

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1  
AUGUST 17, 2021 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, August 17, 2021** via teleconference and in the Conference Room at 1070 Faraday Street, Santa Ynez.

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

Trustees Absent:     None

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

**1.    CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

President Clay called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m., he stated this was a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Martone conducted roll call and reported that all members of the Board were present.

**2.    PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

President Clay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the pledge of allegiance, Trustee Clay referenced the August 2021 Santa Ynez Valley News obituary for District customer Mr. Fred Kovol that was included in the Board packet. President Clay stated that in light of the recent passing of Mr. Kovol, he wanted to pay tribute to Mr. Kovol in recognition of his many years of community service and interaction and attendance at the ID No.1 Board meetings. The Board of Trustees and Mr. Garcia expressed their appreciation and memories of Mr. Fred Kovol.

**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 54950 and pursuant to District Resolution No. 340. The affidavit was filed as evidence of the posting of the Agenda items contained therein.

Ms. Martone added that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, the Board meeting would occur in person and via teleconference as authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Order Nos. N-29-20 and N-33-20 and applicable amendments to the California Brown Act as set forth in those Executive Orders.

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

Mr. Garcia stated there were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

**5.    PUBLIC COMMENT:**

President Clay welcomed any members of the public participating telephonically 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 stated that the Notice and Agenda for this Regular Meeting requested members of the public that are not attending the meeting in person or who are participating telephonically and wish to provide public comment on an Agenda item to submit advance written comments to the District via electronic mail by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2021. Mr. Garcia reported that no written comments were submitted to the District for the meeting.

**6. CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE:**

**A. General Manager's Report**

Mr. Garcia reported on the current information related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the District's actions. Mr. Garcia announced that the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department issued a press release dated August 4, 2021 regarding Santa Barbara County Health Order 2021-10.3 which went into effect on August 6th. He explained that Health Order 2021-10.3 requires the use of face coverings indoors, regardless of vaccination status, to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Mr. Garcia stated that the Health Order would remain in effect through 5:00 p.m. on September 5, 2021 or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended. Mr. Garcia also highlighted other documents included in the Board packet including two new press releases from the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. He reported that all employees, customers, and Trustees are following the masking requirement as advised in the current Santa Barbara County Health Order 2021-10.3.

**7. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 20, 2021:**

The Regular Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2021 were presented for consideration.

President Clay asked if there were any changes or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2021. No changes or additions were requested.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Parker, and carried by a 5-0-0 roll call vote, to approve the July 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda Report was provided in the Board packet.

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

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Joos, and carried by a 5-0-0 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**

The monthly financial statements were included in the handout materials and emailed to the Board members attending the meeting via phone conference. Ms. Martone explained that the reports were 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 July. She explained that the District's 2021-2022 fiscal year began on July 1<sup>st</sup> and the financials reflect the first month of activity for the new fiscal year. Ms. Martone highlighted various line-items related to revenue and expense transactions that occurred during the month. She reported that District revenues exceeded expenses by \$367,869.13 for the month of July.

b) Approval of Accounts Payable

Ms. Martone reported that the Board was provided the Warrant List for July 21, 2021 through August 17, 2021 in the handout materials and emailed to the Board members attending the meeting via phone conference.

The Board reviewed the Warrant List which covered warrants 23956 through 24015 in the amount of \$ 631,353.71.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 5-0-0 roll call vote, to approve the Warrant List for July 21, 2021 through August 17, 2021.

2. Resolution No. 807: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Acknowledging the Retirement of Chris Dahlstrom and Expressing Appreciation for 24 Years of Service

President Clay announced that Mr. Chris Dahlstrom and his wife, Susie Dahlstrom, were participating in the meeting via video conference. President Clay proceeded with reading Resolution No. 807 acknowledging the retirement of Chris Dahlstrom, expressing appreciation for his 24 years of service, and recognizing the countless contributions that he made to the District during his tenure as General Manager. Following the presentation of the Resolution, each Board member and Mr. Garcia expressed their appreciation to Mr. Dahlstrom for his dedication and contributions to the District and for helping build the organization as a model of excellence. All wished him well in his retirement. Mr. Dahlstrom thanked the Board and expressed his appreciation for the acknowledgements and Resolution.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos and seconded by Trustee Burchardi to adopt Resolution No. 807 Acknowledging the Retirement of Chris Dahlstrom and Expressing Appreciation for 24 Years of Service.

The Resolution was adopted and carried by the following 5-0-0 roll call vote:

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

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

**A. UPDATE REGARDING STATEWIDE DROUGHT CONDITIONS:**

The Board packet included various information related to the ongoing statewide drought conditions.

Mr. Garcia reported on the Board packet materials. He discussed the conditions of major reservoirs within California as published by the Department of Water Resources, noting that there are several reservoirs throughout the state that are at all time historic low levels due to drought conditions. Mr. Garcia reviewed the State Water Resources Control Board’s Draft Emergency Curtailment and Reporting Regulations for major watersheds in Northern

California. He reported that since 2017, ID No.1 has remained under a Water Supply Alert that calls for a voluntary 10% reduction in water use by all customers. Mr. Garcia reported that on July 8, 2021, Governor Newsom issued another drought declaration, which now places 50 of the state's 58 counties in a drought emergency. The Governor's declaration also requests all Californians to reduce their water use by 15% as compared to 2020 usage. Mr. Garcia reported that ID No.1 is fortunate to have a diversified water supply portfolio which assists in managing dry year periods. He reported that staff will be providing additional water conservation and drought information to District customers via the District's website and with monthly water use bills.

**B. CACHUMA PROJECT – ANNUAL ALLOCATION REQUEST:**

1. Update Regarding Cachuma Member Units Allocation Request for Water Year 2021-2022  
Mr. Garcia reported that the Cachuma Member Units submitted a joint letter dated July 1, 2021 requesting a Cachuma Project allocation for water year 2021-2022, which begins on October 1, 2021. He stated that the Santa Barbara County 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 is pending.

**C. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

1. Eastern Management Area Update

The Board packet included an Agenda for the July 22, 2021 Special Meeting of the Eastern Management Area (EMA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, along with other materials that were part of the July 22<sup>nd</sup> EMA GSA meeting.

Mr. Garcia reported that he and Trustee Joos attended the July 22, 2021 teleconference meeting of the EMA GSA. He reviewed the Board agenda items for the meeting and several other related issues. Mr. Garcia announced that the next regular meeting of the EMA GSA will be held on August 26, 2021 via teleconference.

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

The Board packet included a July 1, 2021 letter from Santa Barbara County Public Works Department discussing the FY 2021-2022 Regional Water Efficiency Program Partnership; the Family Farm Alliance Monthly Briefing for the month of August 2021; and an Association of California Water Agencies August 4, 2021 Water News Alert indicating the State Water Board is collecting data for administration of water arrearages funding.

Mr. Garcia also reported on a customer compliment to the District's front office and field crew staff that assisted him with a potential leak on his property.

**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 the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for September 21, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

15. **CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:01 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 5:56 p.m.

Mr. Garcia announced that the Board met in Closed Session concerning Agenda Item 15.A.1 and reported that the Board considered a Protest Dismissal and Operations Agreement by and between the City of Solvang, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, and Palmer Gavit Jackson Trust, and approved said Agreement via a unanimous 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Garcia announced that the Board also met in Closed Session concerning Agenda Item 15.A.2 and that there was no reportable action on that item.

17. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business, it was **MOVED** by President Clay, seconded by Trustee Parker, and carried by a 5-0-0 voice vote to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:59 p.m.

**THE AUGUST 17, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 MEETING.**