

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Joos, to adopt Resolution No. 813, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement No.1 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under the Ralph M. Brown Act in Accordance with AB 361.

The Resolution was adopted and carried by the following 3-0-0 roll call vote:

AYES, Trustees:	Michael Burchardi Jeff Clay Brad Joos
NOES, Trustees:	None
ABSTAIN, Trustees:	None
ABSENT, Trustees:	Jeff Holzer Lori Parker

5. **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA:**

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

President Clay welcomed any members of the public participating remotely and offered time for members of the public to speak and address the Board on matters not on the agenda. There was no public comment. Mr. Garcia reported that no written comments were submitted to the District for the meeting.

7. **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE:**

A. General Manager's Report

Mr. Garcia reported on the current information related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the District's actions. He reported that on February 16, 2022, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department issued Health Officer Order No. 2022-10.1 which rescinds Health Order 2022-10 and incorporates all updated guidance from the California Department of Public Health for the use of face masks effective February 15, 2022, requiring all unvaccinated persons to wear masks in all indoor public settings, requiring universal masking in only specified settings, and recommending continued indoor masking for all persons when the risk may be high.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2022:**

The Regular Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2022 were presented for consideration.

President Clay asked if there were any changes or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2022 as presented. No changes or additions were requested.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Joos, and carried by a 3-0-0 roll call vote, with Trustees Holzer and Parker absent, to approve the January 18, 2022 Minutes as presented.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda Report was provided in the Board packet.

Mr. Garcia reviewed the Consent Agenda materials for the month of February.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 3-0-0 roll call vote, with Trustees Holzer and Parker absent, to approve the Consent Agenda.

10. MANAGER REPORTS - STATUS, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

A. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:

1. Personnel Policy

- a) Resolution No. 814 - A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Amending the District's Personnel Policy Manual

The Board packet included a February 9, 2022 Memorandum from Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth and a copy of Draft Resolution No. 814.

Mr. Garcia introduced Mr. Jeff Dinkin of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, the District's employment legal counsel, to present this item.

Mr. Dinkin explained that he conducted an annual review of the District's Personnel Policy Manual (Manual) and based upon his assessment of existing policies, changes in the law, and discussion with management, three revisions to the Manual were being proposed. He reviewed proposed revisions to Section 1.10.d. (Overtime), Section 3.5.b. (California Family Rights Act Leave), and Section 3.8 (Paid Family Leave Insurance). Discussion ensued and Mr. Dinkin answered questions from the Board.

No public comment was provided.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Joos, to adopt Resolution No. 814, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement No.1 Amending the District's Personnel Policy Manual.

The Resolution was adopted and carried by the following 3-0-0 roll call vote:

AYES, Trustees:	Michael Burchardi Jeff Clay Brad Joos
NOES, Trustees:	None
ABSTAIN, Trustees:	None
ABSENT, Trustees:	Jeff Holzer Lori Parker

2. Public Hearing: Consider Proposal to Adjust Boundaries of District Divisions Pursuant to U.S. Census Bureau 2020 Population Results

- a) Presentation and Discussion Regarding Proposed Adjustment to Boundaries of Divisions within the District

The Board packet included an overview memorandum prepared by JDL Mapping regarding the 2022 re-districting process and several maps depicting existing and proposed adjustments to boundaries of the District's divisions.

Mr. Garcia explained that this agenda item was being conducted as a public hearing and provided an overview of the hearing process that would be followed. President Clay opened the public hearing at approximately 3:36 p.m. Mr. Garcia introduced Mr. Dennis Loyst of JDL Mapping to present his memorandum, the draft maps, and related information regarding the re-districting process under the California Elections Code and proposed adjustments to the boundaries of divisions within the District.

Mr. Loyst explained that following each federal decennial census (every ten years), special districts must use the new census data and, if needed, adjust their division boundaries to reflect changes in local populations. He explained that the process, called re-districting, is intended to ensure that all divisions comply with Elections Code Section 22000 which requires that all divisions are relatively equal in population. Mr. Loyst stated that based on the most recent 2020 federal census data and changes to census blocks within the District, he prepared proposed adjustments to the boundaries of the District's divisions with the goal of equalizing the population within each division to the extent practicable and without causing major changes to the way the division lines are currently drawn. Mr. Loyst provided a PowerPoint presentation including draft maps detailing the proposed adjustments to boundaries of the District's divisions. He indicated that the Board could move forward with the proposed adjustments and achieve a population variance of less than 2% between the divisions, which strongly comports with the Elections Code objective of equalizing populations in each division. Mr. Loyst explained that the Board could also consider adjusting the boundaries in an alternate manner.

Discussion ensued and several Board members favored the proposed adjustments to the division boundaries as presented.

President Clay opened public comment and no public comment was provided. Public comment was closed, and no further discussion or comment was provided by the Board. The public hearing was closed at approximately 3:58 p.m.

- b) Resolution No. 815 - A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Giving Notice of Its Intent to Adjust Boundaries of District Divisions
The Board packet included draft Resolution No. 815.

Mr. Garcia generally reviewed the contents of and recommended approval of Resolution No. 815. He explained that, assuming Board approval of Resolution No. 815, staff would provide public notice of a second public hearing on the proposed boundary adjustments to be conducted by the District at its next Regular meeting scheduled for March 15, 2022. Mr. Garcia indicated that the public notice and related information would be published in a local newspaper and posted on the District's website.

No public comment was provided.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, to adopt Resolution No. 815, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement No.1. Giving Notice of Its Intent to Adjust Boundaries of District Divisions.

The Resolution was adopted and carried by the following 4-0-0 roll call vote:

AYES, Trustees:	Michael Burchardi Jeff Clay Brad Joos Lori Parker
NOES, Trustees:	None
ABSTAIN, Trustees:	None
ABSENT, Trustees:	Jeff Holzer

3. Financial Report on Administrative Matters

a) Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements – Revenues and Expenses

Ms. Martone announced that the Financial Statements were emailed to the Board members earlier that afternoon and posted on the District’s website in the Board packet materials for any members of the public wishing to follow along or receive a copy.

Ms. Martone reviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the month of February. She highlighted various line-items related to revenue and expense transactions that occurred during the month. Ms. Martone reported that the District expenses exceeded the revenues by \$29,904.98 and the year-to-date net income is \$1,995,232.77.

b) Approval of Accounts Payable

Ms. Martone announced that the Warrant List was emailed to the Board members this afternoon and posted on the District’s website in the Board packet materials for any members of the public wishing to follow along or receive a copy.

The Board reviewed the Warrant List which covered warrants 24300 through 24353 in the amount of \$378,412.53.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote, with Trustee Holzer absent, to approve the Warrant List for January 19, 2022 through February 22, 2022.

4. Consider Establishing Ad Hoc Committee – Los Olivos Community Services District

The Board packet included various correspondence related to the Los Olivos Community Services District (LOCSD) Board meetings and information from LOCSD regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant site selection process.

Mr. Garcia explained that during the ID No.1 January Board meeting, Trustee Burchardi requested that the Board consider establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to help remain informed of the LOCSD’s proposed wastewater treatment and dispersal system. Discussion ensued and consensus of the Board was to establish the Ad Hoc Committee. The Board briefly discussed appointing members of the Ad Hoc Committee; however, the Board chose to table the selection of members until a full Board was present.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Clay, seconded by Trustee Parker, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote, with Trustee Holzer absent, to approve the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee for the Los Olivos Community Services District.

11. REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

A. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

1. Eastern Management Area Update

The Board packet included a February 4, 2022 Special Meeting Notice and Agenda for the Eastern Management Area Citizens Advisory Group.

Mr. Garcia provided a verbal report on the topics discussed at the February 4, 2022 meeting of the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) for the Eastern Management Area (EMA). Mr. Garcia reported that in order to implement the SGMA projects and management actions outlined in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the EMA, an effective governance mechanism must be in place. He explained that currently the formation of each Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in the Basin is based on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Mr. Garcia noted that each GSA is discussing alternative governance structures for implementing their respective GSPs, which will include the adoption and imposition of SGMA-related fees and charges. He noted that the EMA CAG discussed alternative governance models such as maintaining the current MOA, forming a new Joint Powers Authority (JPA), and how EMA governance and administration would intersect with the governance structures chosen in the Central and Western Management Areas. Mr. Garcia reported that governance will continue to be a high-priority issue of the EMA GSA, which has its next Regular Meeting scheduled for February 24, 2022.

B. CALIFORNIA DROUGHT CONDITIONS

1. Update Regarding Statewide Drought Conditions

The Board packet included the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Current Reservoir Conditions; the January 20, 2022 Notice To State Water Project Contractors; recent news articles relating to current drought conditions; and a monthly Cloud Seeding Report for January operations through North American Weather Consultants, Inc.

Mr. Garcia discussed the Board packet materials, including updated conditions of major reservoirs in California as published by DWR. He also reported on the January 20, 2022 Notice from DWR that the State Water Project Table A Allocation has been increased from zero percent to 15 percent. Mr. Garcia referred to recent news articles relating to current drought conditions and reviewed the January 2022 Cloud Seeding Report contained in the Board packet, noting that ID No.1 is a participating member of the regional cloud seeding program.

C. LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

1. Updates to Municipal Service Reviews and Spheres of Influence

The Board packet included correspondence and related information from the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) pertaining to the upcoming Countywide Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Updates.

Mr. Garcia reported that periodically the Santa Barbara County LAFCO undertakes a review of municipal services and updates to spheres of influence for cities and special districts within Santa Barbara County. He reported that 2012 was the last time the District was involved in this type of LAFCO review. Mr. Garcia stated that ID No.1 recently received a letter request from LAFCO to complete the Municipal Service Review Survey and Questionnaire, and that staff will be preparing a response to LAFCO's request.

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

Trustee Burchardi reported that the District has an opportunity to be involved with an upcoming community event known as "Airport Day" to be held at the Santa Ynez Airport in May 2022. Mr. Garcia agreed that District participation is a great idea and that staff will work with Trustee Burchardi to prepare details for the District's involvement.

The Board packet included the February 2022 Family Farm Alliance Monthly Briefing and the State of California Fish and Game Commission Meeting Agenda for February 16-17, 2022 Webinar and Teleconference.

13. CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS:

The Correspondence List was received by the Board.

14. REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

There were no requests from the Board.

15. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

President Clay stated the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for March 15, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

16. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:07 p.m.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

[Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code - 2 Cases]

1. Name of Case: Adjudicatory proceedings pending before the State Water Resources Control Board regarding Permit 15878 issued on Application 22423 to the City of Solvang, Petitions for Change, and Related Protests
2. Name of Case: Central Coast Water Authority, et al. v. Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 21CV02432

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL INITIATION OF LITIGATION BY THE AGENCY

[Subdivision (d)(4) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code - 1 Case]

17. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:

[Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]

The public participation phone line was re-opened, and the Board reconvened to open session at approximately 6:17 p.m.

Mr. Garcia announced that the Board met in closed session concerning Agenda Items 16.A.1., 16.A.2., and 16.B. and that there was no reportable action from the closed session.

18. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business, it was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote, with Trustee Holzer absent, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:19 p.m.

THE FEBRUARY 22, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE MARCH 15, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.