

NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND PUBLIC HEARING

will be held on April 23, 2025, at 6:00 pm
at Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California

Director Steve Jordan will be attending the meeting via teleconference from the following location:
31811 South Coast Highway, Laguna Beach, CA.

Director J. Brett Marymee will be attending the meeting via teleconference from the following location:
Embassy Suites by Hilton La Quinta Hotel & Spa 50-777 Santa Rosa Plaza La Quinta, CA 92253

Members of the public may join the Director at either of those locations.

REVISED AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2025.
6. **PUBLIC HEARING** on the 47th 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 (2023-2024), Current Water Year (2024-2025), and Ensuing Water Year (2025-2026)
 - a. **Public Hearing**
Any member of the public may address the Board relating to the 47th Annual Report. The time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes.
 - b. Receive Board Comments
 - c. Consider Approval and Acceptance of Annual Report Including the Findings and Determinations Therein and Any Appropriate Revisions
7. **Appointments of Board Representatives**, designated with authority to vote on behalf of SYRWCD to the Central Management Area GSA JPA: **Director and Alternate Director**
8. Preliminary Draft Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget

9. **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
 - iii. Review and consider additional funding for WMA, CMA and EMA in FY 2025-2026
 - iv. **Consider Further Amendment to SGMA Implementation Grant Agreement No. 4600015625**
10. Report about Field Trip to United WCD’s Freeman Diversion
11. Attorney Report
12. Reports, acts by Board members, questions of staff, status reports, announcements, observations, and other matters, and/or communications not requiring action.
13. Requests from the Board of Directors for items to be included on the next Agenda.
14. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

In compliance with the California Water Code and SYRWCD Board Resolution No. 735, 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.

15. 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).

16. Reconvene into Open Session / Closed Session Report

17. Adjournment

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