

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

September 08, 2021

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, September 08, 2021. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and Governor Newsom's Executive Orders to protect public health by issuing shelter-in-home standards, limiting public gatherings, and requiring social distancing, this meeting occurred solely via teleconference as authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Order Nos. N-29-20 and N-33-20 and in accordance with the latest Santa Barbara County Health Office Order.

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

Others Present: General Manager Kevin Walsh, Groundwater Program Manager Bill Buelow, Board Secretary Amber Thompson, Legal Counsel Steve Torigiani, and Legal Counsel Josh George (closed session only)

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Allen called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Thompson called roll. All Directors were present providing a quorum.

III. ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment. Ms. Thompson announced she did not receive any public comments prior to the meeting.

V. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES

President Allen submitted the minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 2021 for Board approval. Director Hibbits made a MOTION to approve the minutes. Director Jordan seconded the motion and it passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Cynthia Allen, Mark Altshuler, Art Hibbits, Steve Jordan,
NOES, Directors: None
ABSTAIN, Directors: Brett Marymee

VI. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

A. Water Rights Release 2021

Mr. Walsh advised that a Downstream Water Rights Releases from Lake Cachuma began August 1, 2021 and is scheduled to end on November 1, 2021, subject to change depending on conditions. No discussion followed, no action.

B. Surface Water Report

Mr. Walsh presented Rainfall and Reservoir Summary, Cachuma Daily Operations, Downstream Users Accounting and Dewatered Groundwater Storage report. He reported that there was no Gin Chow release in 2021. He reviewed the National Weather Service's Winter 2021-22 precipitation outlook. He provided an update on the Santa Barbara County Water Agency Cloud Seeding program. Discussion followed, no action.

C. Financial Reports, Monthly Warrant Reports and 4th Quarter Investment Report

Mr. Walsh presented the financial report through July 31, 2021. The Board reviewed the financial reports and notable items for Period 1 of FY 2021-22. No discussion, no action.

Mr. Walsh presented Warrant Lists for June, July, and August 2021. June 2021 Warrant List noted that previously lost/missing checks (Nos. 5277-5293) were found after the June meeting. Therefore, these check numbers were not voided, as previously reported, and were used for warrants in June and July 2021. Director Hibbits made a MOTION to ratify the warrant lists as presented (nos. 5277- 5293 and 5308-5336 plus ACH transactions) for a total of \$222,147.34. Director Marymee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT, Directors: None

Mr. Walsh presented the Quarterly Investment Report for 4th Quarter of FY 2020-21 and said investments were made in accordance with policy and sufficient funds are available to meet District obligations in accordance with law. No discussion, no action.

D. 2022 Re-Districting

Mr. Walsh said that there is nothing new to report about the 2022 Redistricting efforts as the 2020 U.S. Census population database was just released. Staff is working with a consultant to create division boundaries with updated population and determine boundary adjustment needs, if any. No discussion, no action.

VII. GROUNDWATER PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT

A. Groundwater Production, Reporting and Charges

Mr. Buelow reviewed income received from Groundwater Pump Charges and Groundwater Production reported to date. Mr. Buelow provided an update on delinquent groundwater reporting and well registrations. Discussion followed, no action.

B. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

Mr. Buelow reported that the three GSAs received presentations on Projects and Management Actions, overviews of the complete Draft GSPs and presentations on future governance and self-funding options. Discussion followed, no action.

VIII. ATTORNEY REPORT

Legal Counsel Steve Torigiani reported on a couple of legislative items.

IX. REPORTS, ACTS BY BOARD MEMBERS, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, STATUS REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS, AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS NOT REQUIRING ACTION

There were no requests.

X. REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no requests.

XI. NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 1, 2021, LOCATION TBD

The next Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on December 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm, location to be determined. President Allen suggested Vandenberg Village CSD's conference room as an available location for an in-person meeting with teleconference capabilities.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into Closed Session from 8:12 pm to 8:39 pm to discuss the following items:

- A. *Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1))*: Wolff vs SYRWCD, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, Case No. 20CV01552
- B. *Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1))* relating to proceedings pending before the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regarding Permits 11308 and 11310 issued on Applications 11331 and 11332 of the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the Cachuma Project, and complaints filed by the California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance regarding the operation of the Cachuma Project and SWRCB Order WR 89-18; proposed changes to the place and

purpose of use of waters obtained through aforementioned permits for the Cachuma Project; and Reclamation's Petition for Reconsideration or Rehearing re Order WR 2019-0148; and proceedings related to SWRCB Permit No. 15878 (Application A022423) held by the City of Solvang including the City of Solvang's Petitions for Change and Extension of Time.


- C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(2)): Significant exposure to litigation (One Matter).
- D. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(4)): Possible initiation of litigation (One Matter).


XIV. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION/REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

President Allen advised there is nothing to report from Closed Session.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.


Cynthia Allen, President


Amber M. Thompson, Secretary

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

JUNE 2021 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5277-5293	UPDATE	Missing paper checks were found after processing the May payables. Therefore, numbers were NOT voided and some checks were used in June. The remaining checks in this series will be used in July 2021.		
ACH	6/2/2021	Payroll	May 16-30, 2021 Salary	\$ 8,850.36
ACH	6/2/2021	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (May 16-30, 2021)	\$ 901.86
ACH	6/2/2021	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Combined Contributions (#1 June)	\$ 2,822.87
ACH	6/2/2021	Mechanics Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (May 16-30, 2021)	\$ 5,049.46
5277	6/14/2021	Judith K. Adams	May 2021 GW Admin Service	\$ 225.00
5278	6/14/2021	Guardian	June 2021 Dental, Vision, Life, LTD & ADD Insurance	\$ 405.27
5279	6/14/2021	Jim Heyerly	June 2021 Rent	\$ 1,500.00
5280	6/14/2021	Inklings Printing Co.	Library Project	\$ 158.78
5281	6/14/2021	Alex Pappas	May 2021 SGMA; Groundwater	\$ 786.00
5282	6/14/2021	Pacific Gas & Electric	May 2021 Electric Service	\$ 201.46
5283	6/14/2021	Shirley Scales Bookkeeping	May 2021 GW Admin Service	\$ 3,942.90
5284	6/14/2021	Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	\$ 101.22
5285	6/14/2021	US Bank Corp	May 2021 CalCard	\$ 1,221.37
5286	6/14/2021	Valley Bookkeeping Services	May 2021 Bookkeeping	\$ 300.00
5287	6/14/2021	Young Wooldridge	May 2021 Legal Service	\$ 6,735.86
ACH	6/17/2021	Payroll	June 1-15, 2021 Salary	\$ 8,850.36
ACH	6/17/2021	Cynthia Allen	5/10 & 5/24 CMA; 5/13 & 5/27 EMA Meetings	\$ 277.05
ACH	6/17/2021	Art Hibbits	5/10 & 5/24 CMA; 5/26 WMA Meetings	\$ 207.79
ACH	6/17/2021	Steve Jordan	5/12 & 5/26 WMA Meetings	\$ 138.52
ACH	6/17/2021	Brett Marymee	5/13 & 5/27 EMA Meetings	\$ 138.52
ACH	6/17/2021	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (June 1-15, 2021)	\$ 901.86
ACH	6/17/2021	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Combined Contributions (#2 June)	\$ 2,822.87
ACH	6/17/2021	Mechanics Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (June 1-15, 2021)	\$ 5,175.70
TOTAL				\$ 51,715.08

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JULY 2021 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FY 2021-22</u>
ACH	7/2/2021	Payroll	June 16-30, 2021 Salary	\$ 8,850.36	
ACH	7/2/2021	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (June 16-30, 2021)	\$ 901.86	
ACH	7/2/2021	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Combined Contributions (#1 July)	\$ 2,822.87	
ACH	7/2/2021	Mechanics Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (June 16-30, 2021)	\$ 5,049.46	
5288	7/9/2021	Judith K. Adams	June 2021 GW Admin Service	\$ 431.25	
5289	7/9/2021	Bartlet Pringle Wolf	FY 2019-20 Financial Audit (Final invoice)	\$ 10,700.00	
5290	7/9/2021	Guardian	July 2021 Dental, Vision, Life, LTD & ADD Insurance	\$ 405.27	\$ 405.27
5291	7/9/2021	Jim Heyerly	July 2021 Rent	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
5292	7/9/2021	Inklings Printing Co.	GW Newsletter, Producer Letter, and Instructions	\$ 470.34	
5293	7/9/2021	Owen Thompson	May & June 2021 GW Admin Service	\$ 60.00	
5294-5307	5/1/2021	May 2021 Accounts Payables	These checks were used out of order in May 2021.	\$ -	\$ -
5308	7/9/2021	Alex Pappas	June 2021 SGMA-CMA well depth evaluations	\$ 234.00	
5309	7/9/2021	Pacific Gas & Electric	June 2021 Electric Service	\$ 338.34	
5310	7/9/2021	Shirley Scales Bookkeeping	June 2021 GW Admin Service	\$ 5,241.25	
5311	7/9/2021	SDRMA	FY 2021-22 Workers Compensation Premium	\$ 5,277.04	\$ 5,277.04
5312	7/9/2021	SDRMA	FY 2021-22 General Liability Premium	\$ 12,225.68	\$ 12,225.68
5313	7/9/2021	Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	\$ 216.33	
5314	7/9/2021	Stetson Engineers	May 2021 Engineering Service	\$ 2,009.37	
5315	7/9/2021	US Bank Corp	June 2021 CalCard	\$ 689.74	
5316	7/9/2021	Valley Bookkeeping Services	June 2021 Bookkeeping	\$ 300.00	
5317	7/9/2021	Young Wooldridge	June 2021 Legal Service	\$ 5,966.83	
ACH	7/15/2021	Payroll	July 1-15, 2021 Salary	\$ 9,186.04	\$ 9,186.04
ACH	7/15/2021	Cynthia Allen	6/2/21 District Meeting	\$ 69.26	\$ 69.26
ACH	7/15/2021	Art Hibbits	6/2/21 District Meeting	\$ 69.26	\$ 69.26
ACH	7/15/2021	Steve Jordan	6/2/21 District Meeting	\$ 69.26	\$ 69.26
ACH	7/15/2021	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (July 1-15, 2021)	\$ 950.21	\$ 950.21
ACH	7/15/2021	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Combined Contributions (#2 July)	\$ 3,113.61	\$ 3,113.61
ACH	7/15/2021	Mechanics Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (July 1-15, 2021)	\$ 5,260.13	\$ 5,260.13
TOTAL				\$ 82,407.76	\$ 38,125.76
					FY 2021-22

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 2021 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ACH	8/3/2021	Payroll	July 16-30, 2021 Salary	\$ 9,186.04
ACH	8/4/2021	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (July 16-30, 2021)	\$ 950.21
ACH	8/4/2021	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Combined Contributions (#1 August)	\$ 3,113.61
ACH	8/3/2021	Mechanics Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (July 16-30, 2021)	\$ 5,225.69
5318	8/12/2021	Judith K. Adams	July 2021 GW Admin Service	\$ 293.75
5319-5323	8/12/2021	VOID	VOID (printing error)	\$ -
5324	8/12/2021	County of Santa Barbara	IRWM Participation Cost (1/1/21-6/30/21)	\$ 200.02
5325	8/12/2021	Guardian	July 2021 Dental, Vision, Life, LTD & ADD Insurance	\$ 405.27
5326	8/12/2021	Jim Heyerly	August 2021 Rent	\$ 1,500.00
5327	8/12/2021	Alex Pappas	July 2021 SGMA-CMA well depth evaluations	\$ 267.00
5328	8/12/2021	Pacific Gas & Electric	July 2021 Electric Service	\$ 395.89
5329	8/12/2021	Shirley Scales Bookkeeping	July 2021 GW Admin Service	\$ 5,067.00
5330	8/12/2021	Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	\$ 217.97
5331	8/12/2021	Stetson Engineers	June 2021 Engineering Service	\$ 5,913.89
5332	8/12/2021	US Bank Corp	July 2021 CalCard	\$ 1,551.39
5333	8/12/2021	U.S. Geological Survey	USGS Lompoc GW Monitoring Program	\$ 24,480.00
5334	8/12/2021	Valley Bookkeeping Services	July 2021 Bookkeeping	\$ 380.00
5335	8/12/2021	County of Santa Barbara	FY 2021-22 LAFCO Cost	\$ 703.00
5336	8/12/2021	County of Santa Barbara	I.D. No. 1 LAFCO Pass Through Cost	\$ 9,456.00
ACH	8/16/2021	Payroll	August 1-15, 2021 Salary	\$ 9,186.04
ACH	8/16/2021	Cynthia Allen	7/26/21 CMA Meeting	\$ 69.26
ACH	8/16/2021	Steve Jordan	7/28/21 WMA Meeting	\$ 69.26
ACH	8/16/2021	Brett Marymee	7/22/21 EMA Meeting	\$ 69.26
ACH	8/16/2021	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (August 1-15, 2021)	\$ 950.21
ACH	8/16/2021	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Combined Contributions (#2 August)	\$ 3,113.61
ACH	8/16/2021	Mechanics Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (August 1-15, 2021)	\$ 5,260.13
TOTAL				\$ 88,024.50