



AGENDA

January 29, 2026, at 3:00 pm

Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall

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Board of Directors

Richard Hajas, Casitas Municipal Water District

Jim Finch, Ojai Water Conservation District

Michael Weaver, Mutual Water Companies

Bob Daddi, Community Facilities District

Andrew Whitman, City of Ojai

Zoom Teleconferencing for Public Call in Participation:

1. Zoom Dial in Information: 1-669-900-9128, Meeting ID: 827 5712 7464, Password: 218792.

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2. Zoom Meeting

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82757127464?pwd=Rm5JenhNUDNvRVovaEUwMzdScnFRdz09>

3. www.OBGMA.com

4. City of Ojai YouTube Channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3DhCB5Z1DynNC7n8qcNeDQ/live> (2 Minute delay of transmission)

5. In Ojai, CA: Spectrum Channel 10.

Public Comments: Members of the public may provide public comments under Item 6 or on each agenda item presented herein. Please wait until the Board Chair asks if any members of the public wish to comment. This will provide for orderly participation during the meeting.

Members of the public may also submit written public comments in advance via e-mail no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Public comment e-mails should be sent to OBGMA@aol.com "Attention Board of Directors".

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

- Mutual Water Companies
- Ojai Water Conservation District
- City of Ojai

- Casitas Municipal Water District
- Community Facilities District – CMWD Ojai Service Area

4. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

5. BASIN STATUS REPORTS

- Current Status of Basin: Input, Output, and Storage

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

The Board will receive comments from the public at this time. Other than for emergency items, no action can be taken during this period. Matters raised at this time may be briefly discussed by the Board and will generally be referred to staff and/or placed on a subsequent agenda.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Financial Report for December 2025
- b. Minutes of December 11, 2025, meeting

8. ACTION ITEMS

- None

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Update
- b. Meter Compliance Ad-Hoc Committee Update
- c. Presentation on DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Act 2019 Basin Prioritization

10. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meetings of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency are scheduled for the last Thursday of each month. The meeting agenda will be posted at Ojai City Hall and the OBGMA website 72 hours prior to the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency is scheduled for February 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. to be held in the Council Chambers at Ojai City Hall and by Zoom Teleconferencing. Please contact OBGMA by email at obgma@aol.com or by calling 805.640.1207 with any questions.

OBGMA EXTRACTION CHARGES BY PERIOD
2024/2025 Water Year

Oct/Nov/Dec 2024		(1-2025)			(\$25/acre foot)	
	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	457.50	\$11,741.37				
Dom/Land	64.02	\$2,147.20				
Mutual	11.00	\$275.00				
CMWD	427.80	\$10,695.00				
Totals	960.32	\$24,858.57	\$10,400.00	\$605.00	\$94,865.55	\$130,729.12

Jan/Feb/Mar 2025		(2-2025)			(\$25/acre foot)	
	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	321.29	\$4,541.30				
Dom/Land	76.87	\$2,223.50				
Mutual	13.87	\$346.63				
CMWD	303.30	\$7,582.50				
Totals	715.33	\$14,693.93	\$10,270.00	\$580.00	\$51,977.57	\$77,521.50

April/May/June 2025		(3-2025)			(\$25/acre foot)	
	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	435.92	\$11,496.69				
Dom/Land	133.43	\$3,708.16				
Mutual	27.50	\$687.39				
CMWD	419.60	\$10,490.00				
Totals	1016.45	\$26,382.24	\$9,815.00	\$555.00	\$98,738.31	\$135,490.55

Jul/Aug/Sept 2025		(4-2025)			(\$25/acre foot)	
	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	696.25	\$17,730.04				
Dom/Land	106.20	\$3,008.64				
Mutual	36.35	\$908.71				
CMWD	526.60	\$13,165.00				
Totals	1365.40	\$34,812.39	\$9,620.00	\$550.00	\$136,506.77	\$181,489.16

Total for water YTD 10/1/24- 9/30/25

Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head Fe	Recordation Fe	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
4057.50	\$ 100,747.13	\$40,105.00	\$2,290.00	\$382,088.20	\$525,230.33

OBGMA
Budget Actuals FYTD 25/26

	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	YTD	Annual Budget
Beginning Bank Balance					
Checking	227,919.84	383,907.54	379,923.27		
Savings	205,098.57	205,098.57	205,098.57		
	433,018.41	589,006.11	585,021.84		
Income					
Returned Check Charges					
Well Permit Fees					
GSP Extraction Fees	121,900.08	10,407.06	6,576.00	138,883.14	350,000.00
Well Head Fee	9,230.00	2,462.69	325.00	12,017.69	50,000.00
Late Fees	25.40	537.50	1.50	564.40	1,000.00
Recordation Fee	565.00	134.44	20.00	719.44	3,000.00
Extraction Charges	36,327.12	3,014.48	1,644.00	40,985.60	120,000.00
Savings Acct Interest			25.85	25.85	50.00
Total Income	168,047.60	16,556.17	8,592.35	193,196.12	524,050.00
Total Expense	168,047.60	16,556.17	8,592.35	193,196.12	
Equipment Purchased					
Advertising					
Outside Services	3,736.25	1,470.00	1,531.25	6,737.50	26,540.00
Dues & Subscriptions					
GSP Implementation		6,182.50		6,182.50	250,000.00
Printing and Reproduction					
Liability Insurance					
Postage and Delivery					
Bank Service Charges					
Workers Comp Ins	(75.00)			(75.00)	500.00
Office/Administrative Expenses	480.98	234.63	381.07	1,096.68	7,500.00
Payroll Expenses	3,608.26	3,993.98	3,964.32	11,566.56	50,000.00
Professional Fees	8,181.00	8,975.25	4,171.25	21,327.50	160,000.00
Website Expense					
Rent	931.00	931.00	931.00	2,793.00	15,000.00
Travel					
Telecommunications					
Total Expense	16,862.49	21,787.36	10,978.89	49,628.74	517,040.00
Net Ordinary Income	151,185.11	(5,231.19)	(2,386.54)	143,567.38	7,010.00
Grant Activity					
WCB Grant Income					
WCB (WS) Expenses					
GSP Expenses					
Net Income	151,185.11	(5,231.19)	(2,386.54)	143,567.38	
Other Adjustments					
Permit Deposit Paid/Deducted	5,000.00				
Transfer to Savings					
Transfer From Savings					
Customer Well Deposit					
Payroll Tax Liab Paymts	1,185.39				
Payroll Liab on hold	966.48	1,016.17	1,007.57		
Customer Overpayments	101.25	217.25			
Key Card Deposit					
Refund- Work Comp Ins					
Customer Credits Applied					
Customer Refunds	66.25				
State Comp Fund Dividend					
Rent Reimbursement					
Returned Check	13.50	(13.50)	33.50		
Ending Bank Balance					
Checking	383,907.54	379,923.27	378,484.95		
Savings	205,098.57	205,098.57	205,124.42		
	589,006.11	585,021.84	583,609.37		

OBGMA Reconciliation Summary

Bank of the Sierra-Checking, Period Ending 12/31/2025

	<u>Dec 31, 25</u>
Beginning Balance	398,216.72
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 16 items	-19,490.02
Deposits and Credits - 4 items	10,029.00
Total Cleared Transactions	<u>-9,461.02</u>
Cleared Balance	<u>388,755.70</u>
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 8 items	-10,270.75
Total Uncleared Transactions	<u>-10,270.75</u>
Register Balance as of 12/31/2025	<u>378,484.95</u>
New Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 1 item	-131.00
Total New Transactions	<u>-131.00</u>
Ending Balance	<u>378,353.95</u>

OBGMA
Disbursements
As of December 31, 2025

Date	Num	Name	Split	Amount
12/02/2025	ACH	Condor Self Storage	Rent	-131.00
12/08/2025	ACH	JStreet Technology Inc	Outside Services	-245.00
12/15/2025	ACH	JStreet Technology Inc	Outside Services	-1,286.25
12/11/2025	ACH	Staples	Office Supplies	-68.85
12/25/2025	ACH	Stamps.com	Postage and Delivery	-20.99
12/15/2025	ACH	Spectrum	Accounts Payable	-141.23
12/18/2025	ACH	Stamps.com	Postage and Delivery	-50.00
12/18/2025	ACH	Stamps.com	Postage and Delivery	-50.00
12/18/2025	ACH	Stamps.com	Postage and Delivery	-50.00
12/05/2025	ACH	Raz, Shlomo M.D.	Returned Check	-33.50
12/22/2025	3743	417 Bryant Circle LLC	Rent	-800.00
12/22/2025	3744	Casitas Municipal Water District	Professional Fees	-1,970.00
12/22/2025	3745	Kear Groundwater	Professional Fees	-2,201.25
12/31/2025	3746	Ransom, Tara R.	Payroll	-1,313.39
12/31/2025	3747	VanDerMeer, Cece A	Payroll	-1,643.36
				-10,004.82
				<u>-10,004.82</u>

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OBGMA Reconciliation Summary

Bank of the Sierra-Savings, Period Ending 12/31/2025

	<u>Dec 31, 25</u>
Beginning Balance	205,098.57
Cleared Transactions	
Deposits and Credits - 1 item	<u>25.85</u>
Total Cleared Transactions	<u>25.85</u>
Cleared Balance	<u>205,124.42</u>
Register Balance as of 12/31/2025	205,124.42
Ending Balance	205,124.42

OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 11, 2025

The Regular Meeting of December 11, 2025, of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 3:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023.

Attendees were: Board Members: Richard Hajas, Jim Finch, Bob Daddi, and Mike Weaver (arrived at 3:15), General Manager Julia Aranda and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Peter Candy, Attorney (via zoom) and Jordan Kear, Consultant.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Hajas called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. VanDerMeer called the roll.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Hajas.

3. Director Announcements/Reports/Comments:

Mutuals: None

Ojai Water Conservation District: None

City of Ojai: None

Casitas Municipal Water District: Hajas stated that the water connection contract with Santa Barbara County was awarded for construction.

Community Facilities District Report: None

4. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS:

Aranda informed the Board that the Form 700 will be sent to the Board members via email. Aranda stated that she is sending out requests for proposals for the two-year audit period of October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024, and October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. Daddi questioned why the OBGMA is considered a high priority basin. Candy explained that the OBGMA was in the high priority category, due to the agricultural demand.

5. BASIN STATUS REPORT:

Jordan Kear had a presentation “Well Seasoned”. Kear reported the Key Well was 142.37’ below ground level and there was 60,000 acre-feet in the basin.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA:**
None

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

a. Finch motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Daddi seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Finch, Weaver and Hajas

Noes: None

8. **ACTION ITEMS:**

a. **Administer the Oath of Office to Community Facilities District Alternate, Carla Ferrante di Ruffano:**

Vandermeer administered the Oath of Office to Carla Ferrante di Ruffano.

b. **Well Verification – 1123 Mercer Avenue:**

The Board discussed adopting Resolution No. 2025-05 authorizing well verification for a proposed new well located within the boundaries of the Agency on APN 028-0-010-120/028-0-010-090, 1123 Mercer Avenue. Finch motioned to approve Resolution No. 2025-05. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Finch, Weaver and Hajas

Noes: None

c. **Well Verification – 1218 Foothill Drive**

The Board discussed adopting Resolution No. 2025-06 authorizing well verification for a proposed new well located within the boundaries of the Agency on APN 010-0-015-025, 1218 Foothill Road, which is a bedrock well. Daddi motioned to approve Resolution No. 2025-06. Finch seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Finch, Weaver and Hajas

Noes: None

d. **Authorize the General Manager to execute the Cost Sharing Agreement for the Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Coalition.**

Aranda stated that the Cost Sharing Agreement for the Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Coalition, Memorandum of Understanding would be \$30,000.00 for the first six months; January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

Finch motioned to approve the Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Coalition Memorandum of Understanding. Daddi seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Finch, Weaver and Hajas

Noes: None

e. Authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement between OBGMA and Casitas Municipal Water District for Three Groundwater Wells.

Daddi motioned to approve the Agreement between OBGMA and Casitas Municipal Water District for Three Groundwater Wells. Weaver seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Finch, Weaver and Hajas

Noes: None

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Update - None

b. Meter Compliance Ad-Hoc Committee Update - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be January 29, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

ATTEST: _____