

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1  
SEPTEMBER 20, 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, September 20, 2022, in-person at 1070 Faraday Street and via teleconference.

Trustees Present:            Jeff Clay                            Michael Burchardi  
   Jeff Holzer                         Brad Joos  
   Lori Parker

Trustees Absent:            None

Others Present:            Paeter Garcia                     Mary Martone  
   Gary Kvistad                      Karen King  
   Loch Dreizler

**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. Martone conducted roll call and reported that all Trustees were present.

**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. 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. 825: 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. 825 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. 825 would allow the Board to hold meetings under the provisions of AB 361.

No public comment was provided.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Joos, to adopt Resolution No. 825, 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 5-0-0 roll call vote:

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

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

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

President Clay 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. Mr. Garcia reported that no written comments were submitted to the District for the meeting.

Mr. Loch Dreizler, General Manager of the Santa Ynez Community Services District, was present and introduced himself to the Board.

7. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2022:**

The Regular Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2022 were presented for consideration.

President Clay asked if there were any changes or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2022 as presented. There were no changes or additions requested.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Parker, and carried by a unanimous 5-0-0 roll call vote to approve the August 16, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda Report was provided the Board packet.

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

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a unanimous 5-0-0 roll call vote to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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 that morning 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 August. 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 provides a budget to actual snapshot for the month of August. Ms. Martone reported that the District revenues for the

month of August exceeded the expenses by \$544,383.18 and the year-to-date net income was \$1,121,204.55.

b) Approval of Accounts Payable

Ms. Martone announced that the Warrant List was emailed to the Board members that morning 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 24707 through 24769 in the amount of \$478,568.99.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a unanimous 5-0-0 roll call vote to approve the Warrant List for August 17, 2022 through September 20, 2022.

2. 2022 Biennial Notice for District's Conflict of Interest Code

The Board packet included a copy of the Santa Barbara County 2022 Local Agency Biennial Notice.

Mr. Garcia reported that in accordance with the Political Reform Act, Government Code Section 81000 et seq., all state and local government agencies must review and/or update their Conflict of Interest Code which identifies all officials and employees within an agency who make governmental decisions based upon the position they hold. He referred to the Board packet materials and stated that management conducted a review of the District's Conflict of Interest Code and reported that there are no changes or updates required at this time. He stated no action is required by the Board and that the forms would be signed by the General Manager and submitted to the Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

3. County of Santa Barbara Official Candidate List for the November 8, 2022 Election

The Board packet included an excerpt from the County of Santa Barbara Elections Division Official Candidate List for the November 8, 2022 General Election and the County of Santa Barbara November 8, 2022 General Election Special District Offices to be Filled.

Mr. Garcia reported that the District has three seats open for election this November. He referred to the Board packet materials and stated that an excerpt from Official Candidate List for the November 8, 2022 election indicates that the Santa Barbara County Elections Office has deemed three qualified candidates, Mr. Jeff Clay (Division 2), Mr. Nick Urton (Division 3), and Mr. R. Brad Joos (At-Large) will run uncontested and thus be appointed in lieu of an election for the District's Board of Trustees. Mr. Garcia congratulated Trustee Clay and Joos for their continued dedication to the District Board. He stated that Trustee Lori Parker will remain on the Board through November 2022 and expressed his appreciation and compliments to Ms. Parker for her extraordinary representation of the District for the last four years.

**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 Notice and Agenda for the August 25, 2022 Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River

Groundwater Basin and a copy of Assembly Bill 2201 relating to Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

Mr. Garcia stated that he and Trustee Joos attended the August 25, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Eastern Management Area (EMA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and reported on the topics discussed, including an update on compliance with Executive Order N-7-22; EMA GSA verification requests received, a consulting contract with GSI, an update on governance for the EMA GSA, and correspondence received from the Santa Ynez Valley Water Group. Mr. Garcia reported that the September GSA meeting was cancelled, and the next Regular Meeting will occur in October. He reported that member agency representatives and respective legal counsel will soon reconvene to continue negotiating the terms of a new Joint Powers Authority structure for the EMA GSA. Mr. Garcia provided an overview of Assembly Bill 2201 that would have codified certain provisions of Executive Order N-7-22 and made other amendments to SGMA. He reported that AB 2201 failed to pass out of the Legislature.

## **B. CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY**

### **1. Update Regarding CCWA Water Quality and Deliveries**

The Board packet included a District Announcement titled “No Health Risks Related to Unusual Taste and Odor in Water,” and Central Coast Water Authority correspondence related to taste and odor issues caused by MIB.

Mr. Garcia reported at the August 16th Board meeting that the District had not taken any supplies from the State Water Project (SWP) due to a nitrification event that had occurred within the CCWA pipeline. He indicated that on August 23<sup>rd</sup> the District transitioned to using SWP supplies for a portion of its service area. Mr. Garcia then noted that soon after transitioning to SWP supplies, the District received notification from CCWA that high concentrations of MIB had been detected in the SWP supplies being delivered by CCWA. He explained that MIB is a naturally occurring byproduct of blue-green algae which can be more prevalent with high summer temperatures and/or drought conditions, and that MIB in drinking water can create an unusual taste and/or odor concern for certain individuals. Mr. Garcia emphasized that MIB is a naturally occurring compound and does not present any health risks to consumers. He stated that the District has received calls from several customers reporting taste and odor issues with water service to their property. Mr. Garcia explained that CCWA has increased its water monitoring and testing and initiated a powder-activated carbon dosing process to provide additional treatment of the SWP supplies being delivered to the District. He reported that CCWA will continue to provide treatment for MIB until the problem is resolved. Mr. Garcia stated that a Notice explaining the MIB event was prepared and posted on the District website, and that the Notice has been sent to customers who reported the taste and odor issue. Mr. Garcia referred to the Board packet materials which included weekly updates regarding sampling results and water quality. He reported that the District’s operations team continues to monitor and evaluate CCWA’s weekly reports to determine if transitioning back to groundwater supplies will be necessary to alleviate the current taste and odor issue. Mr. Garcia stated that similar nitrification and MIB issues have occurred over the years which presents an ongoing concern that he is discussing with CCWA management.

### C. CACHUMA PROJECT

1. Cachuma Project Member Units Allocation Request for Federal WY 2022-2023  
The Board packet included a September 1, 2022 Letter from Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Flood Control Water Agency to the US Bureau of Reclamation.

Mr. Garcia reported that the Cachuma Member Units submitted a joint letter dated September 1, 2022 to the Santa Barbara County Water Agency requesting a 14% Cachuma Project allocation for Water Year 2022-2023, while reserving the right to make a midyear allocation request should the winter bring favorable inflow to the Project. He stated that the Water Agency submitted the allocation request to the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) on behalf of the Cachuma Member Units, and that a response from USBR remains pending. Mr. Garcia also reported that discussions may resume among the Cachuma Member Units, USBR, and County Water Agency to address the next long-term Water Supply Contract and/or an extension of the current short-term Contract which is set to expire in September 2023.

**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 September 1, 2022 ACWA Advisory regarding Legislative Matters, and the September 2022 Family Farm Alliance Monthly Briefing.

**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:**

President Clay stated that the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for October 18, 2022.

**15. CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 4:50 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

**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 5:50 p.m.

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

17. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business, it was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote, with Trustee Holzer absent at the time of the vote, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:57p.m.

**THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE REGULAR OCTOBER 18, 2022 MEETING.**