

NOTICE

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

will be held on December 11, 2024, at 6:30 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:
46250 East El Dorado, Indian Wells, CA 92210. Members of the public may join Director Jordan at that location.

AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. New Board Member Welcome and Introductions
4. Additions, if any, to the Agenda
5. **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".
6. Board of Directors Officer Selections
7. Receive presentation by Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP and file the FY 2023-24 Financial Audit.
8. **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 18, 2024
 - b. Financial Reports
 - c. Quarterly Investment Report
 - d. Warrant Lists for September and October 2024
9. **Appointments of Board Representatives** and Alternate, designated with authority to vote on behalf of SYRWCD to the following:
 - a. Central Management Area GSA JPA: Director and Alternate Director
 - b. Eastern Management Area GSA JPA: Director and Alternate Director
 - c. Western Management Area GSA JPA: Director and Alternate Director
 - d. California Special District Association (CSDA)
 - e. Santa Barbara County Chapter of the CSDA
 - f. Urban Water Institute

10. SYRWCD Nominations to Santa Barbara County Chapter CSDA Board

11. **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
- d. SYRWCD Employee Handbook
- e. SYRWCD Strategic Plan
- f. 2025 Conference Attendance

12. Consider Board approval of the following:

- a. First Amended and Restated Subgrant Agreement
- b. CMA Cost Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement
- c. WMA Cost Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement
- d. Resolution No.733, Announcing Final Adoption of a Conflict-of-Interest Code
- e. Resolution No.734, Expressing Appreciation for Director Altshuler

13. Consider change to SYRWCD Director Stipend

14. Review 2025 Schedule of District Holidays and Regular Board of Director Meetings

15. Attorney Report

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 19, 2025 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 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 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; Order WR 2019-0148; and Reclamation's Petition for Reconsideration or Rehearing re Order WR 2019-0148.

- 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).

20. Reconvene into Open Session / Closed Session Report

21. Adjournment

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