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
OPERATING BUDGET - PROPOSED AMENDED  
FY 2026-2027**

		<b>2024/25 Budget Adopted 06/04/2024</b>	<b>2024/25 Actual Audited</b>	<b>2025/26 Budget Adopted Amended</b>	<b>2025/26 Projected Annualized Actual</b>	<b>2026/27 Budget Proposed</b>
<b>Groundwater Extracted in Acre Feet</b>						<b>4,202</b>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES - BUDGETED</b>						
<b>Revenue</b>						
20-4315	GSA MEMBER FEES	485,000	572,572	500,000	373,187	504,281
20-4314	GSA GRANT FUNDING	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>485,000</b>	<b>572,572</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>373,187</b>	<b>504,281</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
20-550-6806	GSA WTR QUALITY & TESTING	30,000	29,208	32,000	19,502	35,000
20-560-6607	GSA SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	3,708	4,384	3,900	1,344	40,000
20-570-6025	GSA PERSONNEL	134,252	134,252	144,143	156,000	270,066
20-570-6117	GSA DIRECTORS FEES	7,200	7,477	13,367	2,860	8,250
20-570-6118	GSA ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	4,000	2,045	4,000	3,923	11,820
20-550-6308	GSA ANNUAL REPORTING	30,000	34,809	30,000	33,000	20,000
20-560-6307	GSA GROUNDWATER PROF SVCS	50,000	27,205	60,000	117,282	85,500
20-570-6309	GSA ADMIN PROF SERVICES	60,000	22,110	65,000	28,000	18,500
20-570-6310	GSA LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	10,000	6,078	7,000	6,952	8,000
20-570-6123	GSA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	-	-	5,000	-	-
20-599-7313	INTEREST EXPENSE	10,000	16,755	3,450	8,738	6,439
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>339,160</b>	<b>284,322</b>	<b>367,860</b>	<b>377,601</b>	<b>503,575</b>
<i>\$ Change</i>				28,700	9,741	135,715
<i>% Change</i>				8%	3%	27%
				<i>VS 2024/25 Budget</i>	<i>VS 2025/26 Budget</i>	<i>VS 2025/26 Budget</i>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE - BUDGETED</b>		<b>145,840</b>	<b>288,250</b>	<b>132,140</b>	<b>(4,414)</b>	<b>705</b>
<i>\$ Change</i>				<i>(13,700)</i>	<i>(136,554)</i>	<i>(131,435)</i>
				<i>VS 2024/25 Budget</i>	<i>VS 2025/26 Budget</i>	<i>VS 2025/26 Budget</i>

	<b>2024/25 Budget</b>	<b>2024/25 Actual</b>	<b>2025/26 Budget</b>	<b>2025/26 Projected</b>	<b>2026/27 Budget Proposed</b>
Cash Advance Paydown Balance	\$ 84,428	\$ 152,321	\$ 89,428	\$ 291,262	\$ 71,548

	<b>2024/25 Actual</b>	<b>2025/26 Projected</b>	<b>2026/27 Projected</b>
Year End Cash Balance	\$ 634,999	\$ 339,323	\$ 268,481



**RESOLUTION NO. 044**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (the "CGSA")  
ADOPTING FEE FOR THE OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE CGSA**

**WHEREAS**, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, codified at Water Code Water Code §§ 10720 et seq. ("SGMA"), was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA requires that Medium or High Priority groundwater basins be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the CGSA was formed through a Joint Powers Authority Agreement between the Carpinteria Valley Water District, County of Santa Barbara Water Agency, City of Carpinteria and the County of Ventura to manage the sustainability of the groundwater in the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin (the "Basin"), which was designated as a High Priority basin in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the CGSA is the exclusive GSA for the Basin approved by California Department of Water Resources in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, for Fiscal Year ("FY") 2027, the CGSA will use a fee based on estimated groundwater extraction from the Basin, which estimation is obtained based on the crops present in the 2024 aerial imagery, calculated crop demand for a trailing year, in this case FY 2024, and known Carpinteria Valley Water District ("CVWD") water use for the parcel(s) during that year; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 10, 2026, pursuant to Water Code section 10730 ("Section 10730"), which authorizes GSAs to impose fees on regulated groundwater activity to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program, the Board held a duly-noticed public hearing regarding the proposed fee and the purpose of charging said fee for the CGSA's groundwater sustainability program (hereinafter "GSA Fee"), including but not limited to CGSA staffing, the collection, study, analysis and reporting of groundwater data, and administrative support such as legal, auditing and hydrogeologic support; and

**WHEREAS**, the GSA Fee is based on a study for the CGSA entitled “Cost of Service Study FY27,” dated March 2026 (the “Study”) prepared by CGSA Staff, which describes the background for the change in allocation of the cost, provides the methodology for calculating the GSA Fee, and determines the parcels affected by the GSA Fee; and

**WHEREAS**, at the noticed June 10, 2026 hearing, the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the CGSA considered its estimated necessary costs for the operations of the CGSA for FY 2027 and thoroughly considered the testimony and evidence received from its staff and the public in both oral and written form; and

**WHEREAS**, after due deliberation and consideration of all the record before it, and as discussed in further detail in the Study and Staff Report, both of which are incorporated by reference, the Board continues to find as follows:

- A. It is necessary and in the best interest of the CGSA to collect the GSA Fee from property owners overlying the Basin based on estimated groundwater extraction from the Basin, which estimation is obtained based on the crops present in the 2024 aerial imagery, the calculated crop demand for FY 2024, and known CVWD-water use for the parcel(s); and
- B. Revenues derived from the GSA Fee shall not exceed the costs required to provide the property-related services provided by the CGSA; and
- C. The amount of the GSA Fee imposed on any parcel does not exceed the proportional cost of service attributable to that parcel; and
- D. The GSA Fee is exclusively applied to property owners who receive and directly benefit from the service of sustainable groundwater management in the Basin; and
- E. The CGSA mailed to the record owner of each parcel not less than 45 days prior to the June 10, 2026 public hearing a written notice of the GSA Fee; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Directors of the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency as follows:

The Board adopts the recitals stated above and hereby incorporates them into this Resolution.

The Board authorizes and directs the CGSA Executive Director to request the County Treasurer-Tax Collector for the County of Ventura to collect the GSA Fee in the same manner as

ad valorem property taxes pursuant to Water Code section 10730(d) with the required information no later than July 3, 2026 for FY 2027; and

The Board authorizes and directs the CGSA Executive Director to request the County Treasurer-Tax Collector for County of Santa Barbara to collect the GSA Fee in the same manner as ad valorem property taxes pursuant to Water Code section 10730(d) with the required information no later than July 24, 2026 for FY 2027; and

That the GSA Fee be assessed for FY 2027 per the Report at a rate of one hundred twenty Dollars (\$120.00) per acre foot of estimated pumping on properties overlying the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin identified in the Study; and

That the CGSA Executive Director keep a record of the GSA Fee and its method of calculation for each parcel; and

That the CGSA Executive Director adopt and give notice of an administrative appeal process by which a GSA fee payor may obtain a review of the GSA Fee allocated to his or her parcel. Failure to pursue such an appeal shall be a failure to exhaust administrative remedies and a bar to suit. The CGSA's decision on such an appeal shall be the final action of the CGSA, subject to judicial review pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.5.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:  
NAYES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

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Case Van Wingerden, Chair

ATTEST:

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Lisa Silva, Board Secretary