



MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

was held on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom and
at the County of Ventura, Hall of Administration, Atlantic Conference Room,
800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1260.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

Catherine Keeling, Chair
Jennifer Tribo, Vice Chair/Secretary
Dr. Earthea Nance, Treasurer
James Chambers
Conner Everts (online due to illness, confirmed no other persons present at his location)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director
Alex Dominguez, Legal Counsel (online)
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Sara Guzman, UWCD
Rob Hampson, FCGMA
Taylor Jones, UWCD
Hayley Luna, VCPWA
Nancy Ojeda, CDWR
Erik Storey, VCPWA
Burt Handy

OPEN SESSION

Chair Catherine Keeling called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. OATH OF OFFICE

The new Member Director Dr. Earthea Nance, representing the County of Ventura, was sworn in by the Agency's Clerk of the Board Jackie Lozano.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Keeling led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk of the Board Jackie Lozano called roll.

Present: Directors Chambers, Everts (online), Keeling, Nance, and Tribo.

Absent: None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None were offered.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion**

Action: M/S/C (Chambers, Tribo) to approve September 22, 2025, Agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Nance, and Tribo; Noes: None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: M/S/C (Everts, Nance) to approve the Consent Calendar items.

Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Nance, and Tribo; Noes: None.

**6a. Approval of Minutes
Motion**

Approved the Minutes of June 23, 2025, Regular Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors meeting and Public Hearing.

**6b. Approval of Warrants
Motion**

Received and filed the summary reports of the July and August 2025 approved warrants and approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices for September 2025.

**6c. Monthly Financial Report
Information Item**

Received and filed the monthly profit and loss statement and balance sheet for the months of July and August 2025; received and filed.

**6d. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Fourth Quarter Budget Report
Motion**

Received and filed the fourth quarter budget report for fiscal year 2024-2025.

7. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director James Chambers thanked Executive Bondy for his work on the Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE
Information Item**

Executive Director Bryan Bondy summarized the written update included in the meeting packet for the Board. No action was taken.

9. MOTION ITEMS

- 9a. Board Appointment of County of Ventura Representative Replacement**
Executive Director Bondy summarized the appointment of Dr. Earthea Nance who replaced Arne Anselm who retired from the Board on April 25, 2025.

Action: M/S/C (Chambers, Tribo) to acknowledge, receive, and accept County of Ventura's appointment of Dr. Earthea Nance as the county's member Director to the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors to fulfill the two-year term now through June 13, 2027.

Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Nance, and Tribo; Noes: None.

- 9b. Agency Treasurer Appointment and Required Bond**
Executive Director Bondy summarized for the Board a recommendation to appoint Dr. Earthea Nance as Treasurer who replaced former Treasurer and Director Arne Anselm who retired from the Board on April 25, 2025.

Action: M/S/C (Tribo, Chambers) appointing member Director Dr. Nance as Treasurer to serve the remainder of the 2025 calendar year and confirmed the existing treasurer's bond was sufficient for the Treasurer.

Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Nance, and Tribo; Noes: None.

- 9c. Reappointment of Stakeholder Directors**
The Board acknowledged and accepted MBAWG's renomination of James Chambers as its Agriculture Director representative to the Board. The Board also acknowledged and accepted Santa Clara River Environmental Groundwater Committee's renomination of Conner Everts as its Environmental Stakeholder Director representative to the Board.

Action: M/S/C (Tribo, Nance) to reappoint the current Stakeholder Directors, James Chambers and Conner Everts, for a new one-year term August 17, 2025, through August 16, 2026.

Member Director Only Vote: Ayes: Keeling, Nance, and Tribo; Noes: None.

- 9d. Resolution 2025-03 Approving an Amendment to the Agency's List of Authorized Signers for its Citizens Business Bank Account**
Executive Director Bondy summarized this motion to amend the Agency's list of authorized signers for its bank account.

Action: M/S/C (Tribo, Keeling) adopting Resolution 2025-03 approving an amendment to the Agency's list of authorized signatories for its Citizens Business Bank account to remove former Board member Arne Erik Anselm and add new Board member Dr. Earthea Nance as an authorized signatory.

Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Nance, and Tribo; Noes: None.

9e. Resolution 2025-04 Approving an Amendment to the Agency's List of Authorized Signers for its Ventura County Treasury Investment Pool Account

Executive Director Bondy summarized this motion to amend the Agency's list of authorized signers for its investment account.

Action: M/S/C (Tribo, Chambers) adopting Resolution 2025-04 approving an amendment to the Agency's list of authorized signatories for its Ventura County Treasury Investment Pool account to remove former Board member Arne Erik Anselm and add new Board member Dr. Earthea Nance as an authorized signatory.

Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Keeling, Nance, and Tribo; Noes: None;
Absent: Everts (online connection issue).

9f. Small GSA Coalition Memorandum of Understanding

Executive Director Bondy explained that MBGSA has been participating in a Small Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) Coalition for nearly three years. The Small GSA Coalition is a loosely structured group of approximately one dozen small GSAs that have been advocating for cost-saving measures and funding for small GSAs. This coalition is supported by an administrator and a lobbyist from the Pacific Policy Group.

To date, the GSA Coalition has received full funding from the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA). However, SCWA cannot sustain this financial support indefinitely and will cease funding the coalition at the end of 2025. Consequently, the coalition is in the process of developing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to formalize its membership and secure funding for its initiatives from the participating GSAs.

The preparation of the MOU is complicated due to the number of GSAs involved. Additionally, there is a limited timeframe to finalize and execute the MOU before the current funding source expires. For these reasons, staff recommended that the Board authorize the Executive Director to collaborate with Agency Counsel to negotiate and finalize the MOU. The current draft of the MOU is included with the agenda item/staff report.

The anticipated Small GSA Coalition dues are expected to range from approximately \$4,000 to \$7,500 annually, depending on the number of participating agencies.

Director Everts advised against forming a non-profit.

Action: M/S/C (Everts, Nance) authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a final version of the Memorandum of Understanding subject to Agency Counsel review.

Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Nance, and Tribo; Noes: None.

9g. Shallow Groundwater Monitoring Well Access Agreement Amendment

Executive Director Bondy summarized the amendment to the Agency's access agreement for Board member consideration. The amendment will allow MBGSA to sample shallow monitoring wells owned by City of Ventura for groundwater quality to help inform the evaluation of connectivity between the shallow groundwater system and principal aquifer.

Action: M/S/C (Everts, Chambers) authorizing the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the Agency's access agreement with the City of San Buenaventura to add groundwater quality sampling to the list of allowable activities.

Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Nance, and Tribo; Noes: None

9h. Rincon Consultant's, Inc. Work Order No. 2 for Shallow Groundwater Quality Sampling

Executive Director Bondy summarized a request to approve a work order for sampling of the City of Ventura's shallow groundwater monitoring wells to help inform the evaluation of connectivity between the shallow groundwater system and principal aquifer.

Action: M/S/C (Chambers, Keeling) authorizing the Executive Director to issue Rincon Consultants, Inc. Work Order No. 2 for shallow groundwater quality sampling in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,380.

Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Nance, and Tribo; Noes: None.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

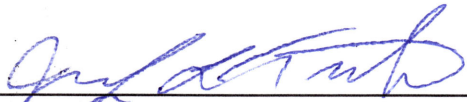
Chair Keeling polled the Directors of any agenda items they would like to hear about in the future. Executive Director Bondy recalled the fee catch-up policy to be shared by Director Jim Chambers at a future meeting. No other items were offered.

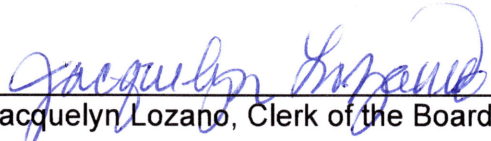
11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Keeling adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m. The next regular Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2025, or call of the Chair.

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I certify that the above is true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors Regular Meeting of September 22, 2025.

ATTEST: 
Jennifer Tribo, Vice Chair/Secretary

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Jacquelyn Lozano, Clerk of the Board