

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, 14 November 2018, at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

Directors Present: Cynthia Allen Art Hibbits Steve Jordan
Brett Marymee

Staff Present: Bill Buelow Else Wolff

Others Present: Melinda Burns

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Allen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Buelow, Interim General Manager, called the roll. All Directors were present except Director Flinkingshelt.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Buelow submitted the minutes of the regular meeting of 05 September 2018 and the special meetings of 29 September 2018 and 22 October 2018 for Board approval. Director Jordan made a MOTION to approve all three sets of minutes. Director Marymee seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

A. Board Reorganization

After discussion and on MOTIONS duly made, seconded, and passed, Mr. Buelow was elected as Secretary and Treasurer.

B. Oaths of Office

The Oaths of Office were administered to Directors Allen, Hibbits and Marymee by Mr. Buelow.

C. Consideration of Resolution No. 678 Expressing Appreciation to Vandenberg Village Community Services District

Mr. Buelow read the Resolution. After discussion, it was MOVED by Director Jordan to adopt Resolution No. 678, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT.

The motion was seconded by Director Hibbits and the Resolution was adopted and passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors:	Cynthia Allen Art Hibbits Steve Jordan Brett Marymee
NOES, Directors:	None
ABSENT, Directors:	Larry Flinkingshelt

D. Consideration of Resolution No. 679 Announcing the Intent to Adopt an Amended Conflict of Interest Code and Establishing a Comment Period

Mr. Buelow read the Resolution. After discussion, it was MOVED by Director Jordan to adopt Resolution No. 679, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCING THE INTENT TO ADOPT AN AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AND ESTABLISHING A COMMENT PERIOD.

The motion was seconded by Director Marymee and the Resolution was adopted and passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors:	Cynthia Allen Art Hibbits Steve Jordan Brett Marymee
NOES, Directors:	None
ABSENT, Directors:	Larry Flinkingshelt

E. Consideration of Resolution No. 680 Authorizing Signatures for Operating Accounts at Rabobank

Mr. Buelow read the Resolution. After discussion, it was MOVED by Director Hibbits to adopt Resolution No. 680, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES FOR OPERATING ACCOUNTS AT RABOBANK.

The motion was seconded by Director Marymee and the Resolution was adopted and passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors:	Cynthia Allen Art Hibbits Steve Jordan Brett Marymee
NOES, Directors:	None
ABSENT, Directors:	Larry Flinkingshelt

F. Consideration of Resolution No. 681 Authorizing Signatures for Investment Account at Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)

Mr. Buelow read the Resolution. After discussion, it was MOVED by Director Marymee to adopt Resolution No. 681, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES FOR INVESTMENT ACCOUNT AT LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND (LAIF).

The motion was seconded by Director Hibbits and the Resolution was adopted and passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors:	Cynthia Allen Art Hibbits Steve Jordan Brett Marymee
NOES, Directors:	None
ABSENT, Directors:	Larry Flinkingshelt

G. Consideration of Resolution No. 682 Authorizing Signatures for Investment Account Santa Barbara County Investment Fund (SBIF)

Mr. Buelow read the Resolution. After discussion, it was MOVED by Director Jordan to adopt Resolution No. 682, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES FOR INVESTMENT ACCOUNT SANTA BARBARA COUNTY INVESTMENT FUND (SBIF).

The motion was seconded by Director Marymee and the Resolution was adopted and passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES, Directors:	Cynthia Allen Art Hibbits Steve Jordan Brett Marymee
NOES, Directors:	None
ABSENT, Directors:	Larry Flinkingshelt

H. Consideration to Add Scope to New Accounting Firm to Audit Books

After discussion, the Board directed staff to acquire additional bids for a new Accounting Firm to conduct a semi-annual audit.

VII. GROUNDWATER PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT

A. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

1. Consideration of DWR Grant Agreement Number 4600012741

The Board reviewed and discussed the Grant Agreement between the State of California (Department of Water Resources) and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (Agreement Number 4600012741) 2017 Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning (SGWP) Grant. On a MOTION of Director Marymee and second by Director Jordan, the Board unanimously approved that Mr. Buelow sign the grant agreement with a cover letter provided by Attorney Conant on behalf of the SYRWCD and the three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin.

2. Consideration to Establish Contracts with Stetson Engineers for Central Management Area (CMA) and Western Management Area (WMA)

The Board considered the establishment of contracts with Stetson Engineers for Central Management Area (CMA) and Western Management Area (WMA) GSAs. Director Hibbits MOVED to approve contracts with Stetson Engineers to perform consultant services for SGMA GSP Activities in the CMA and WMA as described in the scope of work provided by the SYRWCD to a list of qualified consultants on 27 August 2018. A final consultant was recommended by the CMA and WMA GSAs, on 22 October 2018 and 24 October 2018, respectively.

B. Groundwater Production Reporting Program

Mr. Buelow noted that the Groundwater Production Reporting Program would be a new agenda item for future Board meetings, but that there is no report at this time.

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

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting is scheduled as a regular meeting for 5 December 2018.

X. REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT AGENDA

No requests were made for items to be included in the next agenda.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss the following topics:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code of the State of California) relating to adjudicatory proceedings pending before the State Water Resources Control Board regarding Permits 11302 and 11310 issued on Applications 11331 and 11332 to the United States Bureau of Reclamation and complaints filed by the California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance regarding the operation of the Cachuma Project and State Board Order WR 89-18; and proposed changes to the place and purpose of use of waters obtained through aforementioned permits for the Cachuma Project; and proceedings related to SWRCB Permit No. 15878 held by the City of Solvang.

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(b) of the California Government Code (one item).

C. Public Employment (Gov't Code §54957(b)) Title: General Manager, Strategic Advisor.

D. Public Employment Performance Evaluation (Gov't Code §54957(b)) Title: Water Resources Manager.

The Board emerged from Closed Session at 9:15 p.m. President Allen announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Allen adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Buelow, Secretary

ATTEST:

Cynthia Allen, President