

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MARCH 20, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

Directors Present (in person): Robert Dunlap, Larry Lahr, and Brett Marymee

Directors Present (teleconference): Steve Jordan

Director Absent: Mark Altshuler

Others Present (in-person): Cynthia Allen, Bill Buelow, Michael Burchardi, Paeter Garcia,

Gay Infanti, Mark Infanti, Brad Joos, Randy Murphy, Alex Pappas, Jennifer Perez, Amber Thompson

Others Present (teleconference): Michelle Gearhart (Adamski Moroski Madden Cumberland & Green LLP, during closed session only), and Steve Torigiani (Young Wooldridge)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Lahr called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Ms. Thompson called roll. Four Directors were present providing a quorum.

Director Jordan attended the meeting via teleconference from 46250 East El Dorado, Indian Wells, CA 92210. The teleconference location was properly noticed. No members of the public joined Director Jordan at that location.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lahr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

President Lahr received a request to move Agenda Item No. 10b to be discussed after Agenda Item No. 7e and before Item No. 7f. Director Marymee made a **MOTION** to move Agenda Item No. 10b to be discussed after Agenda Item No. 7e and before Agenda Item No. 7f. Director Dunlap seconded, and the motion passed 4-0-1 following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee

NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment. Ms. Thompson announced she did not receive any public

comment prior to the meeting.

5. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 25, 2024

President Lahr submitted the minutes of the Special Meeting held January 25, 2024, for Board approval. There was no discussion or public comment.

Director Marymee made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held January 25, 2024, as presented. Director Dunlap seconded, and the motion passed 4-0-1 following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee

NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

6. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

a. Receipt of the Draft 46th Annual Report for review

Ms. Thompson announced that on March 11, 2024, she received the 46th Annual Engineering and Survey Report on Water Supply Conditions of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, A Summary of Findings for the Previous Water Year (2022-2023), Current Water Year (2023-2024), and Ensuing Water Year (2024-2025), dated March 11, 2024 (Report) and that she posted it on the District's website for public access. Discussion followed. She added that a hard copy of the Report is available at the District office for public access as well.

b. Consider scheduling a Special Meeting in April, on or after April 10, 2024, to include a Public Hearing for the 46th Annual Report (Gov't Code § 75571)

Ms. Thompson reported that, per Gov't Code § 75571, a Public Hearing on the 46th Annual Report needs to be scheduled for a date in April, after April 10, 2024. Discussion followed.

Director Marymee suggested scheduling the Public Hearing for 6:30pm on April 24, 2024, at Buellton City Council Chambers and hold April 30, 2024, as a back-up date or as a public hearing continuation date, if needed. There was unanimous agreement to schedule the Public Hearing on the 46th Annual Report for April 24, 2024, at 6:30pm, at the Buellton City Council Chambers and hold April 30, 2024, as a back-up date or as a public hearing continuation date, if needed, by the following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee

NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

7. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

a. Quarterly Comparison Balance Sheet

Ms. Thompson presented the Quarterly Comparison of the Balance Sheets for the quarters ending September 30, 2023, and December 31, 2023. There was no discussion, no public comment, and no action.

b. Balance Sheet & Profit/Loss Statement, FY 2023-24 Period 7, January 2024

Mr. Buelow presented the financial reports and reviewed notable items for Period 7 of FY 2023-24. Ms. Thompson distributed additional materials regarding unexpected costs paid by the District for the Solvang AHO efforts as well as unexpected costs paid on behalf of the three GSAs to create an Action Plan which was added to each Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in response to the State Water Resources Control Board comment to the GSPs regarding the underflow of the Santa Ynez River. Discussion followed.

Mr. Buelow reported that the costs spent to develop the Action Plans which resulted in updates made to the three GSPs may be reimbursable by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant so staff will pursue that with the DWR Grant Manager.

Mr. Buelow provided the Board with possible options for distributing reimbursement for these specific costs and explained a Loan Share option for GSA Member Agencies to advance working capital to the GSAs which will be returned to the Member Agencies by the GSAs at a later date. Discussion followed.

Director Marymee made a **MOTION** directing staff to allocate any grant reimbursements received for these specific costs to Loan Shares contributed by the District to the GSAs. The motion was seconded by Director Dunlap and passed 4-0-1 following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee

NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

c. Approval of Warrant Lists for November, December 2023, and January 2024

Ms. Thompson presented the Warrant Lists for November, December 2023, and January 2024. There was no discussion or public comment.

Director Jordan made a **MOTION** to approve the November, December 2023, and January 2024 warrant lists which include check #s 1206-1241 plus ACH transactions totaling \$316,266.65. Director Marymee seconded, and the motion passed 4-0-1 following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee
NOES, Directors: None
ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

d. Quarterly Investment Report

Ms. Thompson presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023-24. Discussion followed. There was no public comment or action.

e. Consider Statement of Investment Policy (Gov. Code §53646(a))

Mr. Buelow presented the Annual Statement of Investment Policy, per Gov. Code §53646(a), dated March 14, 2024. Discussion followed.

Director Marymee made a **MOTION** to agree with the Annual Statement of Investment Policy provided by Mr. Buelow, Treasurer, and find that no changes are needed to the Investment Policy. Director Dunlap seconded, and the motion passed 4-0-1 following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee
NOES, Directors: None
ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

Agenda Item No. 10b was discussed at this point in the meeting.

f. Discuss FY 2023-2024 Budget

Mr. Buelow reviewed the current Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget in comparison to actual expenditures and expectations of expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. Discussion followed. Mr. Buelow reported that the staff is working on a draft Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to present to the Board in April. There was no public comment and no action.

8. SURFACE WATER REPORT

Mr. Buelow stated there was nothing to report.

9. GROUNDWATER PROGRAM REPORT

a. Groundwater Production, Reporting and Charges

i. Update on Groundwater Revenue

Mr. Buelow reviewed the income received from Groundwater Pump Charges and Groundwater Production reported to date. There was no discussion, no public comment, and no action.

ii. Update on Well Registration and Groundwater Production Reporting

Mr. Buelow introduced Ms. Jennifer Perez, Groundwater Program Administrator, who provided an update on Well Registrations and Groundwater Production Reporting including efforts to register unregistered or new wells in the District. Discussion followed. There was no public comment and no action.

b. Discuss severely delinquent Groundwater Reports and payment of pump charge and consider directing staff to begin an Investigation and prepare Reports of the following water producing facilities on the following properties:

- i. 2540 Mesa Verde Road and Roblar & Edison Streets, Santa Ynez (Alexander Family Trust; Horse Haven Ranch; Rancho Oneonta) (Zones A & E)
- ii. 1499 E. Hwy 246, Lompoc (Rodney Williams) (Zone B)
- iii. 755 E. Hwy 246, Lompoc (James Mosby) (Zone B)
- iv. 2501 & 2507 San Miguelito Road, Lompoc (Central Coast Holdings) (Zone C)
- v. 1431 W. Hwy 154, Santa Ynez (Figueroa Family) (Zone E)
- vi. 1209 Ballard Canyon Rd., Solvang (Larner Ranch) (Zone E)

Ms. Thompson distributed a memorandum dated March 20, 2024, from Ms. Perez regarding Delinquent Reporting of Groundwater Producing Facilities. Ms. Perez presented the memo to the Board. Discussion followed.

Director Marymee made a **MOTION** to direct staff to begin an Investigation and prepare Reports of the following water producing facilities on the following properties: 2540 Mesa Verde Road and Roblar & Edison Streets, Santa Ynez (Alexander Family Trust; Horse Haven Ranch; Rancho Oneonta) (Zones A & E); 1499 E. Hwy 246, Lompoc (Rodney Williams) (Zone B); 755 E. Hwy 246, Lompoc (James Mosby) (Zone B); 2501 & 2507 San Miguelito Road, Lompoc (Central Coast Holdings) (Zone C); 1431 W. Hwy 154, Santa Ynez (Figueroa Family) (Zone E); 1209 Ballard Canyon Rd., Solvang (Larner Ranch) (Zone E). Director Dunlap seconded, and the motion passed 4-0-1 following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee
NOES, Directors: None
ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

10. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

a. Update and discuss the SGM GSP Implementation Grant and Grant Projects

Mr. Buelow provided an update on the Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management GSP Implementation Grant and reported that the first invoice and progress report are being prepared by District staff for all GSA grant

reimbursable work done since October 4, 2022, through December 31, 2023. Public comment was received. Discussion followed.

Agenda Item No. 10b was discussed earlier in the meeting after Agenda Item No. 7e.

- b. Discuss and consider approving loan share funding to WMA, CMA and EMA for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25

Mr. Buelow explained the Loan Share funding options for temporarily providing funds to the WMA, CMA and EMA GSAs as seed money over the next couple of years for projects approved for reimbursement by the DWR GSP Implementation Grant and requested Board to consider amending the FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget to include GSA Loan Share of up to \$400,000, to be taken out of reserve accounts, if needed. Discussion followed.

Director Marymee made a **MOTION** to approve loan share funding to the GSAs, amend the current FY 2023-2024 Budget to include loan share funding, not to exceed \$400,000 total, and authorize the General Manager to allocate loan share funds to the three GSAs appropriately, subject to the loan share agreements between SYRWCD and each GSA. Director Dunlap seconded, and the motion passed 4-0-1 following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee

NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

- c. Update and discuss the EMA GSA Draft JPA, and projects and management actions

Mr. Buelow provided an update regarding JPA negotiations, including Ag Representation on the EMA GSA JPA Board. The SGMA Governance Ad Hoc committee members and other Directors provided input that Ag Representation must be included in the EMA JPA. Discussion followed. Public comments were received.

- d. Discuss and consider approving form of a Draft Administrative Services Agreement for presentation to JPA GSAs

Mr. Buelow presented the draft “Administrative Services Agreement Between the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin _____ Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (03-20-2024 DRAFT)”. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

Director Jordan made a **MOTION** to approve as to form the Draft Administrative Services Agreement for presentation to the JPAs for the CMA GSA and WMA GSA, subject to final approval by Legal Counsel and General Manager and directed staff to bring a revised version back to the Board for consideration, if any changes are made to the Agreement. Director Dunlap seconded, and the motion passed 4-0-1 following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee
NOES, Directors: None
ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

11. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 728 EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO DIRECTOR CYNTHIA ALLEN, PHD

Ms. Thompson distributed and read aloud Resolution No. 728, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO CYNTHIA ALLEN, PH.D. President Lahr presented the Resolution to Dr. Allen. Director Marymee requested a correction be made to the fourth whereas paragraph to reflect Cynthia Allen's leadership capacity with the Santa Barbara County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association not only involvement.

Director Jordan made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution No. 728, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO CYNTHIA ALLEN, PH.D., as amended. Director Dunlap seconded, and the motion passed 4-0-1 following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee
NOES, Directors: None
ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

12. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 729 EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO PRIOR GENERAL MANAGER, KEVIN D. WALSH AND CONSIDER A DEDICATION IN HIS MEMORY

Ms. Thompson distributed, and Mr. Buelow read aloud Resolution No. 729, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO KEVIN D. WALSH. Discussion followed.

Director Jordan made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution No. 729, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO KEVIN D. WALSH and dedicate the District conference room to Kevin Walsh's memory. Director Dunlap seconded, and the motion passed 4-0-1 following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee
NOES, Directors: None
ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

13. CONSIDER NOMINATION OF A BOARD MEMBER OR MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEE FOR ELECTION TO THE CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

COASTAL NETWORK, SEAT A

The Board considered making a nomination and took no action.

14. ATTORNEY REPORT

There was no attorney report.

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

There were no reports.

16. REQUESTS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no requests.

17. NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024, AT BUELLTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 140 WEST HIGHWAY 246, BUELLTON, CALIFORNIA

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Board meeting will be June 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

18. CLOSED SESSION

Prior to Closed Session, public comment was received regarding the Closed Session agenda items.

The Board took a break from 8:26 p.m. to 8:34 p.m. Michelle Gearhart of Adamski Moroski Madden Cumberland & Green LLP joined the meeting and the Board convened into Closed Session from 8:34 p.m. to 10:13 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- a. Conference with Labor Negotiator (President) re Salary/Compensation; Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code §§ 54957(b)(1), 54957.6.) Title: General Manager
- b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation/Public Employment/Appointment (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1).) Title: Water Resources Analyst/Biologist
- c. Public Employment (Gov't Code § 54957(b)(1).) Title: SGM Administrator
- d. 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 and Case No. 22CV02062
- e. 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.

- f. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(2)): Significant exposure to litigation (Two Matters).
- g. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(4)): Possible initiation of litigation (Two Matters).

19. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION / CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

20. ORAL RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO SALARY/COMPENSATION OF GENERAL MANAGER

Director Marymee made a MOTION to recommend that the Board of Directors increase the current General Manager's annual salary to match the previous General Manager annual salary plus a 5% increase and revisit consideration of the full compensation proposal and contract at the June 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors. There was no discussion and no public comment. Director Dunlap seconded, and the motion passed 4-0-1 following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee
NOES, Directors: None
ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

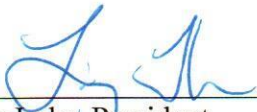
21. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY APPROVE CHANGES TO SALARY/COMPENSATION OF GENERAL MANAGER AND EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL MANAGER

The Board of Directors discussed the recommendation received from Director Marymee. Director Dunlap made a MOTION to approve the recommendation to increase the current General Manager's annual salary to match the previous General Manager annual salary plus a 5% increase and revisit consideration of the full compensation proposal and contract at the June 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors. There was no further discussion or public comment. Director Marymee seconded, and the motion passed 4-0-1 following roll call vote:

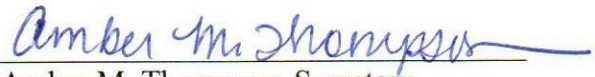
AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee
NOES, Directors: None
ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Lahr adjourned the meeting at 10:19 p.m.



Larry Lahr, President



Amber M. Thompson, Secretary

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL
(Account held at Five Star Bank)**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ACH	11/2/2023	Payroll	October 16-31, 2023 Salary	\$ 12,426.13
ACH	11/2/2023	Cynthia Allen	Meetings: 10/19 SYRWCD	\$ 69.26
ACH	11/2/2023	Steve Jordan	Meetings: 10/19 SYRWCD	\$ 69.26
ACH	11/2/2023	Larry Lahr	Meetings: 10/19 SYRWCD	\$ 69.26
ACH	11/2/2023	Brett Marymee	Meetings: 10/19 SYRWCD	\$ 69.26
ACH	11/2/2023	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (October 16-31, 2023)	\$ 1,150.39
ACH	11/2/2023	Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (October 16-31, 2023)	\$ 6,518.81
ACH	11/3/2023	Lincoln Financial Group	401a Plan Employer Match (partial due 10/31/23)	\$ 525.32
ACH	11/3/2023	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (10/31/23) & Employer Match (partial due 10/31/23)	\$ 3,431.91
1206	11/13/2023	Alex Pappas	October 2023 Outside Staff Support & TSS Grant Support	\$ 324.00
1207	11/13/2023	Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP	September 2023 Accounting Consulting and FY 2022-23 Audit	\$ 8,185.77
1208	11/13/2023	Inklings Printing Co.	GW forms and envelopes	\$ 1,545.63
1209	11/13/2023	Onsite Computers & Design	Office Supplies - Adobe Acrobat Business Package, 4 licenses	\$ 1,151.52
1210	11/13/2023	Pacific Gas & Electric	October 2023 Electric Service	\$ 221.22
1211	11/13/2023	Stetson Engineers	September 2023 Engineering Service	\$ 4,150.56
1212	11/13/2023	US Bank Corp	October 2023 CalCard	\$ 3,472.05
1213	11/13/2023	William Buelow	August, September, October 2023 Expense Reimbursement	\$ 67.47
1214	11/13/2023	Young Wooldridge	October 2023 Legal Service	\$ 36,067.68
1215	11/13/2023	California Special Districts Assoc.	2024 CSDA Membership and CSDA Sample Policy Handbook	\$ 3,616.00
1216	11/13/2023	Jim Heyerly	November 2023 Rent	\$ 1,600.00
1217	11/13/2023	Valley Bookkeeping Services	October 2023 Bookkeeping	\$ 380.00
1218	11/13/2023	Santa Barbara County Chapter of the California Special Districts Assoc.	2024 SBCCSDA Membership	\$ 150.00
ACH	11/15/2023	SDRMA	December 2023 Insurance - Employee Benefits	\$ 767.28
ACH	11/16/2023	Payroll	November 1-15, 2023 Salary	\$ 12,584.32
ACH	11/20/2023	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (November 1-15, 2023)	\$ 1,150.39
ACH	11/20/2023	Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (November 1-15, 2023)	\$ 6,156.51
ACH	11/20/2023	Lincoln Financial Group	401a Plan Employer Match (partial due 11/15/23)	\$ 525.32
ACH	11/20/2023	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (11/15/23) & Employer Match (partial due 11/15/23)	\$ 3,431.91
TOTAL \$				109,877.23

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DECEMBER 2023 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL
(Account held at Five Star Bank)**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ACH	12/4/2023	Payroll	November 16-30, 2023 Salary	\$ 13,190.39
ACH	12/4/2023	Cynthia Allen	Meetings: 11/13 CMA; 11/15 WMA	\$ 138.52
ACH	12/4/2023	Larry Lahr	Meeting: 11/13 CMA	\$ 69.26
ACH	12/4/2023	Brett Marymee	Meeting: 11/16 EMA	\$ 69.26
ACH	12/4/2023	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (November 16-30, 2023)	\$ 1,150.39
ACH	12/4/2023	Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (November 16-30, 2023)	\$ 4,990.29
ACH	12/4/2023	Lincoln Financial Group	401a Plan Employer Match (partial due 11/30/23)	\$ 525.32
ACH	12/4/2023	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (11/30/23) & Employer Match (partial due 11/30/23)	\$ 3,431.91
1219	12/13/2023	Access	Records Services: shredding service	\$ 58.19
1220	12/13/2023	Alex Pappas	November 2023 SGMA TSS Grant Support and Administrative Support	\$ 204.00
1221	12/13/2023	Onsite Computers & Design	IT Support - computer issues	\$ 312.50
1222	12/13/2023	Pacific Gas & Electric	November 2023 Electric Service	\$ 316.16
1223	12/13/2023	U.S. Geological Survey	USGS Lompoc GW Monitoring Program 2023	\$ 21,620.00
1224	12/13/2023	Amber Thompson	October-November 2023 Expense Reimbursement	\$ 391.69
1225	12/13/2023	Stetson Engineers	October 2023 Engineering Service	\$ 10,138.02
1226	12/13/2023	US Bank Corp	November 2023 CalCard	\$ 2,759.30
1227	12/13/2023	Valley Bookkeeping Services	November 2023 Bookkeeping	\$ 380.00
1228	12/13/2023	Young Wooldridge	November 2023 Legal Service	\$ 38,839.59
1229	12/13/2023	VOID	VOID	\$ -
1230	12/13/2023	Inklings Printing Co.	Business cards	\$ 79.10
1231	12/13/2023	Jim Heyerly	December 2023 Rent	\$ 1,600.00
ACH	12/13/2023	SDRMA	January 2024 Insurance - Employee Benefits	\$ 767.28
ACH	12/19/2023	Payroll	December 1-15, 2023 Salary	\$ 11,402.72
ACH	12/19/2023	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (December 1-15, 2023)	\$ 651.73
ACH	12/19/2023	Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (December 1-15, 2023)	\$ 3,107.80
ACH	12/19/2023	Lincoln Financial Group	401a Plan Employer Match (partial due 12/15/23)	\$ 525.32
ACH	12/19/2023	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (12/15/23) & Employer Match (partial due 12/15/23)	\$ 3,217.17
TOTAL				\$ 119,935.91

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 2024 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL
(Account held at Five Star Bank)**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ACH	1/3/2024	Payroll	December 16-30, 2023 Salary	\$ 8,306.30
ACH	1/3/2024	Cynthia Allen	Meetings: 12/6 SYRWCD; 12/20 WMA	\$ 138.52
ACH	1/3/2024	Mark Altshuler	Meeting: 12/6 SYRWCD	\$ 69.26
ACH	1/3/2024	Steve Jordan	Meetings: 12/6 SYRWCD; 12/14 EMA	\$ 138.52
ACH	1/3/2024	Larry Lahr	Meeting: 12/6 SYRWCD	\$ 69.26
ACH	1/3/2024	Brett Marymcc	Meeting: 12/14 EMA	\$ 69.26
ACH	1/3/2024	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (December 16-30, 2023)	\$ 562.13
ACH	1/3/2024	Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (December 16-30, 2023)	\$ 3,686.75
ACH	1/3/2024	Lincoln Financial Group	401a Plan Employer Match (partial due 12/30/23)	\$ 525.32
ACH	1/3/2024	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (12/30/23) & Employer Match (partial due 12/30/23)	\$ 2,133.69
1232	1/11/2024	Alex Pappas	December 2023 SGMA GIS Support and Surface Water Monitoring	\$ 137.00
1233	1/11/2024	Inklings Printing Co.	Groundwater statements pamphlet and newsletter	\$ 322.47
1234	1/11/2024	Pacific Gas & Electric	December 2023 Electric Service	\$ 145.92
1235	1/11/2024	William Buelow	December 2023 Expense Reimbursement (includes air travel to/from Sacramento)	\$ 1,248.80
1236	1/11/2024	Jim Heyerly	January 2024 Rent	\$ 1,600.00
1237	1/11/2024	Onsite Computers & Design	Replacement computer and IT support	\$ 2,697.08
1238	1/11/2024	Stetson Engineers	November 2023 Engineering Service	\$ 10,949.87
1239	1/11/2024	US Bank Corp	December 2023 CalCard	\$ 2,118.24
1240	1/11/2024	Valley Bookkeeping Services	December 2023 Bookkeeping	\$ 380.00
1241	1/11/2024	Young Wooldridge	December 2023 Legal Service	\$ 34,755.72
ACH	1/12/2024	SDRMA	February 2024 Insurance - Employee Benefits	\$ 762.36
ACH	1/17/2024	Payroll	January 1-15, 2024 Salary	\$ 10,735.09
ACH	1/17/2024	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (January 1-15, 2023)	\$ 616.91
ACH	1/17/2024	Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (January 1-15, 2023)	\$ 4,285.04
TOTAL				\$ 86,453.51

RESOLUTION NO. 728

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO**

CYNTHIA ALLEN. Ph.D.

WHEREAS, CYNTHIA ALLEN, Ph.D. was duly appointed to the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District on April 2, 2015, and served on the District Board with distinction and competence from that date until December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, was elected to serve as Board President on March 2, 2016, and continued to serve as such until her resignation from the Board in December 2023; and

WHEREAS, during this period, she represented the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors and constituents with distinction and competence by serving as a committee member or alternate on the Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Committee, the Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Committee, and the Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Committee; and

WHEREAS, during this period, she represented the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors with distinction and competence upon her election as the Alternate Special District Member on the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission, and her participation on the Board of the Santa Barbara County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association; and

WHEREAS, during this period she was involved in extensive conservation, protection, and planning activities of the District, including:

- ◆ Operation of the required downstream release provisions relating to the Cachuma Project, which resulted in the efficient recharge of the aquifers of the Santa Ynez River above the Lompoc Narrows and the aquifers of the Lompoc Groundwater Basin;
- ◆ Protection of the rights of the District's groundwater pumpers;
- ◆ Defense of the Cachuma Project Settlement Agreement, involving issues relating to water quantity, water quality, environmental protection, and flood control;
- ◆ Improvement of the District's Groundwater Well Registration and Production Reporting Program;

- ◆ Compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2015;
- ◆ Creation and implementation of three Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-15, Central, Western and Eastern Management Areas, and the formation of three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies;
- ◆ Compliance with all laws, regulations and executive orders of the United States and State of California;
- ◆ Promotion of sound District finances and long-term planning; and
- ◆ Involvement in many issues associated with the protection of water rights within the District; and

WHEREAS, her in-depth knowledge of water, special district operations, and public policy and administration was an invaluable resource to the District; and

WHEREAS, since her employment began in 1993 at Vandenberg Village Community Services District, she moved up the ranks from a Customer Service Representative to Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk to Administrative Services Manager to General Manager; and

WHEREAS, all while working, she earned four Associates degrees from Allan Hancock College, a Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Cal Poly, a Master's degree in Public Policy from Cal Poly, and in 2014, completed her Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from Walden University; and

WHEREAS, she is a loyal member of the Kansas City Chiefs Kingdom, a self-described Disney Maniac, a Daughter of the American Revolution, and proud mother and grandmother, devoted to her family, friends, and animals in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this Board of Directors as follows:

1. CYNTHIA ALLEN be acknowledged and honored on her departure from her position as Director of Division 1 of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District; and
2. On behalf of the citizens of the Santa Ynez and Lompoc Valleys, the Board of Directors and staff of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District hereby conveys to CYNTHIA ALLEN its sincere appreciation for a job well done and its heartfelt belief that the community in which she served remains indebted to her for her valuable service.

RESOLUTION NO. 729

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO**

KEVIN D. WALSH

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2019, KEVIN WALSH was duly appointed as General Manager of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District by the Board of Directors during a regular meeting of the Board and served with distinction and competence from April 1, 2019, until his death on January 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, his 45-plus year career began in 1978 and during that time he gained a wealth of experience in water issues, district operations, public policy, and administration which greatly benefited the District; and

WHEREAS, during his five-year tenure at the District, he was involved in extensive water conservation, water-rights protection, and planning activities of the District, including:

- ♦ Led efforts to safeguard the water rights and conserve the water supplies for both the residents and farmers of the Santa Ynez Valley, including Santa Ynez, Los Olivos, Solvang, Buellton, and the entire Lompoc plain;
- ♦ Directed the operation of the required downstream release provisions relating to the Cachuma Project, which resulted in the efficient recharge of the aquifers of the Santa Ynez River above and below the Lompoc Narrows;
- ♦ Defended the Cachuma Project Settlement Agreement, which resolved a long 50-year-old controversy between water users on the Santa Barbara south coast who divert water out of the watershed, and the riparian and uplands groundwater interests of the cities, landowners, and residents of the Santa Ynez River Basin;
- ♦ Directed and implemented plans for the District to lead the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act efforts in order for the Santa Ynez Basin to manage groundwater locally without outside interference;
- ♦ Promoted a sound approach to District finances and sought to improve all aspects of District operations;
- ♦ Maintained compliance with all laws, regulations and executive orders of the United States and the State of California;
- ♦ Persevered as a true pioneer in spirit, passionate about his work, his love of water, and his civic duty; and

