

NOTICE

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

will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 10:00 am
at Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California

AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Additions, if any, to the Agenda
5. **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".
6. **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 Special Meeting and Public Hearing of April 20, 2026, and Special Meeting of May 15, 2026
 - b. Financial Reports FY 2025-26 Period 9, March 2026
 - c. Warrant Lists for February, March, and April 2026
 - d. Quarterly Investment Report
7. Consider Adoption of Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
8. Report on Publication of Ordinance 2026-01 – Groundwater Charge Ordinance
9. Public Hearing on the 2026 Rate Study Report by Robert D. Neihaus, Inc.
10. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 742 Making Findings and Determinations, Establishing Zones, Setting Rates, and Levying a Groundwater Charge for Water Year 2026-2027
 - a. Open Hearing
 - b. Presentation by Robert D. Neihaus, Inc.
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Response to Comments Presented by Legal Counsel
 - e. Close Hearing
11. **General Manager Report** Status and Discussion on the following topics:
 - a. Surface Water Program
 - b. Groundwater Program
 - c. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
 - i. Receive updates for WMA, CMA and EMA
 - ii. Proposition 68 Grant Reimbursements, Projects, and Management Actions

12. Consider approval of proposed First Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency
13. Consider proposed changes to Employee Benefits
 - a. Life Insurance: Consider approval to increase maximum employee life insurance
 - b. Cell Phone: Consider approval of a monthly employee cellphone stipend
14. Receive Conflict of Interest Code-2026 Local Biennial Notice
15. Discuss and consider alternative Director information access options (request by Director Marymee)
16. Attorney Report
17. Reports, actions by Board members, questions of staff, status reports, announcements, observations, and other matters, and/or communications not requiring action
18. Requests from the Board of Directors for items to be included on the next Agenda
19. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2026, 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 Tuesday in March, June, September, and December at various locations within the District. Special meetings may be held at any location within the District.

20. Closed Session The Board will hold a closed session to discuss the following matters:
 - 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 (One Matter)
21. Reconvene into Open Session / Closed Session Report
22. Adjournment

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