

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
JUNE 17, 2025 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, June 17, 2025, in-person at 1070 Faraday Street.

Trustees Present: Michael Burchardi (via telephone from remote location per Meeting Notice and Agenda)
Jeff Clay
Brad Joos
Mark Moniot

Trustees Absent: Nick Urton

Others Present: Paeter Garcia Racel Cota
Kylie Kelleher Dan Drugan
Gary Kvistad

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

President Clay called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m., he stated that this was a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Cota conducted roll call and reported that four Trustees were present, with Trustee Burchardi participating via telephone in accordance with the Meeting Notice and Agenda, and with Trustee Urton absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Clay 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. Cota reported that the Agenda for this meeting was posted in accordance with the California Government Code commencing at Section 54953, as well as District Resolution No. 340.

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA:

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Clay welcomed any members of the public 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.

6. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 20, 2025

The Regular Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2025 were presented for consideration.

President Clay asked if there were any changes or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025. There were no changes or additions requested.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Clay, and carried by a unanimous 4-0-0 voice vote, with Trustee Urton absent, to approve the May 20, 2025 Regular meeting minutes as presented.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda Report was provided in the Board Packet.

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

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Moniot, seconded by Trustee Joos, and carried by a unanimous 4-0-0 voice vote, with Trustee Urton absent, to approve the Consent Agenda.

8. **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. Cota announced that the Financial Statements were provided to the Board via email earlier in the day and included in the meeting handout materials and posted on the District’s website.

Ms. Cota reviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the month of May. She highlighted various line-items related to revenue and expense transactions that occurred during the month and referred to the Fiscal-Year-to-Date Statement of Revenues and Expenses that provides a budget to actual snapshot for the month of March. Ms. Cota reported that the District’s net income for the month of May was \$418,020.89 and the year-to-date net income was \$4,920,313.77.

b) Approval of Accounts Payable

Ms. Cota announced that the Warrant List was provided to the Board via email earlier in the day and also included in the meeting handout materials and posted on the District’s website.

The Board reviewed the Warrant List which covered warrants 26592 through 26653 in the amount of \$705,505.77.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Moniot, and carried by a unanimous 4-0-0 voice vote, with Trustee Urton absent, to approve the Warrant List for May 21, 2025 through June 17, 2025.

2. Appropriation Limit for the 2025/2026 Fiscal year – Article XIII B (Proposition 13)

a) Mr. Garcia summarized Resolution No. 853 that was discussed in depth at the May 20, 2025 Board meeting.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, to adopt Resolution No. 853, and the Resolution was approved by the following 4-0-0 roll call vote:

AYES, Trustees:	Mike Burchardi Brad Joos Mark Moniot Jeff Clay
NOES, Trustees:	None
ABSTAIN, Trustees:	None
ABSENT, Trustees:	Nick Urton

3. Consider Adoption of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

- a) Ms. Cota reviewed the Final Budget Summary for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year with no changes from the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Preliminary Budget presented to the Board on May 20, 2025.
- b) Ms. Cota summarized Resolution No. 854, adopting the final budget and requesting an \$875,000 Assessment Levy, that was discussed in depth at the May 20, 2025 Board meeting.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Joos, to adopt Resolution No. 854, and the Resolution was approved by the following 4-0-0 roll call vote:

AYES, Trustees:

Mike Burchardi
Brad Joos
Mark Moniot
Jeff Clay

NOES, Trustees: None
ABSTAIN, Trustees: None
ABSENT, Trustees: Nick Urton

4. 2024 Consumer Confidence Report – Annual Water Quality Report Required by Federal and State Regulations

Mr. Drugan discussed the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report, Annual Quality Report required by Federal and State regulations. He summarized the Report and the District’s water quality results for calendar year 2024, which met and exceeded all applicable standards.

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

A. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

1. Eastern Management Area (EMA) Update

The Board packet included the Notice and Agenda for the May 22, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area.

Mr. Garcia summarized several topics that were discussed at the recent EMA GSA meeting, including the proposed groundwater extraction fee. The next EMA GSA Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing to consider the proposed groundwater extraction fee will be held on June 26, 2026 at 4:00pm.

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

The Board packet included various materials, including the June 2025 Family Farm Alliance Monthly Briefing and the June 21st & 22nd Official Program for the 6th Annual Old Santa Ynez Days Rodeo. Mr. Garcia reported that the District is planning again this year to host an informational booth during the Old Santa Ynez Days event.

Trustee Burchardi reported that he attended the Los Olivos Community Services District (LOCS D) meeting on May 23rd and that LOCS D is continuing to evaluate options and reconsidering an option to connect to the City of Solvang.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE: REPRESENTATIVE LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE DISTRICT**
The Correspondence List was received by the Board.

12. **REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**
There were no requests from the Board.

13. **NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**
President Clay stated that the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for July 15, 2025 at 3:00 pm.

14. **CLOSED SESSION:**
The Board adjourned to closed session at 4:20 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 LITIGATION

Subdivision (d)(4) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code – Potential Initiation of Litigation By the Agency – One Matter

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Subdivision (d)(2) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code – Significant Exposure to Litigation Against the Agency – One Matter

15. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:**
[Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]

The Board reconvened to open session at approximately 6:01 p.m. Mr. Garcia announced that the Board met in closed session in accordance with Agenda Items 14.A through 14.C, and that there was no reportable action for any of the closed session Agenda Items.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**
Being no further business, it was **MOVED** by Trustee Moniot, seconded by Trustee Joos, and carried by a 3-0-0 voice vote, with Trustees Burchardi and Urton absent, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:01 p.m.