

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
JULY 19, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, was held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, in-person at 1070 Faraday Street and via teleconference.

Trustees Present: Brad Joos Lori Parker
 Jeff Holzer Michael Burchardi

Trustees Absent: Jeff Clay

Others Present: Paeter Garcia Mary Martone
 Gary Kvistad Karen King
 Eric Tambini

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Vice President Joos called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., he stated that this was a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Martone conducted roll call and reported that four Trustees were present, and Trustee Clay was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice President Joos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REPORT BY THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING OF THE NOTICE AND AGENDA:

Ms. Martone presented the affidavit of posting of the Agenda, along with a true copy of the Agenda for this meeting. She reported that the Agenda was posted in accordance with the California Government Code commencing at Section 54953, as well as District Resolution No. 340. The affidavit was filed as evidence of the posting of the Agenda items contained therein.

4. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 823: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under the Ralph M. Brown Act in Accordance with AB 361

Mr. Garcia presented Resolution No. 823 and explained that pursuant to amendments to the Brown Act (Assembly Bill 361), public agencies are authorized to conduct remote meetings via video/teleconference during the COVID-19 pandemic, provided certain conditions exist and findings are made. He stated that in order for the Board to continue to meet under the provisions of AB 361, either remotely or under a hybrid approach of remote and in-person attendance, the Board is required to review and reconsider its determinations at least every 30 days. Mr. Garcia reported that because the State of California remains in a declared state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic and because state and local recommendations remain in place to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, approval of Resolution No. 823 would allow the Board to hold meetings under the provisions of AB 361.

No Public Comment was provided.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, to adopt Resolution No. 823, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under the Ralph M. Brown Act in Accordance with AB 361.

The Resolution was adopted and carried by the following 4-0-0 roll call vote:

AYES, Trustees:	Michael Burchardi Jeff Holzer Brad Joos Lori Parker
NOES, Trustees:	None
ABSTAIN, Trustees:	None
ABSENT, Trustees:	Jeff Clay

5. **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA:**

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Vice President Joos welcomed any members of the public participating remotely and offered time for members of the public to speak and address the Board on matters not on the agenda. There was no public comment. Mr. Garcia reported that no written comments were submitted to the District for the meeting.

7. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2022:**

The Regular Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2022 were presented for consideration.

Vice President Joos asked if there were any changes or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2022 as presented. Trustee Parker requested one minor correction.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote, with Trustee Clay absent, to approve the June 21, 2022 Minutes as corrected.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda Report was provided in the Board packet.

Mr. Garcia reviewed the Consent Agenda materials for the month of June.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote to approve the Consent Agenda.

9. **MANAGER REPORTS - STATUS, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**

A. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

1. Financial Report on Administrative Matters

a) Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements – Revenues and Expenses

Ms. Martone announced that the Financial Statements were emailed to the Board members earlier that afternoon and posted on the District’s website in the Board packet materials for any members of the public wishing to follow along or receive a copy.

Ms. Martone reviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the month of June. She highlighted various line-items related to revenue and expense transactions that occurred during the month and also referenced the Fiscal Year to Date Statement of Revenues and Expenses that provided a budget to actual snapshot from July through June. Ms. Martone reported that District revenues for the month of June exceed the expenses by \$379,162.30 and the year-to-date net income was \$3,119,963.48.

She explained that the reports represent the unaudited close of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022. Ms. Martone indicated that the year-end total will be adjusted as invoices from vendors and consultants continue to be submitted for work that was completed prior to June 30th. She also announced that the annual audit field work conducted by Bartlett, Pringle, Wolf, LLP will be conducted at the beginning of September.

b) Approval of Accounts Payable

Ms. Martone announced that the Warrant List was emailed to the Board members this afternoon and posted on the District's website in the Board packet materials for any member of the public wishing to follow along or receive a copy.

The Board reviewed the Warrant List which covered warrants 24591 through 24650 in the amount of \$443,209.60.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote, with Trustee Clay absent, to approve the Warrant List for June 22, 2022 through July 19, 2022.

2. 2021 Consumer Confidence Report – Annual Water Quality Report Required by Federal and State Regulations to Protect Public Drinking Water

The Board packet included the 2021 Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report).

Mr. Eric Tambini, Water Resources Manager, explained that the District is required by state and federal drinking water regulations to prepare and distribute a Consumer Confidence Report, also known as the Annual Water Quality Report. He stated that certain content must be included in the report and water agencies are required to distribute these reports to all of their customers annually by July 1st. Mr. Tambini noted that the report includes information based on the 2021 calendar year with regard to the District's sources of water, the levels of any contaminants detected in the water, compliance with other drinking water rules, and other educational information. He indicated that the District met and exceeded all applicable water quality standards. Mr. Tambini reported that the Consumer Confidence Report was submitted to the California Division of Drinking Water, posted on the District's website, noticed on the customer water bills, sent electronically to all customers with email accounts, and made available at the customer counter at the District office in accordance with State requirements.

10. REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

A. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

1. Eastern Management Area Update

The Board packet included a June 30, 2022 Agenda and Board packet materials for the Special Meeting of the Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Mr. Garcia stated that he and Trustee Joos attended the June 30, 2022 Special Meeting of the Eastern Management Area (EMA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and reported on the topics discussed. He referred to the Board packet materials which contained a Draft EMA Process and Criteria for Administering Written Verifications per the Governor's Executive Order N-7-22 and other documents relating to how the EMA GSA will administer its process under the Executive Order. Mr. Garcia also reviewed other documents that were presented at the GSA meeting, including a Draft Indemnification Agreement, Draft Deposit and Reimbursement Agreement, Draft Well-Permit Acknowledgement form, and Draft GSI Scope of Work and Cost Proposal. He

stated that the next Special Meeting of the EMA GSA is scheduled for July 21, 2022; where the GSA Committee will receive, discuss, and consider approval of the draft documents for Administering Written Verifications under Executive Order N-7-22, and will also consider adoption of a fee for administering requests for written verifications.

B. CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY

1. Update Regarding CCWA's Temporary Warren Act Contract for the Cachuma Project
The Board packet included a copy of the US Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation - Cachuma Project Temporary Contract between the United States and the Central Coast Water Authority providing for Storage and Conveyance of Non-Project Water.

Mr. Garcia referred to the Board packet materials and stated that a Temporary Warren Act Contract between the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Providing for Storage and Conveyance of Non-Project Water in the Cachuma Project was finalized and became effective on June 21, 2022. He reported that the Temporary Contract expires on September 30, 2024. Mr. Garcia summarized the Temporary Contract and indicated that the National Marine Fishers Services imposed new restrictions on the mixing of CCWA water with downstream water rights releases, which give rise to downstream water quality impacts that will need to be addressed and resolved. He reported that discussions among various parties have been initiated and updates will be provided to the Board as they develop.

11. REPORTS BY THE BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, STATUS REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, AND OTHER MATTERS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION:

The Board packet included a July 13, 2022 Los Olivos Community Services District Regular Meeting Agenda and the July 2022 Family Farm Alliance Monthly Briefing. Mr. Garcia reviewed the topics discussed at the Los Olivos Community Services District July 13, 2022 meeting.

12. CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS:

The Correspondence List was received by the Board.

13. REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

There were no requests from the Board.

14. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vice President Joos stated that the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for August 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

15. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board adjourned to closed session at 4:25 p.m.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

[Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code - 2 Cases]

1. Name of Case: Adjudicatory proceedings pending before the State Water Resources Control Board regarding Permit 15878 issued on Application 22423 to the City of Solvang, Petitions for Change, and Related Protests

2. Name of Case: Central Coast Water Authority, et al. v. Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 21CV02432

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL INITIATION OF LITIGATION BY THE AGENCY
[Subdivision (d)(4) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code - 1 Matter]

16. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:

[Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]

The public participation phone line was re-opened, and the Board reconvened to open session at approximately 5:32 p.m.

Mr. Garcia announced that the Board met in closed session concerning Agenda Items 15.A.1., 15.A.2., and 15.B., and that there was no reportable action from closed session.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, it was MOVED by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 3-0-0 roll call vote, with Trustees Clay and Holzer absent at the time of the vote, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:35 p.m.

THE JULY 19, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 16, 2022 MEETING.