

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ALTERNATE)
DIRECTOR TO THE CUYAMA BASIN)
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY)
AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS)
PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE)
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR)
THE CUYAMA VALLEY GROUNDWATER) RESOLUTION NO. 26-37
BASIN)
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WHEREAS, the California legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code § 10720 *et seq.*) as amended, which became effective January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Water Agency (County Water Agency) entered into a Joint Exercise Powers Agreement (JPA) to form the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Cuyama GSA) in conjunction with the Cuyama Basin Water District, Cuyama Community Services District, the County of San Luis Obispo, the County of Ventura, and the County of Kern, and which may include at a later time other local agencies and other legally authorized entities; and

WHEREAS, the JPA for the Cuyama GSA specifies that the County Water Agency shall appoint two directors and their two alternates, each of whom shall be an elected official or member of management; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the County Water Agency appointed Fifth District Chief of Staff Cory Bantilan as a Director of the Cuyama GSA, and appointed Fifth District Supervisor Steve Lavagnino as an Alternate Director on May 9, 2017, and both will continue to serve in these positions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the County Water Agency appointed Water Agency Manager Matthew Young as a Director of the Cuyama GSA, and appointed Public Works Deputy Director – Water Resources Walter Rubalcava as an Alternate Director on October 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, after a career dedicated to serving the public, Public Works Deputy Director – Water Resources Walter Rubalcava will be retiring from the County and resigning as Alternate Director of the Cuyama GSA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency declares and directs as follows:

1. Appoints Santa Barbara County Public Works Director Chris Sneddon as Alternate Director of the Cuyama Basin GSA; and
2. All previous appointments shall remain in place.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, State of California, on this 24th day of February, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Lee, Capps, Hartmann, Nelson and Lavagnino

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO,
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board of Directors
of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency

Signed by:
By: Sheila de la Guerra
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Deputy

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Signed by:
By: Bob Nelson
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Bob Nelson, Chair, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

Signed by:
By: Johannah Hartley
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Deputy