

NOTICE

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

will be held on December 16, 2025, at 5:30 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. 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. Board of Directors Officer Selections for 2026
6. Receive presentation by Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP and file the FY 2024-25 Financial Audit
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 Regular Meeting of September 16, 2025, and Adjourned Regular Meeting of September 30, 2025
 - b. Financial Reports
 - c. Quarterly Investment Report
 - d. Warrant Lists for September and October 2025
8. **Appointments of District Representatives** (including Directors and Alternate Directors) to serve on the governing bodies of the following entities:
 - a. Consider adoption of **Resolution No. 737** appointing representatives to the Central Management Area GSA JPA Board of Directors: Director and Alternate Director
 - b. Consider adoption of **Resolution No. 738** appointing representatives to the Eastern Management Area GSA JPA Board of Directors: Director and Alternate Director
 - c. Consider adoption of **Resolution No. 739** appointing representatives to the Western Management Area GSA JPA Board of Directors: Director and Alternate Director
 - d. California Special District Association (CSDA)
 - e. Santa Barbara County Chapter of the CSDA
 - f. Urban Water Institute

9. Consider SYRWCD Nominations for Santa Barbara LAFCO
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 and Grant Agreement Addendum
 - d. Proposed 2026 Conference Attendance
11. **PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance 25-01** of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Regarding Per Meeting Compensation for the Board of Directors.
 - a. Public Hearing
 - b. Any member of the public may address the Board relating to Ordinance 25-01. The time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes.
 - c. Board Discussion and Comments
 - d. Consider Approval and Adoption of Ordinance 25-01 (including appropriate revisions, if any).
12. Consider adoption of **Resolution No. 740** Clarifying Per Diem Payment and Expense Reimbursement to Directors for Attendance at Specified Occurrences.
13. Receive a 2026 Schedule of Regular Board of Director Meetings and GSA Meetings.
14. Receive a 2026 Schedule of District Holidays.
15. **Attorney Report**
 - a. SB 707 Brown Act Revisions
16. Reports, acts by Board members, questions of staff, status reports, announcements, observations, and other matters, and/or communications not requiring action.
17. Requests from the Board of Directors for items to be included on the next Agenda.
18. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2026, at 5:30 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 a specified Wednesday in March, June, September, and December at various locations within the District. Special meetings may be held on any day and at any location within the District.
19. **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 (Three Matters).
- c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(4)): Possible initiation of litigation (Six Matters).
- d. Performance Evaluation of Public Employee (Gov. Code, § 54957(b)(1)) - Title: General Manager.

20. Reconvene into Open Session / Closed Session Report (if any) (Gov. Code, § 54957.1).

21. Adjournment

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