SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
JUNE 16, 2026 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 16, 2026, in-person at 1070 Faraday Street.

Trustees Present:	Michael Burchardi Jeff Clay Brad Joos Mark Moniot		
Trustees Absent:	Nick Urton		
Others Present:	Paeter Garcia Dan Drugan Steve Anderson	Racel Cota Jessica Diaz	Kylie Kelleher Bill Buelow

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:
President Clay called the meeting to order at 3:00 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 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 19, 2026
The Regular Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2026 were presented for consideration.

President Clay asked if there were any changes or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026. There were no changes or additions requested.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Joos, and carried by a 3-0-1 voice vote, with Trustee Moniot abstaining and Trustee Urton absent, to approve the May 19, 2026 Regular meeting minutes as presented.

7. **<u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u>**

The Consent Agenda Report was provided in the Board Packet.

Mr. Garcia reviewed the Consent Agenda materials for the month of May. Various topics were discussed among the Board and staff.

It was **<u>MOVED</u>** 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 as presented.

8. **<u>MANAGER REPORTS - STATUS, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:</u>**

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, 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 eleven months ending May 30, 2026. Ms. Cota stated that expenses exceeded revenue by $252,001.97 and the year-to-date May 2026 net income was $3,914,844.30.

b) Approval of Accounts Payable

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

The Board reviewed the Warrant List which covered warrants 27263 through 27318 in the amount of $557,907.89.

It was **<u>MOVED</u>** by Trustee Burchardi, 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 20, 2026 through June 16, 2026.

2. Appropriation Limit for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year – Article XIIIB (Proposition 13)

a) Resolution No. 859: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Establishing the Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Pursuant to Article XIIIB of the California Constitution

The Board packet included Resolution No. 859 and a copy of the Public Notice regarding the FY 2026/2027 Appropriation Limitation Calculation that was published and posted on the District's website.

Mr. Garcia explained that the FY 2026/2027 appropriation limit is $2,785,514 based on factors and calculations published by the California Department of Finance. He stated that adoption of a Resolution is required pursuant to Government Code

Section 7910 to establish an appropriation limit and recommended approval of Resolution No. 859 Establishing the Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

Mr. Garcia explained that although the District can set the assessment up to the maximum amount of $2,785,514, the FY 2026/2027 Budget proposes no increase this year with the assessment to remain at $875,000.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Moniot, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, to adopt Resolution No. 859, and the Resolution was approved by the following 4-0-0 roll call vote:

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

3. Consider Adoption of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

a) Final Budget Summary

The Board packet included the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

Ms. Cota reviewed the Final Budget Summary for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year with no changes from the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Preliminary Budget presented to the Board on May 19, 2026. She presented the FY 2026/2027 Final Budget Comparison to the Current Year FY 2025/2026 Adopted Budget. She explained that the Board reviewed the FY 2026/2027 Preliminary Budget at the May 19, 2026 Board meeting, which included a detailed budget narrative, revenues and expenses, debt service, other expenses, and capital improvement project expenses.

Ms. Cota indicated that the Board was asked to provide any comments and/or questions prior to preparation and presentation of the Final Budget in June. She reported that since the May Board meeting no additional comments have been received from the Board or the public.

b) Resolution No. 860: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Requesting an Assessment Levy Required to Collect $875,000

Mr. Garcia summarized Resolution No. 860, adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Requesting an Assessment Levy Required to Collect $875,000 that was discussed in depth at the May 19, 2026 Board Meeting.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Moniot, to adopt Resolution No. 860, and the Resolution was approved by the following 4-0-0 roll call vote:

AYES, Trustees:

Brad Joos
Mark Moniot
Mike Burchardi
Jeff Clay

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

4. Draft Ordinance 2026-01: An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Establishing Regulations and Fines Relating to Water Theft

   Mr. Garcia reported that at the May 19, 2026 Board meeting, the Board reviewed a Draft District Ordinance Establishing Regulations and Fines Related to Water Theft, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 53069.45 and 53069.46; California Civil Codes 1882.1, 1882.2, and 1882.3; and California Penal Code Section 498. He provided an overview regarding the purpose and key provisions of the Draft Ordinance which would impose administrative penalties and cost recovery measures for cases of water theft, which would become effective immediately upon adoption of the Ordinance. Mr. Garcia noted that District customers have been made aware of the proposed Ordinance via messaging on the District's May water bills and posting on the District's website. He noted that no public comments have been submitted at this time.

5. 2025 Consumer Confidence report – Annual Water Quality Report Required by Federal and State Regulations

   Mr. Drugan provided an overview of the District's 2025 Consumer Confidence Report (2025 CCR), which provides specific details regarding the District water quality sampling and results for an array of listed contaminants, constituents of concern, and water quality programs pursuant to various state and federal regulatory requirements. He reported that the 2025 CCR results show that the District's water quality met and exceeded all applicable water quality standards.

6. Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District – 2026 Rate Study and Proposed Groundwater Production Charges for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

   Mr. Garcia provided an overview of the materials in the Board packet regarding the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District's 2026 Rate Study and Proposed Groundwater Production Charges for Fiscal year 2026-2027, along with the detailed comment and objection letter submitted by ID No.1.

   Public comment was provided by Mr. Bill Buelow of the Conservation District.

9. **<u>REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:</u>**

A. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

1. Eastern Management Area (EMA) Update
   The Board packet included the Notice and Agenda for the May 28, 2026 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 a Resolution Authorizing the Groundwater Extraction Fees to be Collected on the Tax Roll for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027. He reported that the next meeting of the EMA Citizens Advisory Group is currently scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2026.

10. **REPORTS BY THE BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, STATUS REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, AND OTHER MATTERS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS <u>NOT</u> REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

Trustee Moniot noted that he attended the recent Los Olivos Community Services District (LOCSD) Workshop and that the LOCSD and Los Olivos community are continuing to discuss various project alternatives and related costs for wastewater treatment.

11. **<u>CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS</u>**
The Correspondence List was received by the Board.

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

13. **<u>NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:</u>**
President Clay stated that the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for July 21, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

14. **<u>CLOSED SESSION:</u>**
The Board adjourned to closed session at 4:54 p.m.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
[Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code – 1 Case]

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

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 – Two Matters]

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

The Board reconvened to open session at approximately 5:40 p.m. Mr. Garcia announced that the Board met in closed session in accordance with Agenda Items 14.A through 14.B, 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 Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Moniot, and carried by a 4-0-0 voice vote with Trustee Urton absent to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:40 p.m.

THE JUNE 16, 2026 MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JULY 21, 2026 BOARD MEETING.