SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
AUGUST 18, 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, August 18, 2026, in-person at 1070 Faraday Street.

Trustees Present:	Michael Burchardi Jeff Clay Brad Joos Mark Moniot Nick Urton		
Trustees Absent:	None		
Others Present:	Paeter Garcia Dan Drugan	Racel Cota Kylie Kelleher	Jessica Diaz

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:
President Clay called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m., he stated that this was a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Cota 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. 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 JULY 21, 2026
The Regular Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2026 were presented for consideration.

President Clay asked if there were any changes or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2026. There were no changes or additions requested.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Urton, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a unanimous 5-0-0 voice vote, to approve the July 21, 2026 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 July. Various topics were discussed among the Board and staff.

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

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, 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 July. She explained that the District's fiscal year 2026/2027 began on July 1, 2026 and that the financials reflect the first month of activity for the new fiscal year. 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 first month of the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year. Ms. Cota stated that revenue exceeded expenses by $801,119.72 for the month of July 2026.

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 27389 through 27444 in the amount of $805,877.30.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Urton, and carried by a unanimous 5-0-0 voice vote, to approve the Warrant List for July 22, 2026 through August 18, 2026.

2. 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 and Unauthorized Use of District Facilities

Mr. Garcia reported that for the past several months the Board has been reviewing and considering a Draft District Ordinance Establishing Regulations and Fines Relating to Water Theft and Unauthorized Use of District Facilities, which is based in part on new State law (SB 394) and related provisions of the California Government Code and Civil Code. He provided the Board with a brief overview regarding the purpose and key provisions of the Draft Ordinance, which would establish new District regulations and administrative fines and procedures relating to water theft and unauthorized use of District facilities. Mr. Garcia explained that, if adopted by the Board, the Ordinance would take effect immediately.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Moniot, seconded by Trustee Urton, to adopt Ordinance 2026-01, and the Ordinance was approved by the following 5-0-0 roll call vote:

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

3. Notice of Completion – Madera Fence Replacement Phase 2
   Mr. Drugan provided an overview of the Notice of Completion for the District's Madera Fence Replacement Phase 2 project as contained in the Board packet, and indicated that staff is recommending approval and filing of the Notice.

   It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by President Clay, and carried by a unanimous 5-0-0 voice vote, to approve and file the Notice of Completion for the Madera Fence Replacement Phase 2 project.

B. OPERATIONS

1. General Update

Mr. Drugan reported that the quality of State Water Project supplies received from CCWA has been excellent this summer. He also reported that staff responded to a small leak near the intersection of Deer Hill Road and Dove Meadow Lane, and that staff recently replaced a large battery supporting the solar-powered mixer at the Zone 2 Reservoir. Mr. Drugan further highlighted that the District expects to advertise the Zone 2 Reservoir Electrical Service project for bids in the coming weeks and that staff continues to coordinate with its consulting engineers on data review and evaluation for potential groundwater replacement capacity and a water quality treatment facility in response to new regulatory 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 a copy of the Notice and Agenda for the July 23, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EMA GSA). Mr. Garcia discussed various SGMA-related topics, including the recent July 30, 2026 public workshop regarding the EMA GSA's Groundwater Well Registration program. He noted that the workshop was well attended and that two additional workshops are being held, one virtual on August 18, 2026 and another in person on August 20, 2026.

B. ID NO.1 PAYMENT UNDER PROTEST REGARDING SYRWCD GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES

Mr. Garcia referred to a copy of ID No.1's letter to the Conservation District dated July 31, 2026 as contained in the Board packet, wherein ID No.1 summarizes several grounds upon which it continues to protest its payment of groundwater production charges to the Conservation District.

10. 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

Trustee Moniot and Trustee Burchardi noted that they attended the Los Olivos Community Services District Board Meeting on August 12, 2026 and provided a brief overview of the meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS

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 September 15, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

14. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 4:38 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 and Application 22423 of 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. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:

[Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]

The Board reconvened to open session at approximately 4:58 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 3-0-0 voice vote, with Trustee Urton and President Clay absent, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:58 p.m.

THE AUGUST 18, 2026 MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 BOARD MEETING.