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**SANTA MARIA VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING**

August 20, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

2255 S. Broadway, Ste. 8E, Santa Maria, California

Members of the Public may also join the meeting via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86584405870?pwd=UilmhXu28fREgvoo3ceYT9ZUqVn15v.1>

Meeting ID: 865 8440 5870

Passcode: 156995

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Roll Call
- b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

*Members of the public may address the Board on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Board and which is **not** on the agenda for Regular Meetings or that **is** on the agenda for Special Meetings. The public is encouraged to work through District staff to place items on the agenda for Board consideration. No action can be taken on matters not listed on the agenda. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes.*

3. ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items may be added to the agenda in accordance with Section 54954.2(b) of the Government Code, upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present at the meeting, or, if less than two thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the District after the Agenda was posted.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve Agenda as published.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the Consent Calendar are routine items that come before the Board of Directors on a regular basis. Unless a Director or member of the public requests separate discussion/action on an item, all items on the Consent Calendar will be considered for approval on one motion.

- a. **Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting of July 16, 2026
- b. **Approval of Minutes** – Special Meeting of July 16, 2026
- c. **Approval of Minutes** – Special Meeting of August 6, 2026

5. CONSIDERATION OF CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Recommended Action: Motion to approve district participation in FY 2026-27 cloud seeding program.

6. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

- a. **Report on Operations at Twitchell Dam**

The Board of Directors will hear a report on dam conditions.

- b. Twitchell Operations Committee (TOC)** – Interim General Manager
The Board of Directors will hear an update from the TOC on operational aspects and maintenance activities at Twitchell Dam.
- c. Engineering, Safety and Environmental Committee** – Interim General Manager
The Board will hear a report on the status of engineering, safety and environmental projects.
- d. Financial Committee** -- Casey Conrad, Chair
 - i. Review of July Financial Reports by the District's CPA, Carrie Troup.*Recommended Action: Motion to receive and file financial report(s)

7. DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS

- a. General Manager's Report**
The interim General Manager will report on new or pending District matters and activities.
- b. District Counsel Report**
District Counsel will report on any relevant legal matters that may impact the District.
- c. Director Reports**
Directors will report on any events or items of note concerning their Division/the District during the prior month, if any. Directors may also request placement of items on future agendas for Board consideration.

8. NEXT MEETING: September 17, 2026

9. ADJOURNMENT

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**SANTA MARIA VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – July 16, 2026**
2255 S. Broadway, Ste. 8E, Santa Maria, California

1. CALL TO ORDER: With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

a. Roll Call: Present were Directors Adam, Elias, Hadick, Mahoney and Sharer. Also present were Michael Miller, Carrie Troup, CPA; District Counsel Keith Lemieux; Interim General Manager Carol Thomas-Keefer, and District staff Eric Carr and Rogelio Alejandre.

b. Pledge of Allegiance: President Hadick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On motion by Director Adam and seconded by Director Sharer, the agenda was approved as presented. Motion carried: 5-0-0-2.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of June 18, 2026
- b. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of June 18, 2026

Ms. Thomas-Keefer noted that the June 18 special meeting was deferred due to lack of quorum and there were no minutes to approve. On motion by Director Sharer and seconded by Director Adam, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2026, were approved. Motion carried 4-0-1-2 with Director Elias abstaining.

5. APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY TO COLLECT SPECIAL TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS: Ms. Thomas-Keefer reported that Santa Barbara County's Board of Supervisors had increased the fees associated with collection of tax roll assessments. She noted that this increase requires approval of an amendment to the contract between the County and the District for collection of taxes and assessments acknowledging the new fees. Following a brief discussion, on motion by Director Sharer and seconded by Director Elias, the Board approved the first amendment to the contract with Santa Barbara County to collect special taxes and assessments. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

6. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 26-05 CALLING FOR ELECTION AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION: Ms. Thomas-Keefer reported that this resolution, similar to the resolution adopted by the Board in June for San Luis Obispo County, was necessary to request that Santa Barbara County place the upcoming board seat elections on the ballot for the November 3, 2026, general election. On motion by Director Adam and seconded by Director Elias, Resolution 26-05 was adopted. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

7. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

a. Report on Operations at Twitchell Dam: Dam Tender Carr reported that the reservoir is dry, with zero rainfall for the month and year to date. He noted that the dam tenders were focusing on weed control, mowing and rodent control.

b. Twitchell Operations Committee (TOC): Ms. Thomas-Keefer reported that the TOC had met on June 25, June 30 and July 9. The June 30 meeting was in preparation for the USBE site inspection on July 1; another special meeting was scheduled for July 23 to review SOP updates. She also reported that the committee received updates on maintenance activities, including the water system upgrades, hydraulic system work, and gate packing replacement. Additionally, she noted that the district is still coordinating with contractors to receive the rail car bridge.

c. Engineering, Safety and Environmental Committee: Ms. Thomas-Keefer reported that the committee received an update on road improvement planning and keyhole cleanout permitting. She noted that the committee also received a presentation by Numeric Solutions on the sedimentation mapping project. The committee is working with Numeric Solutions and the engineer to define the scope and obtain proposals for a new LiDAR survey to be completed this year. The ESE committee will hold a special workshop meeting on July 21 for sediment management project planning; additional workshops will be held over the next several months.

d. Financial Committee: Ms. Troup reviewed the June financial statements and vendor payments. On motion by Director Sharer and seconded by Director Mahoney, the June financial statements were received and filed. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

8. DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS

a. General Manager's Report: Ms. Thomas-Keefer reported that staff is working to purchase new cell phones for the office – a new phone for Dam Tender Alejandre, an upgrade for Dam Tender Carr, and a phone for office use. She also reported that she has been working with Ms. Troup to submit tax roll data to the two counties for upcoming assessments.

b. District Counsel Report: Counsel Lemieux provided an overview of relevant changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act as a result of SB 707, which took effect earlier this year.

c. Director Reports: Director Elias stated that he may need to attend the regular August board meeting remotely.

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: August 20, 2026

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Minutes approved on _____
Keith Hadick, President
Submitted by Carol Thomas-Keefer

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**SANTA MARIA VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.**

2255 S. Broadway, Ste. 8E, Santa Maria, California

1. CALL TO ORDER: With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

a. ROLL CALL: Present were Directors Adam, Elias, Hadick, Mahoney and Sharer. Also present were District Counsel Keith Lemieux, Michael Linden, William Buttry; Special Counsel Rich Adam and Mario Juarez; and Interim General Manager Carol Thomas-Keefer.

b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Hadick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On motion by Director Sharer, seconded by Director Adam, the agenda was approved as published. Motion carried: 5-0-0-2.

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 5:34 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL; (Government Code 54956.9) Existing litigation: War Eagle v. Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case 23CV04459

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL; (Government Code §54956.9) Existing litigation: San Luis Obispo Coastkeeper, et al. v. Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District, et. al.

5. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: 6:27 p.m. –District Counsel Lemieux reported that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

6. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Minutes approved on _____

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Submitted by Carol Thomas-Keefer

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**SANTA MARIA VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.**

2255 S. Broadway, Ste. 8E, Santa Maria, California

1. CALL TO ORDER: With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

a. ROLL CALL: Present were Directors Adam, Conrad, Elias, Hadick, Mahoney and Sharer. Also present were District Counsel Keith Lemieux; Special Counsel Rich Adam; and Interim General Manager Carol Thomas-Keefer.

b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Hadick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On motion by Director Sharer, seconded by Director Adam, the agenda was approved as published. Motion carried: 6-0-0-1.

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 5:31 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL; (Government Code §54956.9) Existing litigation: *San Luis Obispo Coastkeeper, et al. v. Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District, et. al.*

5. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: 6:50 p.m. –District Counsel Lemieux reported that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

6. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Minutes approved on _____

Keith Hadick, President
Submitted by Carol Thomas-Keefer

Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual 26/27
July 2026

8% of the year has elapsed	Jul 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Charges for Services				
4877 · Other Special Assessment	23,303.75	2,000,000.00	-1,976,696.25	1.17%
Total Charges for Services	23,303.75	2,000,000.00	-1,976,696.25	1.17%
Intergovernmental Revenue				
4220 · Homeowners Prop Tax-Stat	209.39	1,500.00	-1,290.61	13.96%
4690 · Homeownrs Prop Tx/pymts in Lieu	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
Total Intergovernmental Revenue	209.39	1,700.00	-1,490.61	12.32%
Taxes				
3011 - Property Tax-Unitary	3,525.39	3,640.00	-114.61	96.85%
3015 - PT Prior Yr Escapes Sec	246.93	1,560.00	-1,313.07	15.83%
3020 - Property Tax-Current Uns	113.13	31,500.00	-31,386.87	0.36%
3028 - RDA Pass-Through Payment	1,441.06	2,800.00	-1,358.94	51.47%
3010 · Property Tax-Current Sec	15,486.26	480,000.00	-464,513.74	3.23%
3023 · PT PY Corr/Escapes Unsec	55.74	535.00	-479.26	10.42%
3025 · Property Tax-Other Cnty	36,335.45	102,000.00	-65,664.55	35.62%
3029 · RDA RPTTF Distributions	3,547.99	11,300.00	-7,752.01	31.4%
3040 · Property Tax-Prior Secured	5.59			
3050 · Property Tax- Prior Unsecured	154.25	400.00	-245.75	38.56%
3054 · Supplemental Prop Tax	6,568.86	2,570.00	3,998.86	255.6%
3056 · Supplemental Prop- Prior	41.70	54.00	-12.30	77.22%
3057 · PT-506 INT,480 CIOS/CIC	3.09	33.00	-29.91	9.36%
Total Taxes	67,525.44	636,392.00	-568,866.56	10.61%
Use of Money and Property				
3382-Interest Savings Acct	0.00	13,000.00	-13,000.00	0.0%
3380 · Interest Income	12,981.73	90,000.00	-77,018.27	14.42%
Total Use of Money and Property	12,981.73	103,000.00	-90,018.27	12.6%
Total Income	104,020.31	2,741,092.00	-2,637,071.69	3.8%
Expense				
1 · Salaries & Employee Benefits				
6100 · Regular Salaries	14,020.57	225,000.00	-210,979.43	6.23%
6550 · FICA/Medicare	1,025.96	17,217.00	-16,191.04	5.96%
6600 · Health Insurance Contrib	1,403.58	45,000.00	-43,596.42	3.12%
6700 · Unemployment Ins Contrib	220.86	1,200.00	-979.14	18.41%
6900 · Workers Compensation	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
Total 1 · Salaries & Employee Benefits	16,670.97	298,417.00	-281,746.03	5.59%

Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual 26/27
July 2026

8% of the year has elapsed				
	Jul 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
2 · Services and Supplies				
7050 · Communications	666.93	10,000.00	-9,333.07	6.67%
7060 · Food	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
7090 · Insurance	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00	0.0%
7110 · Directors Fees	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.0%
7120 · Maintenance-Equipment	0.00	35,000.00	-35,000.00	0.0%
7121 · Operating Supplies	145.60	26,000.00	-25,854.40	0.56%
7200 · MTC-Struct/Impr & Ground	0.00	75,000.00	-75,000.00	0.0%
7324 · Audit Fees	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
7430 · Memberships	0.00	4,200.00	-4,200.00	0.0%
7450 · Office Expense	2,813.07	40,000.00	-37,186.93	7.03%
7460 · Professional & Spec Svcs	3,955.00	150,000.00	-146,045.00	2.64%
7506 · Administration Fees	1,199.00	7,400.00	-6,201.00	16.2%
7507 · ADP Fees	201.40	3,600.00	-3,398.60	5.59%
7508 · Legal Fees	3,100.00	250,000.00	-246,900.00	1.24%
7509 · Other Expense - BOE	0.00	22,000.00	-22,000.00	0.0%
7510 · Contractual Services	0.00	150,000.00	-150,000.00	0.0%
7580 · Rents/Leases-Structure	1,400.00	17,000.00	-15,600.00	8.24%
7710 · Watershed Planning	0.00	45,000.00	-45,000.00	0.0%
7711 · Groundwater Planning	0.00	15,500.00	-15,500.00	0.0%
7731 · Gasoline, Oil, Fuel	651.59	20,000.00	-19,348.41	3.26%
7732 · Training & Travel	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
7760 · Utilities	565.43	8,000.00	-7,434.57	7.07%
Total 2 · Services and Supplies	14,698.02	951,200.00	-936,501.98	1.55%
3 · Fixed Assets				
8000 · Deferred Maintenance	0.00	500,000.00	-500,000.00	0.0%
8100 · Structures/Structure Imprvmnts	0.00	240,000.00	-240,000.00	0.0%
8200 · Land Improvements (Roads)	0.00	200,000.00	-200,000.00	0.0%
8300 · Equipment	0.00	85,000.00	-85,000.00	0.0%
8400 · Sediment Management	90.14	500,000.00	-499,909.86	0.02%
Total 3 · Fixed Assets	90.14	1,525,000.00	-1,524,909.86	0.01%
Total Expense	31,459.13	2,774,617.00	-2,743,157.87	1.13%
Net Ordinary Income	72,561.18	-33,525.00	106,086.18	-216.44%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
9999 · Operating Transfer In	0.00	33,525.00	-33,525.00	0.0%
Total Other Income	0.00	33,525.00	-33,525.00	0.0%

Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual 26/27
July 2026

8% of the year has elapsed	Jul 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Net Other Income	0.00	33,525.00	-33,525.00	0.0%
Net Income	72,561.18	0.00	72,561.18	100.0%

The financial report omits substantially all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; no assurance is provided on them.

Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2026

Jul 31, 26

Checking/Savings	
California Class	3,068,958.31
Comm Bank CD 2.75% Mat 11.06.26	502,679.59
Community Bank of SantaM2513	467,648.14
Community Bank of SM-Saving	12,504.93
Community Bank SM-Agency Fund	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	4,051,890.97

Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District
Vendors
July 2026

	Type	Date	Num	Memo	Debit
ADP fees					
	Check	07/10/2026	EFT		100.70
	Check	07/24/2026	EFT		100.70
Total ADP fees					201.40
AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL					
	Check	07/15/2026	8337	IN # 0420718-IN	24.40
Total AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL					24.40
CARRIE TROUP, CPA					
	Check	07/15/2026	8336	INV # 0626W	3,955.00
Total CARRIE TROUP, CPA					3,955.00
CIVICPLUS					
	Check	07/15/2026	8327	INV # SL-533EO46E-0051, #377642	432.60
Total CIVICPLUS					432.60
COMCAST					
	Check	07/15/2026	8324	SERVICES JUN 22-JUL 21	234.33
Total COMCAST					234.33
GTECH					
	Check	07/15/2026	8328	INV # 1455	2,797.01
Total GTECH					2,797.01
JB DEWAR					
	Check	07/15/2026	8326	80541CL INV 477512, 478173, 479602	651.59
Total JB DEWAR					651.59
JUAREZ ADAM & FARLEY LLP					
	Check	07/15/2026	8325	INV # 12223 \$3364.00-\$264=3100	3,100.00
Total JUAREZ ADAM & FARLEY LLP					3,100.00

Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District
Vendors
July 2026

	Type	Date	Num	Memo	Debit
KEITH HADICK					
	Check	07/15/2026	8335	ACE HARDWARE	16.06
	Check	07/15/2026	8335	ARROW PHOTO	90.14
Total KEITH HADICK					106.20
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.					
	Check	07/15/2026	8331	INV # 57395093	121.20
Total LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.					121.20
PG&E					
	Check	07/15/2026	8332	2084099541-7 STMNT 6-22-2026	326.79
	Check	07/15/2026	8333	9469185104-5 STMT 6-26-2026	207.14
	Check	07/15/2026	8334	ACCT # 5386134685-5 STMNT 06/26/2026	31.50
Total PG&E					565.43
SANTA BARBARA LAFCO					
	Check	07/15/2026	8330	2026-2027	1,199.00
Total SANTA BARBARA LAFCO					1,199.00
SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MGMT AUTHORITY					
	Check	07/15/2026	8329	HEALTH BENEFITS JULY 2026-ERIC CARR	1,403.58
Total SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MGMT AUTHORITY					1,403.58
TEIXEIRA FARMS					
	Check	07/15/2026	8338	RENT AUG 2026	1,400.00
Total TEIXEIRA FARMS					1,400.00
TOTAL					16,191.74