

## NOTICE

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

6:30 PM, TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022

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#### Remote participation only via ZOOM.us

Pursuant to AB361, Directors may participate in this meeting via teleconference.

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**Important Notice Regarding Public Participation in Video/Teleconference Meeting:** Those who wish to provide public comment on an Agenda Item, or who otherwise are making a presentation to the Board of Directors, may participate in the meeting by phone or computer using the meeting ID number and passcode above. **Those wishing to submit written comments instead, please submit comments and materials to the District via electronic mail at [athompson@syrwcd.com](mailto:athompson@syrwcd.com) or dropped off at the District office.** All submittals of written comments must be received by the District no later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 and should indicate **“PUBLIC COMMENT”** in the subject line. To the extent practicable, public comments and materials received in advance pursuant to this timeframe will be read into the public record during the meeting. Public comments and materials not read into the record will become part of the post-meeting Board packet materials available to the public and posted on the District website.

### AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Consider adopting Resolution 713 “Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under AB 361”
- III. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any non-agenda matter within the Board’s jurisdiction. The total time for all public participation shall not exceed fifteen minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes. No action will be taken by the Board at this meeting on any public item.) *Staff recommends any potential new agenda items based on issues raised be held for discussion under Agenda Item III, Requests from the Board of Directors for items to be included on the next Agenda.*

- IV. Requests from the Board of Directors 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.

In compliance with the California Water Code, regular meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday in March, June, September, and December at various locations within the District. Special meetings may be held at any location within the District.

- V. Closed Session

The Board will reconvene into closed session 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 (Two Matters).

- VI. Reconvene into Open Session / Closed Session Report

- VII. Adjournment

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**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:

**NOES**, Directors:

**ABSENT/ABSTAINING**, Directors:

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Cynthia Allen, President

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Amber Thompson, Secretary