

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

### SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

May 31, 2022

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, May 31, 2022. As a result of the existing State of Emergency in California due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Santa Barbara County Public Health recommendations to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and recommending social distancing, and as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361, this meeting occurred solely by remote participation via video and teleconference.

Directors Present: Cynthia Allen, Mark Altshuler, Art Hibbits, Steve Jordan, and Brett Marymee

Others Present: Legal Counsel Michelle Gearhart, Carol Redhead, Board Secretary Amber Thompson, General Manager Kevin Walsh, and Legal Counsel Steve Torigiani.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

President Allen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Ms. Thompson called roll. All Directors were present providing a quorum.

#### **II. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION 713, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB361"**

Ms. Thompson explained that as the California Governor's State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic is still in effect and the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department issued recommendations to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and recommending social distancing, and as authorized by State Assembly Bill 361, Resolution 713 was presented for consideration. There was no discussion.

Director Jordan **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 713, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB361. Director Hibbits seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Allen, Altshuler, Hibbits, Jordan, Marymee

NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT, Directors: None

#### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Carol Redhead thanked the Board for offering a remote participation option of the public meetings. Ms. Thompson announced she did not receive any public comments prior to the meeting.

**IV. REQUEST FROM THE BOARD FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT AGENDA. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED AS A REGULAR MEETING FOR JUNE 1, 2022, AT 6:30 PM.**

There were no requests.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be a Regular meeting, including a Public Hearing on the 44th Annual Engineering and Survey Report on Water Supply Conditions of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, FY 2021-2022, on June 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers with remote participation available.

**V. CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:37 pm, the Board convened into Closed Session until 8:07 pm.

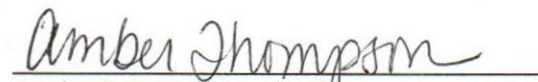
**VI. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION / CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

At 8:07 pm, the Board reconvened into open session. President Allen advised there is nothing to report from Closed Session.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Allen, upon a MOTION by Director Jordan and seconded by Director Marymee, adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.

  
Cynthia Allen, President

  
Amber M. Thompson, Secretary



**RESOLUTION NO. 713**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB 361**

**WHEREAS**, meetings of the Board of Directors of the **Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District** (District) are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District conduct its business;

**WHEREAS**, Government Code section 54953(e), added by Assembly Bill 361 (2021) (“AB361”), provides for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to certain conditions and requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the District wishes to invoke the provisions of AB361 to authorize teleconference meetings subject to the provisions of Government Code section 54953(e);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Section 1. Findings. The Board of Directors hereby finds as follows:

- (a) As provided by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), a proclaimed state of emergency exists under the California Emergency Services Act, as declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020.
- (b) As provided by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), the County of Santa Barbara Health Department has imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, specifically Santa Barbara County Health Order No. 2021-10.5 (see also Santa Barbara County Public Health Department Health Officials AB 361 Social Distance Recommendation issued September 28, 2021).

Section 2. Procedures for Teleconference Meetings. The District shall hold meetings that allow for teleconference participation pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 54953(e).

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED**, being the duly qualified and acting President and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors at a special meeting duly held on the 31st day of May, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors:

Cynthia Allen  
Mark Altshuler  
Art Hibbits  
Steve Jordan  
Brett Marymee

NOES, Directors:

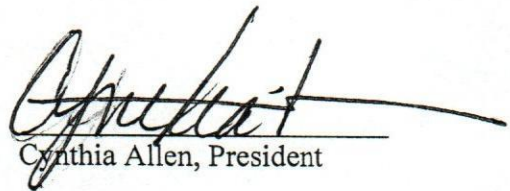
None

ABSENT/ABSTAINING, Directors:

None



Amber Thompson, Secretary



Cynthia Allen, President