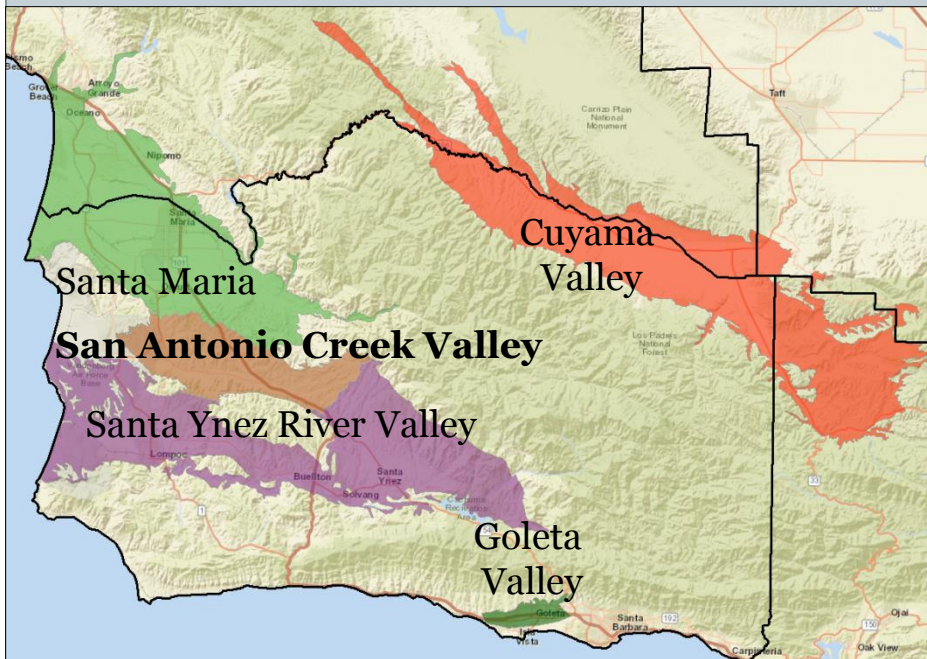


San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation

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San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin GSA

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- Previous Board direction on the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin GSA formation:
 - July 12, 2016 - Work to form GSAs in three groundwater basins, including San Antonio Creek Valley
 - December 6, 2016 - Negotiate an agreement with Cachuma Resource Conservation District to form a GSA, with a voting structure of:
 - ✦ 7 CRCD votes to 1 Water Agency vote
- Further negotiations have focused on:
 - Number of votes required to approve a GSP
 - Proposed automatic transfer to a potential water district

Water Agency Voting Membership

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- Little benefit from Water Agency sitting on GSA with only a single vote out of eight
- Option to participate in advisory capacity with other agencies including Los Alamos CSD and Vandenberg AFB
- Establish agreement for Advisory Committee through MOU with the CRCDC
 - MOU would include provision that all GSA meetings comply with the Brown Act.
- If CRCDC fails to file as GSA, staff will return for direction for the Water Agency to file as the GSA
- State continues to act in backstop role

Recommendation

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- Direct staff to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cachuma Resource Conservation District to establish an advisory committee in lieu of participating as a voting member of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin