

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT JUNE 19, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

Directors Present: Robert Dunlap, Steve Jordan, Larry Lahr, and Brett Marymee

Director Absent: Mark Altshuler

Others Present (in-person): Bill Buelow, Paeter Garcia, Brad Joos, Alex Pappas, Amber Thompson, and Steve Torigiani (Young Wooldridge)

Others Present (teleconference): Theresa Jurotich and Sudhir Pardiwala (Raftelis)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Lahr called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Ms. Thompson called roll. Four Directors were present providing a quorum.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lahr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into Closed Session from 6:32 p.m. to 7:28 p.m. 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 Labor Negotiator (President) re Salary/Compensation; Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code §§ 54957(b)(1), 54957.6.) Title: General Manager

4. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION / CLOSED SESSION REPORT

President Lahr advised there was nothing to report from Closed Session. The Board decided to continue discussion of Agenda Item 3b during Closed Session Agenda Item 21 and deferred consideration of Agenda Items 5 and 6 to after Agenda Item 21.

AGENDA ITEMS NO. 5 AND NO. 6 ARE RECORDED AFTER AGENDA ITEM NO. 21

7. ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment. Ms. Thompson announced she did not receive any public comment prior to the meeting.

9. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF APRIL 25, 2024, AND SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 06, 2024

President Lahr submitted the minutes of the Special Meeting and Public Hearing of April 25, 2024, and Special Meeting of June 06, 2024, for Board approval. There was no discussion or public comment.

Director Marymee made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting and Public Hearing of April 25, 2024, and Special Meeting of June 06, 2024, as presented. Director Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by voice vote with Director Altshuler being absent.

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Quarterly Investment Report

Ms. Thompson presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023-24. There was no discussion, public comment or action.

b. Quarterly Comparison Balance Sheet

Ms. Thompson presented the Quarterly Comparison of the Balance Sheets for the quarters ending December 31, 2023, and March 31, 2024. Discussion followed. There was no public comment, and no action.

c. Balance Sheet & Profit/Loss Statement, FY 2023-24 Period 11, May 2024

Ms. Thompson presented the financial reports for Period 11 of FY 2023-24. There was no discussion, public comment or action.

d. Approval of Warrant Lists for February, March, April, and May 2024

Ms. Thompson presented the Warrant Lists for February, March, April, and May 2024. There was no discussion or public comment.

Director Jordan made a **MOTION** to approve the February, March, April, and May 2024 warrant lists which include check #s 1242-1283 plus ACH transactions totaling \$384,147.98. Director Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by voice vote with Director Altshuler being absent.

11. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Mr. Buelow presented his June 19, 2024, memorandum regarding Proposed Final Budget and Rate Study for Fiscal Year 2025 and a Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for Board consideration. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

Director Jordan made a **MOTION** to approve the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, as presented. Director Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by voice vote with Director Altshuler being absent.

12. REVIEW RATE STUDY REPORT BY RAFTELIS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 730 MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS, ESTABLISHING ZONES, SETTING RATES AND LEVYING A GROUNDWATER CHARGE FOR WATER YEAR 2024-2025

Ms. Theresa Jurotich made a presentation regarding the Rate Study Report, dated June 14, 2024, prepared by Raftelis. Discussion followed.

Mr. Paeter Garcia, General Manager, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1, distributed a public comment letter with attachments to each Board Director and made a verbal public comment. Trustee Brad Joos, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 Board of Trustees made a public comment. Mr. Torigiani noted that based on a quick review of the lengthy comment letter, and in light of Mr. Garcia's and Mr. Joos' verbal comments, the issues raised by ID No. 1 in its comments appear to be essentially the same issues recently raised by ID No. 1 in response to the Parent District's annual report(s) and/or rate study(ies) and which were considered and addressed in the preparation of this year's rate study.

Mr. Torigiani presented Resolution No. 730 MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS, ESTABLISHING ZONES, SETTING RATES AND LEVYING A GROUNDWATER CHARGE FOR WATER YEAR 2024-2025. Discussion followed.

Director Jordan made a **MOTION** to adopt Resolution No. 730 MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS, ESTABLISHING ZONES, SETTING RATES AND LEVYING A GROUNDWATER CHARGE FOR WATER YEAR 2024-2025, as presented. The motion was made with the understanding that legal counsel would further review the lengthy public comment letter just received at the meeting and that the Board may hold another meeting before the beginning of the next fiscal year (July 1, 2024) to reconsider adoption of the resolution, if after such review legal counsel, in consultation with the rate study consultant, recommends the rate study or resolution be modified in light of the public comment letter and should be reconsidered by the Board. In the absence of such a recommendation, the resolution is final and effective as provided therein without further action of the Board. Director Marymee seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee
NOES, Directors: None
ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

The Board decided to hold June 26, 2024, 6:00 p.m. for a possible special meeting if legal counsel recommends a special meeting to reconsider Resolution No. 730.

13. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT FOR THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AREA

Mr. Buelow presented his June 19, 2024, memorandum regarding Joint Powers Agreement for EMA and the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Santa Ynez River Valley Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency for Board consideration. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

Director Marymee made a **MOTION** to approve and authorize Execution of a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Santa Ynez River Valley Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as presented. Director Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by voice vote with Director Altshuler being absent.

14. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 731 APPOINTING BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EMA JPA BOARD (PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE)

Mr. Buelow presented Resolution No. 731 APPOINTING BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY JOINT POWERS AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS for Board consideration. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

Director Dunlap made a **MOTION** to adopt Resolution No. 731 APPOINTING BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY JOINT POWERS AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, appointing Director Marymee as Director and Director Jordan as Alternate Director. President Lahr seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee
NOES, Directors: None
ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

15. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

a. Update and discuss the SGM GSP Implementation Grant and Grant Projects

Mr. Buelow reported that staff of all member agencies from the three GSAs have been working together on DWR Proposition 68 GSP Implementation grant funds allocation subject to the GSAs signing a subgrant agreement with the District. There was no discussion, public comment, or action.

b. Discuss and consider SYRWCD's continuation of role as Plan Manager and provision of Administrative Services to CMA GSA and/or WMA GSA

Mr. Buelow reported that SYRWCD staff provided the "Administrative Services Agreement Between the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin _____ Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (03-20-2024 DRAFT)" to the CMA GSA and WMA GSA Board of Directors as was directed by the Board during the March 20, 2024 Board meeting. Mr. Torigiani reported that some edits were requested by the CMA GSA Board of Directors. Those edits are included in the "Administrative Services Agreement Between the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin _____ Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (05-23-2024 DRAFT)" for SYRWCD Board consideration.

Mr. Buelow recommended that the SYRWCD staff provide Administrative Services to the CMA GSA because the work is expected to be light but not provide Administrative Services to the WMA GSA due to SYRWCD staff limitations. Mr. Torigiani emphasized the need to have such an administrative agreement in place if SYRWCD staff were to continue providing management or administrative services to the GSAs. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

Director Dunlap made a **MOTION** to approve as to form the Administrative Services Agreement Between the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin _____ Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (05-23-2024 DRAFT) for presentation to the CMA GSA Board for consideration and for presentation on a short-term basis to the WMA GSA Board for consideration. Director Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by voice vote with Director Altshuler being absent.

16. AUTHORIZE PREPARATION OF WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN

Ms. Thompson reported that as a result of California Senate Bill 553 (SB 553), the SYRWCD is required to establish, implement, and maintain an effective, written Workplace Violence Prevention Plan (WVPP) no later than July 1, 2024. During WVPP training provided by California Special Districts Association, the trainer recommended a free template available from Cal/OSHA that can be customized. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

Director Jordan made a **MOTION** to authorize preparation of a Workplace Violence Prevention Plan. Director Marymee seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by voice vote with Director Altshuler being absent.

17. ATTORNEY REPORT

There was no attorney report.

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

Ms. Thompson reported that she recently completed all course materials to earn the Special District Leadership Foundation's Essential Leadership Skills Certificate.

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

There were no requests.

20. NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, 6:30 PM, AT BUELLTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 140 WEST HIGHWAY 246, BUELLTON, CALIFORNIA

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Board meeting will be September 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

21. CLOSED SESSION

The Board took a break from 8:51 p.m. to 8:57 p.m. The Board convened into Closed Session from 8:57 p.m. to 9:19 p.m. to discuss the following items:

The Board continued discussion of Agenda Item 3.b. Conference with Labor Negotiator (President) re Salary/Compensation; Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code §§ 54957(b)(1), 54957.6.) Title: General Manager

- a. 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.

- b. 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.
- c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(2)): Significant exposure to litigation (Two Matters).
- d. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(4)): Possible initiation of litigation (Two Matters).

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:19 p.m. and President Lahr advised there was nothing to report from Closed Session. The Board considered the deferred Agenda Items No. 5 and No. 6.

5. ORAL RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO SALARY/COMPENSATION OF GENERAL MANAGER

Director Jordan made a MOTION to recommend that the Board of Directors increase the current General Manager’s annual salary by \$10,000, retroactive to January 25, 2024, the date of his appointment to the position of General Manager and deferred consideration of an employment contract until the regular meeting in December 2024. There was no discussion and no public comment. Director Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee
 NOES, Directors: None
 ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

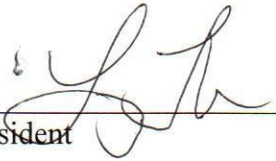
6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY APPROVE CHANGES TO SALARY/COMPENSATION OF GENERAL MANAGER AND EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL MANAGER

The Board of Directors discussed the recommendation received from Director Jordan. Director Jordan made a MOTION to increase the current General Manager’s annual salary by \$10,000, retroactive to January 25, 2024, the date of his appointment to the position of General Manager and deferred consideration of an employment contract until the regular meeting in December 2024. There was no further discussion or public comment. Director Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee
 NOES, Directors: None
 ABSENT, Directors: Altshuler

22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Lahr adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.



Larry Lahr, President



Amber M. Thompson, Secretary

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 2024 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL
(Account held at Five Star Bank)

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>PAYEE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| ACH | 2/2/2024 | Payroll | January 16-30, 2024 Salary | \$ 10,839.52 |
| ACH | 2/2/2024 | Mark Altschuler | Meetings: 1/25/24 SYRWCD | \$ 69.26 |
| ACH | 2/2/2024 | Steve Jordan | Meetings: 1/25/24 SYRWCD | \$ 69.26 |
| ACH | 2/2/2024 | Larry Lahr | Meetings: 1/25/24 SYRWCD | \$ 69.26 |
| ACH | 2/2/2024 | Brett Marymee | Meetings: 1/25/24 SYRWCD | \$ 69.26 |
| ACH | 2/5/2024 | Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct) | Payroll Tax Deposit (January 16-31, 2024) | \$ 4,368.50 |
| ACH | 2/5/2024 | Employment Development Dept. | EDD Tax Deposit (January 16-31, 2024) | \$ 622.96 |
| ACH | 2/5/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 401a Plan Employer Match (partial 01/15/24) | \$ 525.32 |
| ACH | 2/5/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (01/15/24) & Employer Match (partial 01/15/24) | \$ 2,133.69 |
| ACH | 2/5/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 401a Plan Employer Match (partial 1/31/24) | \$ 525.32 |
| ACH | 2/5/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (1/31/24) & Employer Match (partial 1/31/24) | \$ 2,133.69 |
| 1242 | 2/13/2024 | Barlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP | FY 2022-23 Audit | \$ 9,196.00 |
| 1243 | 2/13/2024 | Pacific Gas & Electric | January 2024 Electric Service | \$ 190.37 |
| 1244 | 2/13/2024 | Stetson Engineers | December 2023 Engineering Service | \$ 9,516.23 |
| 1245 | 2/13/2024 | US Bank Corp | January 2024 CalCard (included \$1,150 CR for cancelled ACWA Conference) | \$ 21.28 |
| 1246 | 2/13/2024 | Valley Bookkeeping Services | January 2024 Bookkeeping | \$ 380.00 |
| 1247 | 2/13/2024 | Brett Marymee | Expense Reimbursement: SBCo CSDA meeting, dinner & mileage | \$ 50.05 |
| 1248 | 2/13/2024 | Jim Heyerly | February 2024 Rent | \$ 1,600.00 |
| 1249 | 2/13/2024 | Onsite Computers & Design | IT support | \$ 750.00 |
| 1250 | 2/13/2024 | VOID | printing error | \$ - |
| 1251 | 2/13/2024 | Young Wooldridge | January 2024 Legal Service | \$ 20,040.72 |
| 1252 | 2/13/2024 | Shirley Scales | Groundwater Program support | \$ 712.50 |
| ACH | 2/15/2024 | SDRMA | March 2024 Insurance - Employee Benefits | \$ 764.82 |
| ACH | 2/16/2024 | Payroll | February 1-15, 2024 Salary | \$ 10,497.75 |
| ACH | 2/16/2024 | Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct) | Payroll Tax Deposit (February 1-15, 2024) | \$ 4,199.72 |
| ACH | 2/16/2024 | Employment Development Dept. | EDD Tax Deposit (February 1-15, 2024) | \$ 603.16 |
| ACH | 2/16/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 401a Plan Employer Match (partial 2/15/24) | \$ 525.32 |
| ACH | 2/16/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (2/15/24) & Employer Match (partial 2/15/24) | \$ 2,133.69 |
| TOTAL | | | | \$ 82,607.65 |

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MARCH 2024 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL
(Account held at Five Star Bank)

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>PAYEE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| ACH | 3/1/2024 | Payroll | February 16-29, 2024 Salary | \$ 10,440.78 |
| ACH | 3/1/2024 | Robert Dunlap | Meetings: 1/25/24 SYRWCD | \$ 69.26 |
| ACH | 3/1/2024 | Steve Jordan | Meetings: 2/22 EMA; 2/28 WMA | \$ 138.52 |
| ACH | 3/1/2024 | Larry Lahr | Meetings: 2/26 CMA | \$ 69.26 |
| ACH | 3/1/2024 | Brett Marymee | Meetings: 2/22 EMA | \$ 69.26 |
| ACH | 3/5/2024 | Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct) | Payroll Tax Deposit (February 16-29, 2024) | \$ 4,236.66 |
| ACH | 3/5/2024 | Employment Development Dept. | EDD Tax Deposit (February 16-29, 2024) | \$ 599.86 |
| ACH | 3/8/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 401a Plan Employer Match (partial 2/29/24) | \$ 525.32 |
| ACH | 3/8/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (2/29/24) & Employer Match (partial 2/29/24) | \$ 2,133.69 |
| 1253 | 3/11/2024 | Access | Archived Records - Storage Retrieval | \$ 102.47 |
| 1254 | 3/11/2024 | Alex Pappas | December 2023, January & February 2024 Mileage Reimbursement - Surface Water Monitoring | \$ 111.35 |
| 1255 | 3/11/2024 | Amber Thompson | December 2023, January & February 2024 Mileage Reimbursement | \$ 269.21 |
| 1256 | 3/11/2024 | Santa Barbara County Water Agency | IRWM Participation Cost (7/1/23-12/31/23) | \$ 91.74 |
| 1257 | 3/11/2024 | Inklings Printing Co. | Business Cards - William Buelow | \$ 46.93 |
| 1258 | 3/11/2024 | Jim Heyerly | March 2024 Rent | \$ 1,600.00 |
| 1259 | 3/11/2024 | Onsite Computers & Design | IT support | \$ 406.25 |
| 1260 | 3/11/2024 | Pacific Gas & Electric | February 2024 Electric Service | \$ 206.79 |
| 1261 | 3/11/2024 | VOID | VOID - printing error | \$ - |
| 1262 | 3/11/2024 | Stetson Engineers | January 2024 Engineering Service | \$ 8,894.64 |
| 1263 | 3/11/2024 | US Bank Corp | February 2024 CalCard | \$ 1,846.01 |
| 1264 | 3/11/2024 | Valley Bookkeeping Services | February 2024 Bookkeeping | \$ 380.00 |
| 1265 | 3/11/2024 | Young Wooldridge | February 2024 Legal Service | \$ 29,474.91 |
| ACH | 3/11/2024 | SDRMA | April 2024 Insurance - Employee Benefits (includes CR for cancelled employee benefits Feb. & March) | \$ 79.80 |
| ACH | 3/19/2024 | Payroll | March 1-15, 2024 Salary | \$ 10,630.66 |
| ACH | 3/19/2024 | Employment Development Dept. | EDD Tax Deposit (March 1-15, 2024) | \$ 610.86 |
| ACH | 3/19/2024 | Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct) | Payroll Tax Deposit (March 1-15, 2024) | \$ 4,247.50 |
| ACH | 3/19/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 401a Plan Employer Match (partial 3/15/24) | \$ 525.32 |
| ACH | 3/19/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (3/15/24) & Employer Match (partial 3/15/24) | \$ 2,133.69 |
| ACH | 3/27/2024 | CMA GSA | Loan to CMA GSA | \$ 25,000.00 |
| ACH | 3/27/2024 | WMA GSA | Loan to WMA GSA | \$ 25,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | \$ 129,940.74 |

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
APRIL 2024 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL
(Account held at Five Star Bank)

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>PAYEE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| ACH | 4/2/2024 | Payroll | March 16-31, 2024 Salary | \$ 10,805.68 |
| ACH | 4/2/2024 | Robert Dunlap | Meetings: 3/20//24 SYRWCD | \$ 69.26 |
| ACH | 4/2/2024 | Steve Jordan | Meetings: 3/28 EMA; 3/20 SYRWCD | \$ 138.52 |
| ACH | 4/2/2024 | Larry Lahr | Meetings: 3/25 CMA; 3/20 SYRWCD | \$ 138.52 |
| ACH | 4/2/2024 | Brett Marymee | Meetings: 3/28 EMA; 3/20 SYRWCD | \$ 138.52 |
| ACH | 4/2/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 401a Plan Employer Match (partial 3/31/24) | \$ 560.12 |
| ACH | 4/2/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (3/31/24) & Employer Match (partial 3/31/24) | \$ 2,133.69 |
| ACH | 4/3/2024 | Employment Development Dept. | EDD Tax Deposit (March 16-31, 2024) | \$ 655.12 |
| ACH | 4/3/2024 | Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct) | Payroll Tax Deposit (March 16-31, 2024) | \$ 4,482.30 |
| 1266 | 4/8/2024 | Inklings Printing Co. | Groundwater Production Statements, forms, envelopes | \$ 1,346.37 |
| 1267 | 4/8/2024 | Jim Heyerly | April 2024 Rent | \$ 1,600.00 |
| 1268 | 4/8/2024 | Onsite Computers & Design | IT support and Office 365 annual subscriptions | \$ 4,379.00 |
| 1269 | 4/8/2024 | Pacific Gas & Electric | March 2024 Electric Service | \$ 188.33 |
| 1270 | 4/8/2024 | US Bank Corp | March 2024 CalCard | \$ 2,286.94 |
| 1271 | 4/8/2024 | Valley Bookkeeping Services | March 2024 Bookkeeping | \$ 380.00 |
| 1272 | 4/8/2024 | Young Wooldridge | March 2024 Legal Service | \$ 22,399.48 |
| 1273 | 4/8/2024 | VOID | Printing error | \$ - |
| ACH | 4/15/2024 | SDRMA | May 2024 Insurance - Employee Benefits | \$ 536.48 |
| ACH | 4/17/2024 | Payroll | April 1-15, 2024 Salary | \$ 10,858.93 |
| ACH | 4/17/2024 | Employment Development Dept. | EDD Tax Deposit (April 1-15, 2024) | \$ 666.73 |
| ACH | 4/17/2024 | Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct) | Payroll Tax Deposit (April 1-15, 2024) | \$ 4,443.94 |
| ACH | 4/18/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 401a Plan Employer Match (partial 4/15/24) | \$ 568.82 |
| ACH | 4/18/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (4/15/24) & Employer Match (partial 4/15/24) | \$ 2,133.69 |
| TOTAL | | | | \$ 70,910.44 |

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MAY 2024 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL
(Account held at Five Star Bank)

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>PAYEE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| ACH | 5/1/2024 | Payroll | April 16-30, 2024 Salary | \$ 10,934.88 |
| ACH | 5/1/2024 | Mark Altshuler | Meetings: 4/24 SYRWCD | \$ 69.26 |
| ACH | 5/1/2024 | Robert Dunlap | Meetings: 4/24 SYRWCD | \$ 69.26 |
| ACH | 5/1/2024 | Steve Jordan | Meetings: 4/24 WMA; 4/24 SYRWCD | \$ 138.52 |
| ACH | 5/1/2024 | Larry Lahr | Meetings: 4/24 SYRWCD | \$ 69.26 |
| ACH | 5/1/2024 | Brett Marymcc | Meetings: 4/24 SYRWCD | \$ 69.26 |
| ACH | 5/2/2024 | Employment Development Dept. | EDD Tax Deposit (April 16-30, 2024) | \$ 671.13 |
| ACH | 5/2/2024 | Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct) | Payroll Tax Deposit (April 16-30, 2024) | \$ 4,540.12 |
| 1274 | 5/14/2024 | VOID | Printing error | \$ - |
| 1275 | 5/14/2024 | Jim Heyerly | May 2024 Rent | \$ 1,600.00 |
| 1276 | 5/14/2024 | Onsite Computers & Design | IT support | \$ 250.00 |
| 1277 | 5/14/2024 | Pacific Gas & Electric | April 2024 Electric Service | \$ 145.32 |
| 1278 | 5/14/2024 | Raftelis | Labor Rate Study | \$ 4,586.25 |
| 1279 | 5/14/2024 | Stetson Engineers | February & March 2024 Engineering Service | \$ 20,601.84 |
| 1280 | 5/14/2024 | US Bank Corp | April 2024 CalCard | \$ 1,546.09 |
| 1281 | 5/14/2024 | Valley Bookkeeping Services | April 2024 Bookkeeping | \$ 380.00 |
| 1282 | 5/14/2024 | Young Wooldridge | April 2024 Legal Service | \$ 20,439.35 |
| 1283 | 5/14/2024 | Santa Barbara County Water Agency | Loan to EMA GSA. Per EMA GSA Interim Cost Sharing Agreement, reimbursement paid to SBCo Water Agency for SYRWCD's share of EMA GSA 3rd Annual Report. | \$ 12,438.75 |
| ACH | 5/15/2024 | SDRMA | June 2024 Insurance - Employee Benefits | \$ 536.48 |
| ACH | 5/15/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 401a Plan Employer Match (partial 4/30/24) | \$ 568.82 |
| ACH | 5/15/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (4/30/24) & Employer Match (partial 4/30/24) | \$ 2,133.69 |
| ACH | 5/17/2024 | Payroll | May 1-15, 2024 Salary | \$ 11,020.32 |
| ACH | 5/17/2024 | Employment Development Dept. | EDD Tax Deposit (May 1-15, 2024) | \$ 676.08 |
| ACH | 5/17/2024 | Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct) | Payroll Tax Deposit (May 1-15, 2024) | \$ 4,501.96 |
| ACH | 5/17/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 401a Plan Employer Match (partial 5/15/24) | \$ 568.82 |
| ACH | 5/17/2024 | Lincoln Financial Group | 457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (5/15/24) & Employer Match (partial 5/15/24) | \$ 2,133.69 |
| TOTAL | | | | \$ 100,689.15 |

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BUDGET

JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

REVENUES:

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Groundwater Charge Rates | \$700,668 |
| SB County Property Taxes | \$375,950 |
| Interest Income | \$48,000 |
| Misc. Income | \$200 |
| SGM Grant Reimbursement | \$2,900,000 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 4,024,818 |

EXPENSES

Internal Operations / Expenses

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Employee Salaries | \$447,000 |
| Payroll (SS and Medicare) | \$34,000 |
| Employee Benefits | \$9,000 |
| Retirement Plan Contributions | \$47,000 |
| Outside Services | \$7,000 |
| Office Expense | \$55,000 |
| Director Fees | \$8,400 |
| Travel & Training | \$12,000 |
| Annual Audit | \$20,000 |
| Insurance & Worker's Comp | \$26,000 |
| Dues and LAFCO Fees | \$6,000 |
| Groundwater Charges Program | \$106,000 |
| Miscellaneous | \$1,000 |

SUB-TOTAL INTERNAL OPERATIONS \$778,400

Legal

| | |
|--|----------|
| General and Misc. | \$26,500 |
| Downstream Release/Upper SYR Ops/89-18 | \$2,500 |
| WR Decision (2019-0148) | \$36,500 |
| Fisheries Issues | \$20,000 |
| Employment/HR | \$2,500 |
| Groundwater Program | \$7,000 |

SUB-TOTAL LEGAL \$95,000

Engineering / Environmental

| | |
|--|----------|
| General & Misc. | \$7,000 |
| Annual GW Report | \$25,000 |
| Downstream Releases Operations / 89-18 | \$70,000 |
| Upper SYR Operations | \$5,000 |
| WR Decision (2019-0148) | \$25,000 |
| Fisheries Hydrology | \$30,000 |
| Special Studies | \$47,000 |

SUB-TOTAL ENGINEERING / ENVIRONMENTAL \$209,000

SYRWCD SGMA Expenses \$50,000

Contingencies \$50,000

SUB-TOTAL O&M EXPENSES \$1,182,400

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Grant Pass Through | \$2,823,000 |
| SYRWCD GSA Loan Contributions | \$325,000 |

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 4,330,400

INCOME LESS EXPENSES \$ (305,582)

RESULTING INVESTMENT RESERVES \$2,182,479

RESOLUTION NO. 730

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS, ESTABLISHING ZONES,
SETTING RATES, AND LEVYING A GROUNDWATER CHARGE
WITHIN THE DISTRICT FOR THE WATER YEAR 2024-2025**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Water Code section 75560, et seq., an engineering investigation and report (entitled Forty-Sixth 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 (2022-2023), Current Water Year (2023-2024), and Ensuing Water Year (2024-2025), dated March 11, 2024) was duly prepared by the District’s consulting engineer, Stetson Engineers, Inc. (hereinafter “Annual Report”), which Annual Report as detailed herein below was made available for public examination as required by law, submitted to and approved following a public hearing by the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District’s (“District”) Board of Directors at its April 24, 2024 meeting pursuant to Water Code section 75570 et seq., and provides specific factual data and other evidence to permit the District to make findings and determinations as required by law including Water Code section 75574; and

WHEREAS, the District duly noticed a public hearing pursuant to Water Code section 75570 et seq. and in accordance with Government Code section 6061, for the April 24, 2024 meeting of the District’s Board of Directors (“Board”), which notice, among other information, provided notice of receipt of the Annual Report and hearing thereon and invited all operators of water-producing facilities within the District to examine such report and appear and submit evidence concerning the groundwater conditions and the surface water supplies of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report among other evidence presented at the April 24, 2024 hearing and meeting of the District’s Board of Directors was in accord with and in support of the continuation of such a groundwater charge on all water-producing facilities within the District to finance the District activities and purposes as set forth in Water Code section 74000 et seq., for the water year 2024-25; and

WHEREAS, evidence was also presented at said hearing and meeting regarding benefits of the District’s activities which different zones of the District enjoy; and

WHEREAS, evidence was also presented a said hearing and meeting supporting a finding that continuation of such a charge is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act by Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8); and

WHEREAS, the only comments submitted prior to or at said hearing and meeting regarding said Annual Report were submitted by Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 (“Improvement District No. 1”); and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report was approved and accepted by the Board of Directors at said April 24, 2024 board meeting, with the approved version of the Annual Report being subsequently marked as FINAL May 7, 2024 and filed with the District, and made the findings and determinations set forth on pages 10 and 11 of the Report; and

WHEREAS, this District performs essential regulatory activities in managing, protecting, conserving, augmenting, replenishing, and enhancing the water supplies for users within the District, including groundwater resources within the District. The groundwater charge rates herein establish a reasonable relationship to each user’s burdens on or benefits of the District’s activities including those activities described on pages 1 through 5 of the Annual Report; and

WHEREAS, groundwater charges herein established are levied upon those electing to pump groundwater (as defined in Water Code section 75502) and to the extent of groundwater pumping, and such charges enable the District to perform its essential regulatory activities to manage, protect, conserve, replenish, augment, and enhance the water supplies for users within the District, including groundwater resources within the District; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the District to continue to provide these activities, which require concentrated, coordinated action on behalf of all District water users, including groundwater users within the District, who by their extraction of groundwater burden the underlying groundwater basin and benefit from the District’s services in a manner that non-payers do not, rather than to leave such activities to individuals who could neither afford nor effectively act to protect or augment their water resources as individuals; and

WHEREAS, the groundwater charges fund the continuation of groundwater management services performed by the District to mitigate the burdens imposed on the groundwater basin within the District by groundwater extractors for the benefits of the groundwater basin; and

WHEREAS, the District has commissioned preparation of a Rate Study Report by Raftelis to, among things, develop a financial plan and conduct a costs of service study for the District and demonstrate its groundwater charge rates are necessary to cover the reasonable costs of the District’s activities and are allocated to persons extracting groundwater within the District in a manner that bears a fair or reasonable relationship to the benefits received from the District’s activities consistent with Proposition 26 (California Constitution, Article 13C, § 1); and

WHEREAS Raftelis prepared a Rate Study Report dated June 14, 2024, which report was made available for public inspection and review, distributed to the members of the Board, posted on the District’s website, and presented to, discussed with and considered by the District’s Board of Directors at its meeting of ~~July~~ ^{June} 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, such groundwater charges do not exceed the reasonable costs of the District carrying out its activities, and the manner in which the costs are allocated bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor’s burden on or benefits received from the District’s activities consistent with applicable law, including Proposition 26; and

WHEREAS, while property taxes can be used to finance a portion of the costs of the District’s activities, existing limitations on property tax revenues which historically were used to finance District purposes preclude continuation of District activities without additional financing; and

WHEREAS, the District first implemented a groundwater charge prior to January 1, 1982, to implement the transition from the property taxation system in effect prior to June 1, 1978; and

WHEREAS, the groundwater charges are reasonably related to the District’s activities, including regulatory and groundwater management services, and the need to maintain appropriate financial reserves for such purposes, and do not generate a surplus for general revenue purposes; and

WHEREAS, this Board determines that it is in the best interest of the residents, landowners, and water users within the District, including persons operating ground water-producing facilities, that a groundwater charge and several zones be established within the District, and that a groundwater charge be levied at the rates provided for herein within those zones upon those persons who elect to produce groundwater from a water-producing facility within the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this Board of Directors as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals of fact are true and correct;
2. The Board hereby approves the “Rate Study Report” prepared by Raftelis dated June 14, 2024;
3. The Board hereby makes the following findings and determinations pursuant to Water Code section 75574:

- (a) The average annual overdraft for the immediate past ten (10) water years (July 2013-June 2023): 2,800 ± acre-feet;
- (b) The estimated annual overdraft for the current (2023-24) water year (July 2023-June 2024): 3,300 ± acre-feet;
- (c) The estimated annual overdraft for the ensuing (2024-25) water year (July 2024-June 2025): 2,200 ± acre-feet;
- (d) The accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the preceding (2022-23) water year (June 30, 2023): 141,100 ± acre-feet in terms of accumulated dewatered storage. Accumulated overdraft as defined in Water Code Section 75505 is nominal, at this time;
- (e) The estimated accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the current (2023-24) water year (June 30, 2024): 142,600 ± acre-feet in terms of accumulated dewatered storage. Accumulated overdraft as defined in Water Code 75505 is nominal, at this time;
- (f) The estimated amount of agricultural and special irrigation water to be withdrawn from the groundwater supplies of the District for the ensuing (2024-25) water year (July 2024-June 2025): 29,985 acre-feet of agricultural water and 1,515 acre-feet of special irrigation water;
- (g) The estimated amount of water other than agricultural water or special irrigation water to be withdrawn from the groundwater supplies of the District for the ensuing (2024-25) water year (July 2024-June 2025): approximately 11,835 acre-feet;
- (h) The estimated amount of water necessary for surface distribution for the ensuing (2024-25) water year (July 2024-June 2025): approximately 2,700 acre-feet scheduled to be delivered by the Central Coast Water Agency to contractors within the District;
- (i) The amount of water, which is necessary for the replenishment of the groundwater supplies of the District: 141,100 ± acre-feet to completely replenish accumulated dewatered storage;
- (j) The amount of water the District is obligated by contract to purchase: The District is not obligated by contract to purchase water.

4. The Board hereby establishes the following zones within the District:

Zone A: District portion of the Santa Ynez River alluvial channel from San Lucas Bridge downstream to the Lompoc Narrows, as depicted on Figure 2, Page 15, of the “Forty-Sixth 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 (2022-2023), Current Water Year (2023-2024), and Ensuing Water Year (2024-2025)” FINAL dated May 7, 2024, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Zone B: District portion of the Lompoc Plain, Lompoc Upland, and Lompoc Terrace groundwater subareas, as depicted on said Figure 2;

Zone C: All other portions of the District not included in Zones A, B, D, E, and F, as depicted on said Figure 2;

Zone D: District portion of the Buellton Upland subarea, as depicted on said Figure 2;

Zone E: District portion of the Santa Ynez Upland subarea, as depicted on said Figure 2;

Zone F: District portion of the Santa Rita Upland subarea, as depicted on said Figure 2;

5. A groundwater charge is hereby levied against all persons operating ground water-producing facilities, and the following rates are hereby established and applied to all water produced from such facilities within each zone as shown below for the fiscal year 2024-25:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Zone A (all water types) | \$22.60 per acre-foot |
| Zone B (all water types) | \$15.70 per acre-foot |
| Zone C (all water types) | \$13.70 per acre-foot |
| Zone D (all water types) | \$13.70 per acre-foot |
| Zone E (all water types) | \$13.70 per acre-foot |
| Zone F (all water types) | \$13.70 per acre-foot |

6. The Board hereby finds and determines, based on substantial evidence including information provided in the above-referenced Annual Report and Rate Study Report, that the rates set forth above bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the groundwater producers’ benefits on, or burdens received from, the District’s activities that are funded by these fees.

7. The Board hereby establishes the following methods to compute the amounts of water produced from a ground water-producing facility within the District:
- (a) If the well production is metered by a flow meter, then the meter reading will be utilized.
 - (b) If the well is not metered, but has a separate electric meter, then production may be determined from electrical consumption and pump test results, if available. Annual pump tests shall be run whenever possible with the results of the most recent test used to verify and/or adjust meter readings.
 - (c) Production may be estimated based upon type of water use, estimated applied unit use, area irrigated, and types of crops grown on land, or number of connections or persons served, or type and quantity of units produced.
 - (d) Other criteria may be recommended by the District's engineer from time to time which will allow the Board to determine with reasonable accuracy the amount of water produced from a ground water-producing facility.
8. In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8), the Board hereby finds said groundwater charges are for the purposes set forth therein including meeting the District's operating expenses, purchasing or leasing supplies, materials or equipment, and meeting financial reserve needs and requirements, as demonstrated in the Rate Study Report.

The foregoing resolution being on motion of Director Jordan, seconded by Director Marymee, was authorized by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Marymee

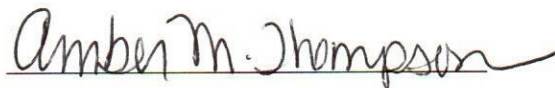
NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT/ABSTAINING, Directors: Altshuler

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said district as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on the 19th of June 2024.



Larry Lahr, President



Amber M. Thompson, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 731

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
APPOINTING BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY
GROUNDWATER BASIN EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY JOINT POWERS AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WHEREAS, a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (“Agreement”) has been made by and between the City of Solvang (“City”); the Santa Barbara County Water Agency (“County”); the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (“District”); and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 (“Improvement District”) for the purpose of forming a separate entity pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code § 6500, et seq.) to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that this entity shall be known as the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EMA GSA”); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that the EMA GSA shall be governed by a Board of Directors (“Board”) consisting of one representative Director appointed from each of the Members of the EMA GSA (City; County; District; Improvement District); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement further provides that each of the Members shall have the right to appoint an Alternate to act as a substitute Director; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement requires said representatives be appointed by adoption of a Resolution by each of the Members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The District finds that the Recitals set forth above are true and correct and they are incorporated herein and made an operative part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Appointment of Director. J. Brett Marymee is hereby appointed as a Director to the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors, subject to the Agreement being executed by all Members and becoming effective.

Section 3. Appointment of Alternate Director. Steve Jordan is hereby appointed as an Alternate Director to the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors to act as a

substitute Director, subject to the Agreement being executed by all Members and becoming effective.

The foregoing resolution being on motion of Director Dunlap, seconded by Director Lahr, was authorized by the following roll call vote:

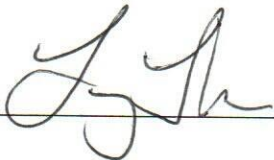
AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors: Dunlap, Jordan, Lahr, Margmee

NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT/ABSTAINING, Directors: Altshuler

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution of said district as duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District at a regular meeting held on the 19th of June 2024.



Larry Lahr, President



Amber M. Thompson, Secretary