

**BYLAWS**  
**OF**  
**SAN ANTONIO BASIN WATER DISTRICT**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The San Antonio Basin Water District consists of approximately 86,484 acres located in Santa Barbara County. It was formed effective May 14, 2020. These Bylaws are prepared as required by Water Code sections 35300 through 35306.

**II. MANNER OF CALLING ELECTIONS**

All District elections, both general and special, shall be called by a majority vote of the Board of Directors in accordance with the requirements of the California Water District law (Water Code sections 34000, *et seq.*) (the “District Law”), the Uniform District Election Law (Elections Code section 10500, *et seq.*) (“UDEL”), and other applicable laws.

**III. TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF CONDUCTING ELECTIONS**

All District elections, both general and special, shall be held at a time and place and conducted in accordance with District Law, UDEL, and other applicable law.

All District elections, both general and special, shall be conducted by the District.

All District elections, both general and special, shall be conducted by all-mail ballot as prescribed by District Law, UDEL, and other applicable law. The Board of Directors shall, before any general or special District election is held, give public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the election in accordance with the requirements of District Law, UDEL, and other applicable law.

**IV. MANNER OF VOTING**

At all District elections, both general and special, each holder of title to land within the District shall have one vote for each dollar’s worth of land to which he or she holds title, in accordance with California Water Code section 35003 and other applicable law. The last assessment book of the District is conclusive evidence of ownership and of the value of the land so owned.

Every voter, or his or her legal representative, shall be entitled to vote by mail ballot at any District election. Voting shall be conducted in a manner prescribed by the District Law, UDEL, and other applicable law.

## **V. NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

The District's Board of Directors shall be composed of five directors elected at large. Persons shall be nominated as candidates for election to the office of director by filing a nomination petition at the District Office in the form, manner, and during the period of time prescribed by District Law, UDEL, and other applicable law. Only names of persons properly nominated shall be printed on the ballots, but a blank space for each office of director to be filled shall be left after the names of the candidates in which the voters may write in another name if they desire. As provided by Elections Code section 10515, if at the close of the prescribed nomination period, the number of nominees for director does not exceed the number of offices of director to be filled at the election, and unless a petition signed by 10 percent of the voters, or 50 voters, whichever is the smaller number, in the District, requesting that the general District election be held has been presented to the officer conducting the election, the District shall submit a certificate of these facts to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. In such event, the District shall request the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara to appoint such office or offices the person or persons nominated, or if no person has been nominated for an office, any qualified person. The person(s) appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County shall qualify and take office and serve as if elected at a general election.

In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may fill the vacancy by appointment in accordance with Government Code section 1780.

## **VI. QUALIFICATION AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS, THEIR TENURE OF OFFICE AND TIME AND MANNER OF THEIR APPOINTMENT**

As provided by Water Code section 34700, a director of the District shall be a holder of title to land within the District, the legal representative of a holder of title to land, or a representative designated by a holder of title to land. In the manner prescribed by Election Code section 10505(c), following the formation election, three directors shall be designated to have four years and two directors' two-year terms, and thereafter a general election shall be held every two years. Subject to the foregoing, the term of each director subsequent to the directors elected

at the formation election is four years. Each director shall hold office until his or her successor is elected and qualified. After prevailing in a general election, a director shall take his or her office at noon on the first Friday in December following the general election. After prevailing in a special election, or after appointment, a director shall take his or her office in the time and manner and for the term provided by District Law, UDEL, and other applicable law.

The Board of Directors shall manage and conduct the business and affairs of the District. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be noticed, convened, and conducted in accordance with applicable California law, including the Brown Act (Govt. Code section 54950, *et seq.*). As provided in Water Code sections 34805 and 34806, a quorum to transact business shall be a majority of the Board, and any proposition or resolution shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present at any meeting.

The Board of Directors shall elect one of its members as President who shall serve until the Board has elected a successor. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board. He or she shall have other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board.

The Board of Directors shall elect one of its members as Vice-President who shall serve until the Board has elected a successor. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the President. The Vice-President shall have such other powers and perform other duties as may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors.

## **VII. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

The Secretary of the District shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board. The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings had at the meetings of the Board, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by law or the Board. The Secretary shall file all documents pertaining to the District affairs in the office of the District.

The Assessor of the District shall be appointed by the Board and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board. The Assessor shall in each fiscal year prepare the District assessment book, prepare and mail any assessments to be levied upon landowners within the District, submit

to the Board a statement of all assessments levied against property in the District, and perform such other duties as are required of the Assessor by District Law and other applicable law.

The Tax Collector of the District shall be appointed by the Board and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board. The Tax Collector shall perform the duties required of the Tax Collector by District Law and other applicable law.

The Treasurer of the District shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board. The Treasurer shall receive to the credit of the District and in trust for its use and benefit all monies belonging to the District, and shall deposit all such monies and other valuables in the name of and to the credit of the District with such depositories as may be designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall disburse funds of the District, whenever they request it, an account of all his or her transactions as Treasurer and the financial condition of the District. The Treasurer shall perform other duties required of the Treasurer by the Board, District Law and other applicable law.

As provided by Water Code section 34711, the offices of the Assessor, Tax Collector and Treasurer may be consolidated and held by the same person.

## **VIII. COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

Directors may be paid for their services in attending meetings of the Board, or for any work performed by a director for the District, upon action of the Board, in the manner and to the extent provided for by District Law, or other state law applicable to California water districts; provided, however, until such time as the Board takes action otherwise, no such compensation shall be provided to Directors. In any event, a director shall be entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses necessarily incurred by him/her for performing services on behalf of the District when authorized to perform such services by the Board.

The Assessor, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Secretary shall be paid an amount as may be determined by the Board that he or she shall perform the duties of the office.

## **IX. LOCATION OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE**

The office of the District is initially hereby fixed at 1005 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454, there being no convenient location within the District to locate the District office. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the Los Alamos Community Services District

(“LASCD”), 82 North Saint Joseph, Los Alamos, California 93440, provided that it is available, given that there are no meeting facility within the District boundaries and that the LACSD building is the closest meeting facility sufficient for holding such meetings.

If for any reason it is necessary that the location of the District Office, or the place for meetings of the Board, be changed, that will better suit the convenience of the District and/or its landowners, the Board of Directors is hereby expressly authorized and empowered to change the location of the District Office and/or meeting location to some other place or location, consistent with applicable law.

#### **X. METHOD OF AMENDING OR REPEALING BYLAWS**

As provided by Water Code section 35305, these Bylaws may be repealed or amended or new Bylaws adopted by a four-fifths (4/5ths) vote of the Board of Directors of the District, subject to approval by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, or by the assent of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the total vote of the District, given either in writing, or by ballot cast at a District election.

#### **XI. RESIDUAL POWERS**

All powers for the management, government and control of the District and its affairs not otherwise provided by law or these Bylaws or conferred upon any other person, officer, or official, are hereby reserved to the Board of Directors of the District.

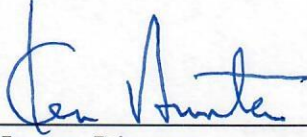
#### **XII. PENALTIES FOR ANY BREACH OR INFRACTION OF THESE BYLAWS**

As authorized by Water Code section 35304(d), any person subject to these Bylaws who shall violate the same shall be subject to suitable penalties to be levied and assessed by the Board of Directors, not to exceed \$200 for any one offense.

The Board of Directors of the San Antonio Basin Water District by the undersigned majority of the Directors thereof, and the undersigned Secretary of the San Antonio Basin Water District, DO HERBY CERTIFY that the foregoing amended Bylaws of the San Antonio Basin Water District were duly adopted at a meeting duly and regularly held on the 19th day of May, 2020, and that the foregoing Bylaws of San Antonio Basin Water District are subject to the

approval of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, and these original Bylaws of San Antonio Basin Water District are now in full force and effect.

Dated: May 19, 2020



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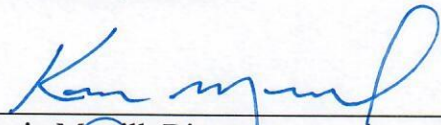
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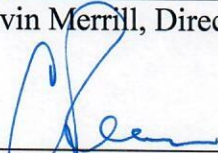
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# County of Santa Barbara

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Minute Order

July 14, 2020

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**Present:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Adam, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY COUNSEL, PUBLIC WORKS

File Reference No. 20-00522

**RE:** Consider recommendations regarding the San Antonio Water District Bylaws, Third and Fourth Districts, as follows:

- a) Approve the bylaws of the San Antonio Basin Water District; and
- b) Determine that the above action involves government organization or administrative activity which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5).

**A motion was made by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:**

**a) and b) Approved.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Adam, and Supervisor Lavagnino