

NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

will be held on March 17, 2026, at 5:30 pm
at Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California

AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Additions, if any, to the Agenda
4. **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 the Agenda Item "Requests from the Board of Directors for items to be included on the next Agenda".
5. Receive Presentation from Paul Whipple of Empower regarding a Proposed Retirement Plans and Consider Authorizing Change to Retirement Plans
6. Consider approval of Resolution No.742, Changing Provider for Retirement Plans
7. Consider approval of Resolution No.741, Changing Time and Place of Regular Meetings
8. Annual Report (Water Code, § 75560, et seq.)
 - a. Report of Receipt of the 48th Annual Engineering and Survey Report on Water Supply Conditions in the District (Annual Report) for review (Water Code, § 75570)
 - b. Authorize Publication of Notice of Receipt of Annual Report and Public Hearing Thereon and Schedule Special Meeting for such Public Hearing (Gov. Code, § 6061; Water Code, §§ 75571-75573)
9. **Consent Agenda** – Routine Items for approval or rejected in single motion without separate discussion. Consent items can be removed and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion and possible action upon request by a Director.
 - a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2025
 - b. Financial Reports for FY 2025-2026, Period 6 and Period 7
 - c. Warrant Lists for November 2025, December 2025, and January 2026
 - d. Quarterly Investment Report
 - e. Consider Statement of Investment Policy (Gov. Code § 53646(a))
10. Discuss FY 2026-2027 Preliminary Draft Budget
11. **General Manager Report** - Status and Discussion on the following topics:
 - a. Surface Water Program
 - b. Groundwater Program

c. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

i. WMA, CMA and EMA

ii. Proposition 68 Grant Reimbursements, Projects, and Management Actions

12. Consider CSDA Board of Directors Call for Nominations, Seat C

13. Attorney Report

14. Reports, actions by Board members, questions of staff, status reports, announcements, observations, and other matters, and/or communications not requiring action.

15. Requests from the Board of Directors for items to be included on the next Agenda.

16. The next Special Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 20, at 10:00 AM at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

17. The next Regular Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 15, at 10:00 AM at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

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

18. Closed Session

The Board will hold a closed session to discuss the following items:

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1)): In the matter of Petition for Change of City of Solvang for Water Right Permit No. 15878 (Application A022423), which authorizes diversion of water from the Santa Ynez River (underflow) in Santa Barbara County, pending before the State Water Resources Control Board Office of Administrative Hearings.

b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(2)): Significant exposure to litigation (Three Matters).

c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(4)): Possible initiation of litigation (Five Matters).

19. Reconvene into Open Session / Closed Session Report

20. Adjournment

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