

NOTICE

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

will be held at

Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California
at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Important Notice Regarding Public Hearing Comments: Operators of water producing facilities within the District and all persons interested in the condition of the groundwater or surface water supplies within the District are invited to review the Investigation and Report and submit evidence and comments concerning the groundwater conditions and surface water supplies of the District. Persons wishing to present evidence or comments to the Board of Directors may do so in person at the public hearing and those not able to attend in person are encouraged to provide any evidence or comments they may have prior to the public hearing to the Board Secretary, Amber Thompson, **via electronic mail athompson@SYRWCD.com** and indicate **“PUBLIC HEARING”** in the subject line, or drop off at the District office **no later than 5:00 p.m. April 25, 2023**. Appearances may also be made supporting or protesting the Investigation and Report.

Important Notice Regarding Public Comments: For those who may not attend the meeting in person but wish to provide public comment on any other matter, please submit any and all comments and written materials to the District **via electronic mail at athompson@syrwcd.com or dropped off at the District office**. All submittals should indicate **“PUBLIC COMMENT”** in the subject line or drop off at the District office **no later than 5:00 p.m. April 25, 2023**.

Public comments and materials received by the District after the posting of meeting packet will become part of the post-meeting materials available to the public and posted on the District website.

AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. 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”.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2023.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING** on the 45th 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 (2021-2022), Current Water Year (2022-2023), and Ensuing Water Year (2023-2024)
 - a. Open Public Hearing
Any member of the public may address the Board relating to the 45th Annual Report. The time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes.
 - b. Close Public Hearing
 - c. Receive Board Comments
 - d. Consider Action to Accept and File Annual Report Including the Findings and Determinations Therein and Any Appropriate Revisions
6. Preliminary Draft Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget
7. Discussion of Climate and Water Supply in regard to Atmospheric Rivers – Request by Director Marymee
8. Discussion of Cachuma Project Modified Winter Storm Operations – Request by Director Jordan
9. Consider Forming an Ad-Hoc Committee Regarding SGMA GSAs Governance
10. Letter of Resignation from Director Hibbits; Determine Whether to Fill Vacancy by Appointment Pursuant to Water Code § 74204 and Gov’t Code § 1780
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 7, 2023, 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 first Wednesday 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. Public Employee Performance Evaluation/Appointment. (Gov’t Code § 54957(b)(1).) Title: General Manager; Assistant General Manager

- b. 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
- c. 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.
- 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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