

## NOTICE

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

will be held on March 19, 2025, at 6:30 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. Presentation of Resolution No. 734, Expressing Appreciation to Mark L. Altshuler
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. Board Secretary Report
  - a. Receipt of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Engineering and Survey Report on Water Supply Conditions in the District (Annual Report) for review (Gov. Code § 75575)
  - b. Schedule Special Meeting in April for Public Hearing for the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Report (Gov. Code § 75575)
7. **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 of December 11, 2024
  - b. Financial Reports
  - c. Warrant Lists for November 2024, December 2024, and January 2025
  - d. Quarterly Investment Report
  - e. Consider Statement of Investment Policy (Gov. Code § 53646(a))
8. Discuss FY 2025-2026 Preliminary Draft Budget
9. **Appointments of Board Representatives** and Alternate, designated with authority to vote on behalf of SYRWCD to the following:
  - a. Central Management Area GSA JPA: Director and Alternate Director
  - b. Eastern Management Area GSA JPA: Director and Alternate Director
  - c. Western Management Area GSA JPA: Director and Alternate Director
10. **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
  - d. Consider Approval of SYRWCD Employee Policy Handbook
11. Upcoming Tour opportunities
  12. Consider Board approval of the following:
    - a. Resolution No.735, Changing Time and Place of Regular Meetings
    - b. Consider Authorizing Staff to Commence Process for Increase in Director Compensation by Ordinance including Publication of Notice of Public Hearing (Water Code § 20201, et seq.)
  13. Consider Making a Nomination for CSDA Board of Directors, Seat B
  14. Attorney Report
  15. Reports, acts by Board members, questions of staff, status reports, announcements, observations, and other matters, and/or communications not requiring action.
  16. Requests from the Board of Directors for items to be included on the next Agenda.
  17. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2024, at 6:30 pm 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)): Wolff vs SYRWCD, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, Case No. 20CV01552 and Case No. 22CV02062
  - 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 – 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.
  - d. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(2)): Significant exposure to litigation (Two Matters).

- e. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(4)): Possible initiation of litigation (Two Matters).
- f. Conference with Labor Negotiator (President) re Employee Benefits (Gov. Code § 54957.6.)

19. Reconvene into Open Session / Closed Session Report

20. Adjournment

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