

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AUGUST 12, 2025

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

Directors Present: Philip Carpenter, Steve Jordan, and Larry Lahr

Others Present (in-person): Bill Buelow and Alex Pappas

Others Present (teleconference): Brett Stroud and Steve Torigiani (Young Wooldridge)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Lahr called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm. Mr. Buelow called roll. Three Directors were present, providing a quorum. Director Dunlap and Director Marymee were absent.

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.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

5. Discuss and Consider approving the Revised WMA Cost Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement and Loan Contribution to WMA

Mr. Buelow presented the Santa Ynez WMA Joint Powers Authority Cost Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement for Board consideration. He explained that the original cost sharing and reimbursement agreement previously approved by the SYRWCD Board was not subsequently approved by all other JPA Member Agencies. The Agreement presented for consideration is a revised agreement that has been approved by the City of Lompoc, and Mission Hills CSD. Vandenberg Village CSD will consider the revised agreement at their board meeting scheduled for September 2, 2025.

Discussion followed. There were no public comments.

Director Carpenter made a **MOTION** to approve the revised Santa Ynez WMA Joint Powers Authority Cost Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement and directed staff to execute agreement and file accordingly, and approved staff to transfer requested funding pending full execution of the agreement. Director Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

Director Marymee reported that he will attend the Urban Water Institute Conference August 20-22, 2025, in Mission Bay with Bill Buelow.

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

There were no requests.

8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, 5:30 PM, AT BUELLTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 140 WEST HIGHWAY 246, BUELLTON, CALIFORNIA

The next regular meeting of the Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened in to Closed Session from 5:16 p.m. to 6:32 p.m. to discuss the following item:

- 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 (Four Matters).
- c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Evaluation of General Manager (Gov. Code, § 54957 (b)(1))

10. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION / CLOSED SESSION REPORT

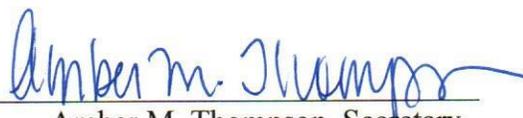
At 6:32 p.m., the Board reconvened into Open Session. President Lahr reported no action was taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Lahr adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.



Larry Lahr, President



Amber M. Thompson, Secretary