SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DECEMBER 11, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

Directors Present: Philip Carpenter, Robert Dunlap, Larry Lahr, and Brett Marymee

Director Absent: Steve Jordan

Others Present (in-person): Bill Buelow, Paeter Garcia, Alex Pappas, and Amber Thompson

Others Present (teleconference): Steve Torigiani (Young Wooldridge)

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.

The posted agenda properly noticed that Director Steve Jordan would attend the meeting via teleconference from 46250 East El Dorado, Indian Wells, CA 92210. Director Jordan was unable to join the meeting remotely and was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lahr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. NEW BOARD MEMBER WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The new SYRWCD Director for Division 3, Director Philip Carpenter was introduced and welcomed to the Board.

4. ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICER SELECTIONS

The Board discussed the positions for Officers of the Board.

Director Dunlap made a **MOTION** to keep all Officers of the Board as is with Director Lahr, President; Director Marymee, Vice-President; Mr. Buelow, Treasurer; and Ms. Thompson, Secretary. Director Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

7. RECEIVE PRESENTATION BY BARTLETT, PRINGLE & WOLF, LLP AND FILE THE FY 2023-24 FINANCIAL AUDIT,

Ms. Laura Copple, Audit Manager of Bartlett, Pringle and Wolf, LLP, presented highlights and main points from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Independent Auditor's Report and Report on Internal Controls for the year ended June 30, 2024. Discussion followed. There were no public comments.

Director Marymee made a **MOTION** to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Independent Auditor's Report and Report on Internal Controls. Director Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

Ms. Copple left the meeting.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Director Carpenter made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

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

The Board discussed the appointments for the Central Management Area GSA. There was no public comment.

Director Marymee made a **MOTION** to appoint Director Lahr as Director and Director Dunlap as Alternate Director to the Central Management Area GSA Board of Directors. Director Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

b. Eastern Management Area GSA JPA: Director and Alternate Director

The Board discussed the appointments for the Eastern Management Area GSA. There was no public comment.

Director Lahr made a MOTION to appoint Director Marymee as Director and Director Carpenter as Alternate Director to the Eastern Management Area GSA Board of Directors. Director Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

c. Western Management Area GSA JPA: Director and Alternate Director

The Board discussed the appointments for the Western Management Area GSA. There was no public comment.

Director Carpenter made a MOTION to appoint Director Carpenter as Director and Director Marymee as Alternate Director to the Western Management Area GSA Board of Directors. Director Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

d. California Special District Association (CSDA)

The Board discussed the designation of a SYRWCD representative for CSDA having authority to vote on behalf of SYRWCD with the CSDA. There was no public comment.

Director Marymee made a MOTION to designate Director Lahr as the District's representative to CSDA, effective immediately. Director Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

e. Santa Barbara County Chapter of the CSDA

The Board discussed the designation of a SYRWCD representative for Santa Barbara County Chapter of the CSDA. There was no public comment.

Director Lahr made a MOTION to designate Director Marymee as the District's representative to the Santa Barbara County Chapter of the CSDA and Director Carpenter as the alternate representative, effective immediately. Director Marymee seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

10. SYRWCD NOMINATIONS TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CHAPTER CSDA BOARD

Mr. Buelow reviewed the 2025 election for the Santa Barbara County Chapter of CSDA Board. Discussion followed. There was no public comment. The Board made no nominations to the Santa Barbara County Chapter of CSDA Board.

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT STATUS AND DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

a. Surface Water Program

Mr. Pappas reviewed the Bureau of Reclamation's "Bradbury Dan WY 2024 Reservoir Operations Overview" and the County of Santa Barbara Water Agency's "2024 Lake Cachuma Winter Storm Operations Kickoff" presentations. Discussion followed. There was no public comment and no action.

The Board directed Mr. Buelow to request if the County's Flood Operations system/room is available for a possible tour.

b. Groundwater Program

Mr. Buelow reviewed the income received from Groundwater Pump Charges and Groundwater Production reported to date. He reported that staff continue to work on bringing delinquent accounts current.

He reported that Stetson Engineers working with District staff have made progress on the new database, reporting, and online payment system which is currently in alpha testing phase. Beta testing is expected to being in early 2025. Discussion followed. There was no public comment and no action.

c. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act:

i. <u>WMA, CMA, and EMA</u>

Mr. Buelow reported that coordination between the three GSAs continues through regular Executive Team meetings with Mr. Buelow as Plan Manager of the CMA and WMA, the EMA Executive Director, and the legal counsels for each GSA.

Mr. Buelow reported that the WMA GSA, on behalf of the basin, is coordinating Prop 68 GSP Implementation Grant Components 2 and 5 for certain component administration and has contracted with Stetson Engineers to coordinate one Annual Report for the Basin combining three GSA sub reports and preparing a summary. The WMA GSA continues the search for a new Plan Manager. The WMA GSA's JPA Amendment to add an Agricultural Representative to the Board of Directors is delayed having been approved by all member agencies except for the City of Lompoc, stating they are still reviewing the document. The WMA GSA Cost Reimbursement Agreement has been distributed to participating Member Agencies for consideration.

Mr. Buelow reported that the CMA GSA's JPA Amendment to add an Agricultural Representative to the Board of Directors has been approved by SYRWCD and the City of Buellton with the County Board of Supervisors scheduled to consider the item at their January 7, 2025 meeting. The CMA GSA Cost Reimbursement Agreement has been distributed to participating Member Agencies for consideration.

Mr. Buelow reported that the EMA GSA Board of Directors chose Confluence Engineering Solutions as Executive Director. SYRWCD staff have been working with them to transfer files and coordination activities over the last few months.

There was no discussion, public comment, or action.

ii. Proposition 68 Grant

Mr. Buelow announced that the Subgrant Agreement was signed by all three GSAs. The Prop 68 GSP Implementation team have standing weekly meetings, and many projects are moving forward.

d. SYRWCD Employee Handbook

Mr. Buelow reported that, as per the Board's request, staff have been working with Young Wooldridge to develop a draft Employee Handbook. Staff anticipated the handbook to be available for Board's review and consideration at the March 2025 meeting.

e. SYRWCD Strategic Plan

Mr. Buelow stated this agenda item was requested by Director Marymee. Mr. Buelow reported that in 2017 and 2019, the Board considered a Strategic Plan. District staff with look at templates provided by CSDA and others for an updated format and options. Discussion followed, public comment was received, and no action was taken.

f. 2025 Conference Attendance

Mr. Buelow introduced different conference options for 2025 and encouraged

Directors to consider attending a conference. Ms. Thompson will forward the CSDA's 2025 Professional Development Catalog with information on the CSDA conferences and online training that is available.

12. CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

a. First Amended and Restated Subgrant Agreement

Mr. Torigiani reviewed the substantive changes negotiated by the EMA GSA's legal counsel to the Subgrant Agreement previously approved by the SYRWCD, CMA GSA and WMA GSA. Mr. Torigiani indicated that the title will be changed to reflect that it is not a first amended or restated agreement as to the EMA since the EMA did not sign the current version of the subgrant agreement signed by the WMA, CMA and SYRWCD. Also, a recital will be added to reflect the agreement will function to replace the current version of the subgrant agreement signed by WMA, CMA, and SYRWCD. Finally, Section 17 needs to be revised to change 30 to 60 days. Discussion followed.

Director Lahr made a MOTION to approve the First Amended and Restated Subgrant Agreement for the Implementation of Grant Agreement Number 4600015265 Between the State of California Department of Water Resources and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, as amended to change the title, add a recital, and correct Section 17 to change all references of 30 days to be 60 days, allowing for any non-substantive changes as approved by legal counsel. Director Marymee seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

b CMA Cost Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement

Mr. Buelow introduced the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin CMA GSA Member Voluntary Contribution and Reimbursement Agreement at same time as the Santa Ynez WMA GSA Joint Powers Authority Cost Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement for Board consideration. See Item 12.c.

c. WMA Cost Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement

Mr. Buelow introduced the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin CMA GSA Member Voluntary Contribution and Reimbursement Agreement and the Santa Ynez WMA GSA Joint Powers Authority Cost Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement for Board consideration. Mr. Torigiani explained the agreements. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

Director Marymee made a MOTION to approve the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin CMA GSA Member Voluntary Contribution and Reimbursement Agreement and the Santa Ynez WMA GSA Joint Powers Authority Cost Sharing and Reimbursement

Agreement, as presented. Director Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

d. Resolution No. 733, Announcing Final Adoption of a Conflict-of-Interest Code

Ms. Thompson read Resolution No. 733, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCING THE FINAL ADOPTION OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE. She pointed out two typos to be corrected: First, Now Therefore item 3, delete "and to bring the amended District Code to the Board's attention for adoption" and second, in Certification section correct "regular" meeting to "special" meeting. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

Director Carpenter made a MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 733, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCING THE FINAL ADOPTION OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE, as amended. Director Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

e. Resolution No.734, Expressing Appreciation for Director Altshuler

Mr. Buelow introduced Resolution No. 734, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO MARK L. ALTSHULER. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

Director Marymee made a MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 734, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO MARK L. ALTSHULER, as presented. Director Lahr seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

13. CONSIDER CHANGE TO SYRWCD DIRECTOR STIPEND

Mr. Buelow reviewed the December 11, 2024 staff memo regarding Director Compensation. Mr. Torigiani provided additional information. Discussion followed. Director Marymee

directed staff and legal counsel to prepare documents necessary to increase Director compensation, include wording for GSA participation, and bring the documents to the Board for consideration at the next regular meeting. There was a unanimous consensus.

14. REVIEW 2025 SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT HOLIDAYS AND REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

Mr. Buelow reviewed the 2025 schedule of District Holidays and the 2025 schedule of regular meetings of the Board of Directors. Director Marymee requested the Board consider changing the regular meetings from the second Wednesday to the second Thursday of the same months. Discussion followed. There was a unanimous request to change the meeting time to 6:00 pm as well. The Board directed staff and legal counsel to prepare a resolution for consideration at the next meeting. There was no public comment.

15. ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Torigiani reported SB1156 recently passed. It requires all GSA Executives and Board Members file Form 700s directly to the FPPC through their online reporting system, effective January 1, 2025.

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

Mr. Buelow and Ms. Thompson reported they attended a pre-conference workshop on policy writing during the CSDA's Board Secretary and Clerck Conference held recently in San Diego.

Director Marymee reported that he attended the Special District Leadership Academy in San Rafael and received a certificate.

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

The Directors requested a resolution on Director compensation and a resolution changing the regular meeting date and time. Directors requested a workshop on strategic plan be set up to happen after the March meeting.

18. NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025, 6:30 PM, AT BUELLTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 140 WEST HIGHWAY 246, BUELLTON, CALIFORNIA

The next regular meeting of the Board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California. Discussion followed.

19. CLOSED SESSION

The Board took a break from 8:42 p.m. to 8:47 p.m. The Board convened into Closed Session from 8:47 p.m. to 8:57 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 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

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:57 p.m. and President Lahr advised there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

21. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Lahr adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Larry Lahr, President

Amber M. Thompson, Secretary

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
Balance Sheet
As of October 31, 2024

	FY24-25, Period 4
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1325-00 · Mechanics Checking #7071-01	601.30
1330-00 · Five Star Checking #5935	1,746.89
1340-05 · Mechanics #7311 (GW Revenue)	3,379.38
1345-00 · Five Star MM #5986	167,308.98
1345-11 · Five Star #5994 (FBO GSAs)	484,669.08
1350-01 · LAIF	814,036.50
1350-03 · California Class	1,077,029.69
1374-00 · Prepaid Expenses	1,741.11
Total Checking/Savings	2,550,512.93
Accounts Receivable	
1500-00 · Accounts Receivable	282,054.65
Total Accounts Receivable	282,054.65
Other Current Assets	
1501-00 · Accounts Receivable - CMA Loan	125,000.00
1502-00 · Accounts Receivable - EMA Loan	62,438.75
1503-00 · Accounts Receivable - WMA Loan	150,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	337,438.75
Total Current Assets	3,170,006.33
TOTAL ASSETS	**3,170,006.33**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2220-00 · Accounts Payable	99,672.17
Total Accounts Payable	99,672.17
Other Current Liabilities	
2225-00 · Accrued Payroll Taxes	3,863.92
2225-06 · Deferred Comp - Lincoln Nat'l	2,125.00
2225-07 · Medical Insurance Withheld	464.19
2250-02 · SGMA Funds Due to other Govts	341,918.47
Total Other Current Liabilities	348,371.58
Total Current Liabilities	448,043.75
Total Liabilities	448,043.75
Equity	
3200-00 · Unappropriated Reserves	2,376,336.95
32000 · Retained Earnings	268,182.75
Net Income	77,442.88
Total Equity	2,721,962.58
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**3,170,006.33**

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July through October 2024

	Period 3		Fiscal Year-to-dateTOTAL		
	Oct 24	Budget	Jul - Oct 24	Budget	$ Over Budget
Income					
4500-00 · DWR Grant Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	10,809.00	129,000.00	-118,191.00
4600-00 · GSA Administrative Services	16,061.75		30,402.50		
4910-00 · Ground Water Charges	4,106.54	5,000.00	330,051.42	279,000.00	51,051.42
4930-00 · SB County Property Taxes	20,478.79	16,480.00	20,478.79	16,480.00	3,998.79
4934-00 · Interest Income, all sources	5,389.72	2,000.00	32,766.12	19,600.00	13,166.12
4937-00 · Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	129.79	0.00	129.79
Total Income	46,036.80	23,480.00	424,637.62	444,080.00	-19,442.38
Gross Profit	46,036.80	23,480.00	424,637.62	444,080.00	-19,442.38
Expense					
5500-00 · Employee Compensation	36,287.96	37,250.00	145,151.84	149,000.00	-3,848.16
5505-00 · Payroll (SS and Medicare)	2,429.56	2,860.00	10,855.29	11,440.00	-584.71
5506-00 · Employee Benefits	6,687.37	770.00	9,095.10	2,780.00	6,315.10
5507-00 · Retirement Costs	2,540.13	3,915.00	10,160.58	15,660.00	-5,499.42
5512-00 · Outside Staff Support	435.00	500.00	2,361.20	3,300.00	-938.80
5513-00 · Director Fees	0.00	0.00	375.00	750.00	-375.00
5513-50 · Director Fees SGMA	225.00	300.00	1,125.00	1,350.00	-225.00
5514-00 · Ground Water Charges Admin	6,220.95	18,000.00	56,077.16	69,000.00	-12,922.84
5521-00 · Office Supplies - Incl Computer	366.70	500.00	3,006.52	2,000.00	1,006.52
5522-00 · IT Services	0.00	170.00	562.50	680.00	-117.50
5523-00 · Communications	726.89	500.00	3,890.09	3,200.00	690.09
5524-00 · Travel & Training	3,030.71	1,500.00	6,889.58	6,200.00	689.58
5527-00 · Audit/Accounting	8,847.18	3,000.00	8,847.18	3,500.00	5,347.18
5529-00 · Insurance, Bonds, Worker's Comp	0.00	0.00	23,094.17	26,000.00	-2,905.83
5530-00 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	85.00	0.00	340.00	-340.00
5531-00 · Dues	4,870.00	0.00	4,870.00	0.00	4,870.00
5540-00 · LAFCO Cost	0.00	0.00	814.00	1,000.00	-186.00
5560-00 · Office Occupancy	1,995.02	2,000.00	8,891.77	9,100.00	-208.23
5570-00 · Records Services	168.54	165.00	672.38	660.00	12.38
5590-00 · Credit Card Processing Fees	9.52	10.00	236.72	175.00	61.72
5600-20 · SGMA WMA	134.67	100.00	526.77	400.00	126.77
5600-30 · SGMA CMA	18.09	100.00	-1,330.55	400.00	-1,730.55
5600-40 · SGMA EMA	2.01	50.00	359.53	200.00	159.53
5600-90 · SGMA Legal	585.00	5,000.00	12,252.50	26,000.00	-13,747.50
5626-00 · Legal - General Counsel	5,488.73	2,000.00	9,817.88	9,000.00	817.88
5626-02 · WR89-18 (WRR)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5626-08 · Legal - Upper SYR Ops	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5626-12 · Legal - WR 2019-0148 Decision	325.00	3,500.00	1,998.75	11,500.00	-9,501.25
5626-14 · Legal - Fisheries	243.75	2,000.00	942.50	7,500.00	-6,557.50
5626-20 · Legal - HR	0.00	208.33	1,852.50	833.36	1,019.14

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	Period 3		Fiscal Year-to-dateTOTAL		
	Oct 24	Budget	Jul - Oct 24	Budget	$ Over Budget
5626-50 · Legal - GW Program	0.00	600.00	812.50	2,100.00	-1,287.50
5626-60 · Legal - Assessments/Charges	0.00	0.00	975.00	500.00	475.00
5633-00 · Engineer - General & Misc	3.86	600.00	1,365.06	2,700.00	-1,334.94
5633-01 · Annual G.W. Report	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5633-02 · WR 89-18 Operations (WRR)	1,407.00	10,000.00	5,183.50	31,000.00	-25,816.50
5633-08 · Upper SYR Operations	0.00	416.66	351.75	1,666.72	-1,314.97
5633-12 · WR 2019-0148 Decision,	0.00	2,100.00	0.00	8,400.00	-8,400.00
5633-14 · Fisheries Hydrology	3,347.68	2,500.00	4,772.43	10,000.00	-5,227.57
5633-16 · Special Studies	0.00	1,000.00	10,161.25	4,500.00	5,661.25
5633-20 · Rate Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5700-00 · Contengencies All Zones General	0.00	4,166.66	177.29	16,666.72	-16,489.43
Total Expense	86,396.32	105,866.65	347,194.74	439,501.80	-92,307.06
Net Income	**-40,359.52**	**-82,386.65**	**77,442.88**	**4,578.20**	**72,864.68**

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 2024 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL

(Account held at Five Star Bank)

NUMBER	DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
ACH	9/4/2024	Payroll	August 16-31, 2024 Salary	$	11,716.85
ACH	9/4/2024	Robert Dunlap	Meeting: 8/28 WMA	$	69.26
ACH	9/4/2024	Steve Jordan	Meetings: 8/28 WMA; 8/29 EMA	$	138.52
ACH	9/4/2024	J. Brett Marymee	Meeting: 8/29 EMA	$	69.26
ACH	9/4/2024	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (August 16-31, 2024)	$	754.33
ACH	9/4/2024	Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (August 16-31, 2024)	$	4,981.75
ACH	9/9/2024	Lincoln Financial Group	401a Plan Employer Match (partial 8/31/24)	$	597.99
ACH	9/9/2024	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (8/31/24) & Employer Match (partial 8/31/24)	$	2,797.09
1321	9/10/2024	Young Wooldridge	August 2024 Legal Service	$	6,567.00
1322	9/10/2024	William Buelow	August 2024 Expense Reimbursement	$	585.37
1323	9/10/2024	Valley Bookkeeping Services	August 2024 Bookkeeping	$	380.00
1324	9/10/2024	US Bank Corp	August 2024 CalCard	$	2,940.97
1325	9/10/2024	Pacific Gas & Electric	August 2024 Electric Service	$	482.07
1326	9/10/2024	Onsite Computers & Design	IT support plus 1-year Antivirus and email protection software	$	1,142.60
1327	9/10/2024	Jim Heyerly	September 2024 Rent	$	1,600.00
1328	9/10/2024	J. Brett Marymee	August 2024 Expense Reimbursement Urban Water Institute Conference	$	119.26
1329	9/10/2024	Hawkins Pappas	August 2024 Outside Staff Support GW Database Development	$	476.20
1330	see October 2024 warrant list		-		-
ACH	9/12/2024	SDRMA	October 2024 Insurance - Employee Benefits plus additional July, August & September 2024	$	1,272.49
ACH	9/17/2024	Payroll	September 1-15, 2024 Salary	$	11,716.85
ACH	9/17/2024	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (September 1-15, 2024)	$	754.33
ACH	9/17/2024	Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (September 1-15, 2024)	$	4,935.83
1331	9/24/2024	Stetson Engineers	July 2024 Engineering Service	$	30,672.45
1332	9/24/2024	Inklings Printing Co.	Business Cards - Alex Pappas	$	46.93
			TOTAL	**$**	**84,817.40**

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

OCTOBER 2024 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL

(Account held at Five Star Bank)

NUMBER	DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
1330	10/1/2024	Jim Heyerly	October 2024 Rent	$	1,600.00
1331-1332	see September 2024 Warrant List		-		-
ACH	10/2/2024	Payroll	September 16-30, 2024 Salary	$	11,062.19
ACH	10/2/2024	Mark Altshuler	Meeting: 9/18/24	$	69.26
ACH	10/2/2024	Robert Dunlap	Meeting: 9/18/24	$	69.26
ACH	10/2/2024	Steve Jordan	Meeting: 9/18/24; 9/6 & 9/25 WMA; 9/26 EMA	$	277.05
ACH	10/2/2024	Larry Lahr	Meeting: 9/18/24; 9/4 & 9/6 CMA	$	207.79
ACH	10/2/2024	J. Brett Marymee	Meeting: 9/18/24; 9/6 & 9/26 EMA	$	207.79
ACH	10/4/2024	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (September 16-30, 2024)	$	705.92
ACH	10/4/2024	Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (September 16-30, 2024)	$	4,937.62
ACH	10/4/2024	Lincoln Financial Group	401a Plan Employer Match (partial 9/15/24)	$	597.99
ACH	10/4/2024	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (9/15/24) & Employer Match (partial 9/15/24)	$	2,797.09
ACH	10/4/2024	Lincoln Financial Group	401a Plan Employer Match (partial 9/30/24)	$	597.99
ACH	10/4/2024	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (9/30/24) & Employer Match (partial 9/30/24)	$	2,797.09
1333	10/10/2024	Hawkins Pappas	September 2024 Outside Staff Support GW Database Development	$	331.60
1334	10/10/2024	Inklings Printing Co.	Dec. 2024 GW Production Reporting Forms	$	1,498.44
1335	10/10/2024	Onsite Computers & Design	1-year Adobe Acrobat Pro software (4 licenses)	$	1,151.52
1336	10/10/2024	Pacific Gas & Electric	September 2024 Electric Service	$	411.38
1337	10/10/2024	SDRMA	FY 24-25 Property and Liability Insurance Additional Premium: increased contents limit	$	139.48
1338	10/10/2024	Stetson Engineers	August 2024 Engineering Service	$	25,147.67
1339	10/10/2024	US Bank Corp	September 2024 CalCard	$	2,529.92
1340	10/10/2024	Valley Bookkeeping Services	September 2024 Bookkeeping	$	380.00
1341	10/10/2024	William Buelow	Additional August and September 2024 Expense Reimbursement	$	177.36
1342	10/10/2024	Young Wooldridge	September 2024 Legal Service	$	10,513.61
1343	10/17/2024	SDRMA	Employee Benefits: November 2024 Medical and Ancillary Insurance plus October 2024 Medical	$	8,305.73
ACH	10/17/2024	SDRMA	Employee Benefits: December 2024 Medical and Ancillary Insurance (pre-paid)	$	778.49
ACH	10/17/2024	Payroll	October 1-15, 2024 Salary	$	11,062.19
ACH	10/17/2024	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (October 1-15, 2024)	$	705.92
ACH	10/17/2024	Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (October 1-15, 2024)	$	4,799.92
ACH	10/17/2024	Lincoln Financial Group	401a Plan Employer Match (partial 10/15/24)	$	597.99
ACH	10/17/2024	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (10/15/24) & Employer Match (partial 10/15/24)	$	2,797.09
			TOTAL	**$**	**97,255.35**

RESOLUTION NO. 733

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCING THE FINAL ADOPTION OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

WHEREAS, in accordance with the state law, the Board of Directors reviewed the District's Conflict of Interest Code; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that review and state law the Board determined that the current Conflict of Interest Code is in need of modifications; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law the District prepared the attached Conflict of Interest Code and Notice of Intent; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law the District provided a 45-day comment period in which interested parties could comment on the Code before its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the 45-day comment period has passed and no interested parties have spoken on the matter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District as follows:

1. The attached Conflict of Interest Code is formally adopted by the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District.

2. Staff is directed to take such steps as necessary to properly file the attached Conflict of Interest Code with the County.

3. Once the Conflict of Interest Code is formally approved by the County, staff is instructed to replace the current Conflict of Interest Code with the amended Conflict of Interest Code.

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

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

NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT/~~ABSTAINING~~, Directors: Jordan

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 special meeting held on the 11th of December 2024.

Larry Lahr, President

Amber M. Thompson, Secretary

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code of Regs. Sec. 18730) that contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, which can be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing, the standard code may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendix, designating positions and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (District).

Designated employees may file their statements online using eDisclosure, which will submit the Form 700 to the County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor. Statements will be made available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov Code Section 81008). The District's filing official can give you access.

Designated employees who file using a paper Form 700 shall file with the District. Upon receipt of the statement filed by a designated employee, a copy shall be retained with the District and the original shall be forwarded to the County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor. Statements filed by the General Counsel and Consultants shall be retained by the District. Paper statements will be made available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Section 81008).

APPENDIX
DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

I. **Designated Position**	**Assigned Disclosure Category**
Director	1, 2, 3
Secretary	1, 2, 3
Treasurer	1, 2, 3
General Manager	1, 2, 3
Assistant General Manager	1, 2, 3
Groundwater Program Manager	1, 2, 3
Strategic Advisor	1, 2, 3
District Administrator	1, 2, 3
Water Resource Analyst/Biologist	1, 2, 3
General Counsel	1, 2, 3
Consultants/New Positions	*

*Consultants/New positions shall be included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code, subject to the following limitation:

The General Manager may determine in writing that a particular consultant or new position, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's or new position's duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The General Manager's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this conflict of interest code (Gov. Code Section 81008).

Note: The position of General Counsel is filled by outside consultants who serve in a staff capacity.

II. Disclosure Categories:

Category 1

A designated employee in this category must report all investments and business positions in business entities and sources of income, including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments, from any source that provides leased facilities, services, supplies, materials or equipment of the type utilized by the District.

Category 2

A designated employee in this category must report all interests in real property located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the District or within two miles of the District, including any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest or option to acquire such interest in real property.

Category 3

A designated employee in this category must report all investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments, from entities that have filed a claim, or have a claim pending against the District.

RESOLUTION NO. 734

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO

MARK L. ALTSHULER

WHEREAS, MARK L. ALTSHULER was duly appointed to the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District on January 23, 2019 and served on the Board with distinction and competence from that date until December 05, 2024, and

WHEREAS, for the November 2020 election, he ran unopposed and was appointed to the District Board, in lieu of election, by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors on November 3, 2020 for a four-year term, and continued to serve as such until the four-year term ended on December 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, during this period he represented the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors with a high level of excellence and skill while being involved in extensive conservation, protection, and planning activities of the District, including:

- Operation of the required downstream release provisions relating to the Cachuma Project, which resulted in the efficient recharge of the aquifers of the Santa Ynez River above the Lompoc Narrows and the aquifers of the Lompoc Groundwater Basin;

- Protection of the rights of the District's groundwater pumpers;

- Defense of the Cachuma Project Settlement Agreement, involving issues relating to water quantity, water quality, environmental protection, and flood control;

- Improvement of the District's Groundwater Well Registration and Production Reporting Program;

- Compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2015;

- Creation of three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin, Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-15, Central, Western and Eastern Management Areas, and the implementation of three Groundwater Sustainability Plans;

- Compliance with all laws, regulations and executive orders of the United States and State of California;

- Promotion of sound District finances and long-term planning; and

- Involvement in many issues associated with the protection of water rights within the District; and

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

1. MARK L. ALTSHULER be acknowledged and honored on his departure from his position as Division 3 Director of the District; and

2. On behalf of the citizens of the Santa Ynez and Lompoc Valleys, the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District hereby conveys to MARK L. ALTSHULER its sincere appreciation for a job well done and its heartfelt belief that the community in which he served remains indebted to him for his valuable service.

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

AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors:

Carpenter, Dunlap, Lahr, and Marymee

NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT/~~ABSTAINING~~, Directors: Jordan

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 11th day of December 2024.

Larry Lahr, President

Amber M. Thompson, Secretary