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Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (SYRVGB)

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), signed into law in 2014, created a new framework for groundwater management in California. SGMA established a new structure for local groundwater management through Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). The SYRVGB has three management areas each with their own GSA Committee comprised of local participating Agencies:

Western Management Area (WMA) GSA Committee

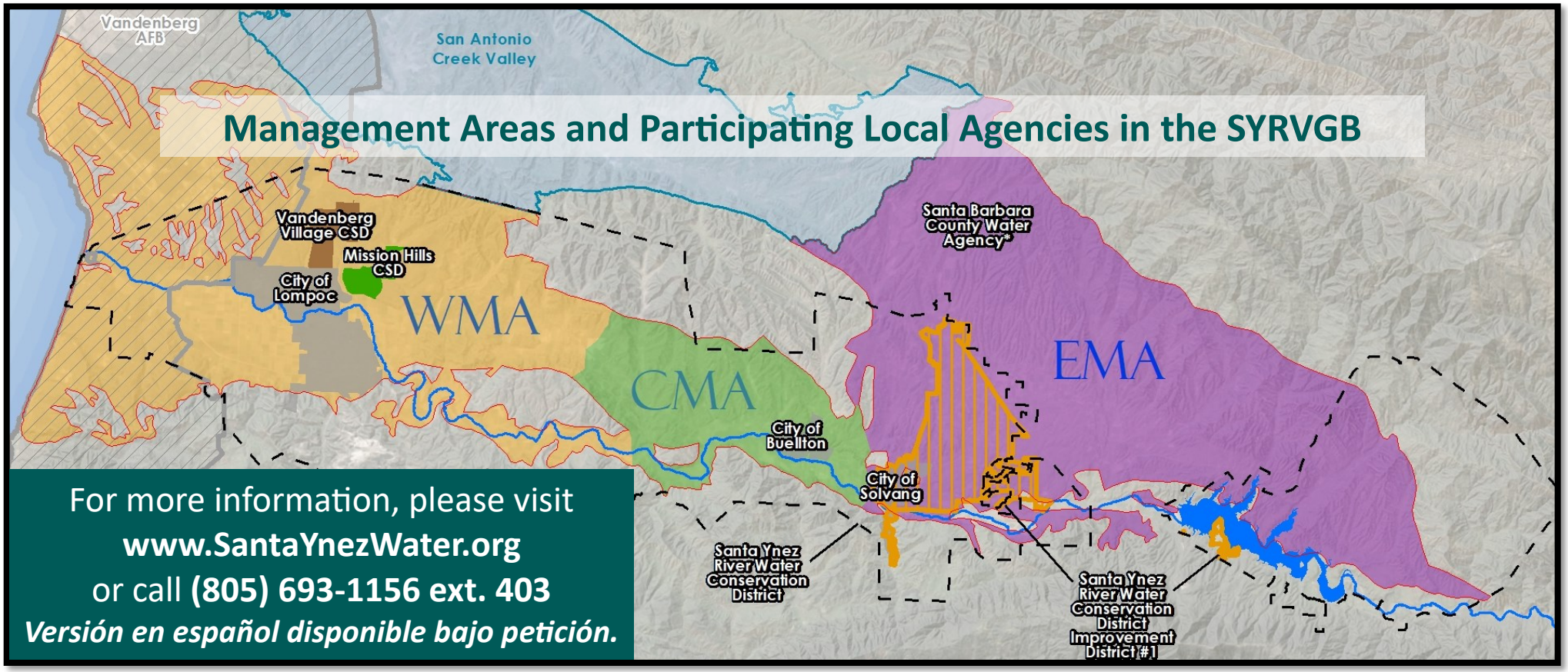
- Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District • City of Lompoc
- Mission Hills CSD • Vandenberg Village CSD
- Santa Barbara County Water Agency

Central Management Area (CMA) GSA Committee

- Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District • City of Buellton
- Santa Barbara County Water Agency

Eastern Management Area (EMA) GSA Committee

- Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District • City of Solvang
- Santa Barbara County Water Agency • Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1

Each GSA Committee is preparing its own Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) that will describe the path to groundwater sustainability. **The GSPs will determine how much groundwater can be used in the future and could include restrictions on pumping.**

All three GSPs will be completed in early 2022. Progress updates will be given in each quarterly GSA Committee meeting and draft documents will be available for public review and comment on the website (*www.SantaYnezWater.org*). **Participation by members of the community in developing the GSPs is important and each of the GSA Committees has adopted an outreach and engagement plan to guide the public participation process.**