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Click [here](#) to view and download each section of the the GSP.

Community input is essential for an accurate, comprehensive GSP that reflects the needs of the community. The public is invited to provide input during the 30-day comment period from **October 6 to November. 6, 2023**. The Carpinteria GSA Board of Directors will then consider adopting the GSP at a public hearing on November 29, 2023.

#### How to Submit Comments on the GSP

- Visit the Carpinteria GSA website at <https://carpgsa.org> and click on “Groundwater Sustainability Plan.”
- Use the online form to submit your comments.
- Written comments will also be accepted by mailing a letter to the Executive Director of the Carpinteria GSA at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013.
- All comments must be received no later than **November 6, 2023**.



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The Carpinteria GSA Board of Directors will consider adopting the GSP at a public hearing at **5:40 p.m. on November 29, 2023**. The public hearing will be held at the Carpinteria City Council Chambers located at 5775 Carpinteria Ave., Carpinteria, CA 93013.

To view the GSP visit the Carpinteria GSA website at [Carpgsa.org](https://carpgsa.org) and click on “Groundwater Sustainability Plan.”



## AGENDA

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

CARPINTERIA CITY HALL  
5775 CARPINTERIA AVENUE  
CARPINTERIA, CA 93013

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 5:35 p.m.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

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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 November 8, 2023
4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none
5. NEW BUSINESS –
  - A. \*\* Consider Summary Report on GSPAC activities (for information, Executive Director Bob McDonald).
  - B. \*\*Present Proposed Groundwater Sustainability Plan with Public Comments (for information, Executive Director Bob McDonald).
  - C. Public Hearing on Proposed Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)
    1. Opening of Public Hearing (Chairman Van Wingerden)
    2. Receipt of Public Comment (Chairman Van Wingerden)
    3. Closing of Public Hearing (Chairman Van Wingerden)
    4. Director Comments

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

**D. \*\*Consider Resolution No. 030 approving the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) (for action, Executive Director Bob McDonald).**

**6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS (for information) –**

**A. \*\*Financials – Treasurer Rosales**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

***Robert McDonald, Secretary***

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

Note: The above Agenda was posted at Carpinteria Valley Water District Administrative Office in view of the public no later than 5:00 p.m., November 26, 2023. The Americans with Disabilities Act provides that no qualified individual with a disability shall be excluded from participation in, or denied benefits of, the District's programs, services, or activities because of any disability. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the District Office at (805) 684-2816. Notification at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make appropriate arrangements. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Board of Directors after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the Carpinteria Valley Water district offices located at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria during normal business hours, from 8 am to 5 pm.

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To: CGSA Board of Directors

From: Bob McDonald, Executive Director

Date: November 21, 2023

## **For Consideration: Item 5.B Proposed Groundwater Sustainability Plan with Public Comments**

### **Background**

The California Legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act which was approved by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 16, 2014. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) went into effect on January 1, 2015.

SGMA requires all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA). The Carpinteria Groundwater Basin has been designated by DWR as a high-priority basin (DWR Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin: 3-018). In response The Carpinteria Valley Water District, City of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara County Water Agency, and the County of Ventura formed a Joint Powers Authority which then elected on February 10, 2020 to become a GSA for the basin. The Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency was designated by DWR to be the Exclusive GSA for the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin on May 10 2020.

### **Analysis**

The CGSA prepared a GSP for its boundaries in accordance with Water Code section 10727.2 to include all the components required by SGMA. CGSA Staff gave notice on October, 24 2023 to affected cities and counties regarding its intent to adopt a GSP and published public notices in the Coastal View on October 5th, 12th & 26th of 2023 soliciting comments on the draft GSP. Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency also gave notice on October 5th, 12th & 26th and November 16th & 22nd of 2023 to the public its intent to adopt a GSP on Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 2023. Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency held public meetings to review the draft GSP with the GSA Board of Directors on October 25th and November 8th of 2023.

The draft GSP was made available for review on the GSA website and for public comment October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for 30 days. A number of parties reviewed and commented. The technical teams has reviewed and responded to all the comments. Some changes were made to the draft GSP in response to the comments. A version of the final draft of the GSP can be found on the GSA website at [www.Carpgsa.org](http://www.Carpgsa.org)

Table 1 attached to this staff report shows all received public comments and GSA responses.

After the Public hearing held on November 29<sup>th</sup> the GSA board will be asked to adopt the GSP by resolution. If passe the executive director will submit the GSP and other pertinent material to DWR for review.

### **Recommendation**

This item requires no action and is for information only.

**RESOLUTION NO. 030  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADOPTING A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR  
CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER BASIN**

**WHEREAS**, the California Legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code section 10720 et seq.), pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 16, 2014; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) went into effect on January 1, 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, SGMA requires all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin has been designated by DWR as a high-priority basin (DWR Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin: 3-018); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Carpinteria Valley Water District, City of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara County Water Agency, and the County of Ventura formed a Joint Powers Authority which then elected on February 10, 2020 to become a GSA for the basin; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency was designated by DWR to be the Exclusive GSA for the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin on May 10 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency filed an initial notification of its intent to develop a GSP for the Basin in accordance with Water Code section 10727.8 on June 30, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency has prepared a GSP for its boundaries in accordance with Water Code section 10727.2 to include all the components required by SGMA; and,

**WHEREAS**, Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency gave notice on October, 24 2023 pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4, to affected cities and counties regarding its intent to adopt a GSP; and,

**WHEREAS**, Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency gave notice on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of 2023 to the public soliciting comments on the draft GSP; and,

**WHEREAS**, Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency gave notice on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2023 to the public its intent to adopt a GSP on the draft GSP; and,

**WHEREAS**, Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency held public meetings to discuss the draft GSP with the GSA Board of Directors on October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup> of 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency held a public hearing on November 29, 2023 for the purpose of receiving public comment and considering adoption of a GSP for the Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, upon adoption of a GSP, Water Code section 10733.4 requires that GSP to be submitted to DWR for review.

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

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The GSP, in the form presented this day to the Board of Directors and subject to any final non-substantive edits that may be made at the Executive Director's discretion prior to submittal to DWR, is hereby approved and adopted.
3. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to timely provide notification of this approval and adoption to DWR, including a copy of this Resolution, the approved GSP, and any additional information required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Carpinteria GSA on the 29th day of November 2023, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

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Case Van Wingerden, Board President

ATTEST:

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Robert Mc Donald, Secretary