

## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT APRIL 20, 2026**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District was scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California, as directed by all the Directors.

Directors Present: Philip Carpenter, Robert Dunlap, Larry Lahr, and Brett Marymee

Directors Present (teleconference): Steve Jordan

Director Absent: None

Others Present (in-person): Bill Buelow, Alex Pappas, Jennifer Perez, and Amber Thompson

Others Present (teleconference): Steve Torigiani (Young Wooldridge)

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

President Lahr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Thompson called roll. All Directors were present providing a quorum.

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

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Lahr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **3. ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **5. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2026**

President Lahr submitted the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 17, 2026, for Board approval. There was no discussion or public comment.

Director Dunlap made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 17, 2026, as presented. Director Marymee seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5-0-0 by the following roll call vote:

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

6. **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 48<sup>TH</sup> 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 (2024-2025), CURRENT WATER YEAR (2025-2026), AND ENSUING WATER YEAR (2026-2027)**

a. Public Hearing

President Lahr opened the Public Hearing at 10:03 a.m.

Ms. Thompson announced that she received the 48<sup>th</sup> 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 (2024-2025), Current Water Year (2025-2026), and Ensuing Water Year (2026-2027), dated March 10, 2026 (Report) in writing on March 10, 2026, and that she posted it on the District's website for public access. Notice of the public hearing was published as required by law on April 1, 2026 in the Lompoc Record and on April 2, 2026 in the Santa Ynez Valley News. The Report has been available for more than the required 30-day review period including availability to the public on the District's website and at the District's office.

Mr. Buelow presented a review of the Annual Report. No public comments were made. Discussion followed.

b. Receive Board Comments

Comments were received from various members of the Board of Directors and discussion followed during the public hearing.

President Lahr closed the Public Hearing at 10:25 a.m.

c. Consider Approval and Acceptance of Annual Report Including the Findings and Determinations Therein and Any Appropriate Revisions

Director Marymee made a **MOTION** to approve and accept the 48<sup>th</sup> 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 (2024-2025), Current Water Year (2025-2026), and Ensuing Water Year (2026-2027) including the Findings and Determinations therein. Director Carpenter seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5-0-0 by the following roll call vote:

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

**7. ATTORNEY REPORT**

There was no report.

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

Director Marymee announced the Santa Barbara County CSDA chapter meeting will be on Monday, April 27, 2026 in Goleta.

Director Jordan reported that golden mussels have been found in CCWA's pipeline and could become a big problem.

Ms. Thompson announced that Mr. Buelow's ten-year anniversary with the District is this week.

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

Director Marymee requested a follow up by staff on ways the District can enhance the groundwater recharge of the District.

**10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 15, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE BUELLTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 140 WEST HIGHWAY 246, BUELLTON, CALIFORNIA**

President Lahr announced that the next scheduled regular meeting of the Board meeting will be June 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

**15. CLOSED SESSION**

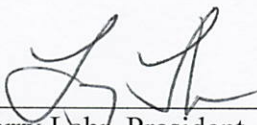
There was no closed session.

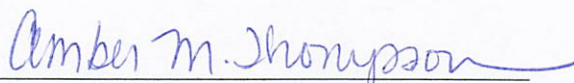
**13. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION / CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

There was no closed session.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Lahr adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

  
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Larry Lahr, President

  
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Amber M. Thompson, Secretary