

BOARD MEMBERS

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

To Attend the Meeting Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88049528693> **Password: 890079**

NOTE: See page 3 for remote meeting access and meeting protocols.

Directors who give advance notice can attend via traditional teleconference rules. See the last page for details.

Date: Wednesday, Feb 18, 2026,

Time: 5:30 PM

Location:

District Board Room
 1070 Faraday Street
 Santa Ynez, California

The Board President reminds staff to begin recording.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

2. ROLL CALL

3. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS: This item allows Board Members to make brief announcements or reports, ask questions related to District business, request Staff to report on a particular matter, or request that an item be considered for a future meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Public Members may address the Board on any items of interest within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction that are not on the agenda (Government Code §54954.3).

5. REPORTS:

- A.** General Manager
- B.** Legal Counsel
- C.** Board Secretary

Mission Statement

The District's mission is to respond to the needs of its citizens and represent them, as a group, at State and Federal levels in solving local problems affecting the common good.

D. Committees: See consent items for recent committee meeting minutes that summarize all committee meetings. This is an opportunity for Board Members to share information about recent committee meetings beyond the minutes. Also, upcoming committee meetings will be scheduled at this Board meeting.

6. CONSENT ITEMS: These items are typically approved with one motion. Directors may briefly discuss any item or pull any item, which is then added to action items. **Recommended Motion:** I move to approve all consent items in a single motion.

- A. Board Minutes from the previous regular meeting
- B. Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes, February 3, 2026
- C. Special Board Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2026
- D. Wastewater Committee Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2026
- E. Community Interface Committee Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2026
- F. Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2026
- G. Previous Month's Activity Report
- H. Previous Month's Disbursements
- I. Previous Month's Bank Account Balance
- J. FY 2025-26 Q2 Financials & Variance Report
- K. Directors' Meeting Attendance Tracker

7. ACTION ITEMS: As a reference, follow *Rosenberg's Rules of Order* for Action Item discussion: **1.** The Chair states the title of the Action Item. **2.** The Chair introduces the presenter. **3.** The Board may ask clarifying questions following the presentation. **4.** Invite public comment and, when appropriate, close public comment. **5.** Invite a motion, if necessary. **6.** Invite a second. **7.** Ensure the Motion is understood. **8.** If necessary, invite board members to discuss the Motion. **9.** Take the vote. **10.** Announce the vote result.

- A. Discuss and review an initial wastewater rates presentation by Willdan.** Presentation and facilitated discussion of the preliminary wastewater rate study prepared by Willdan Financial Consultants. This session will present recommendations for ensuring long-term financial sustainability, infrastructure maintenance, and regulatory compliance.
- B. LAFCO Election for Regular Special District Member for Santa Barbara.** Discussion and possible action regarding the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) election for the Regular Special District Member's seat.

C. Review expansion statistics after the latest survey results. Review and analysis of the District's service area expansion statistics and growth metrics, considering additional recent customer, stakeholder, and community survey results. Consider possible next steps for infrastructure planning, capacity assessments, and phased expansion strategies.

D. General Manager Focus for the next 4 months. The General Manager will present the primary priorities, key initiatives, and operational focus areas for the next four months. Topics will include major projects (e.g., capital improvements or rate implementation), other goals, staff development, stakeholder engagement, and other objectives to advance the District's mission and long-term vision.

E. Consider a proposal to formalize and enhance the requirement for Collection System Operator I. CWEA Collection System Maintenance Grade 1 certification within 2 years of hire, consistent with the existing job description (dated July 1, 2012). Consider additional support.

F. Discuss Ad-Hoc Compensation Recommendation. Discuss and adopt (or adjust) the Ad-Hoc recommended base salary range of \$165,000 – \$200,000 annually (DOQ), along with direction on total compensation elements.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: (Some documents may be distributed at the Board meeting.)

9. ADJOURNMENT: Board meetings are regularly scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of the month.


End Recording- DIRECTORS AND STAFF, PLEASE CONFIRM THAT RECORDINGS ARE TURNED OFF (YouTube, Zoom, Digital or Public Recordings, etc.)

If a director attends remotely, it will be indicated here, along with the method of attendance, either using traditional teleconference rules or “for cause.

Options for Remote Access to Board Meetings

Director _____ will be attending this meeting remotely via traditional teleconference rules from the following address: _____

Attend the Meeting via the Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88049528693>

1. Meeting ID: 880 4952 8693
2. Password: 890079
3. Press: "Raise Hand"  to comment, and the Chair will call you

Attend the Meeting via Phone:

1. Dial: 1(408) 638-0968
2. Meeting ID: 880 4952 8693
3. Password: 890079
4. Press *9 to comment, and the Chair will call you
5. Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdFagYmnan>

Meeting Protocols

1. Direct comments to the Board President
2. District-prepared staff reports and supporting documents are usually posted on the District's website, www.sycsd.com
3. The Board can exercise an option to limit speakers to three (3) minutes each and may limit the total time allotted for public comments to twenty (20) minutes.
4. For those persons with disabilities requiring modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services, to participate in the Meeting, contact the District at least one (1) day before the Meeting by telephone at (805) 688-3008 or by email to admin@sycsd.com
5. Any public records that are distributed less than 72 hours before this Meeting to all, or a majority of all, of the District's Board members in connection with any agenda item (other than closed sessions) will be available for public inspection at the time of such distribution at the District's office located at 1070 Faraday, Santa Ynez, California 93460. Such records may also be posted on the District's website at www.sycsd.com
6. *Virtual Meeting Conduct:* To maintain a respectful and secure environment, all participants must follow our Virtual Meeting Guidelines. Disruptive behavior will result in immediate removal, and we reserve the right to report violations to Zoom or authorities.

Loch A. Dreizler, GM