

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
Agenda For
May 27, 2026
Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
30 Mansfield Road – Hollister, California 95023**

Assistance for those with disabilities:

If you have a disability and need accommodation to participate in the meeting, please call Barbara Mauro, Board Clerk, at (831) 637-8218, 48 hours prior to meeting for assistance so the necessary arrangements can be made.

Effective at the April 27, 2022, The Board of Directors is now allowing the public to attend in person at all meetings of the San Benito County Water District Board. We will also continue to offer the meeting via Zoom as well. Regarding virtual participation, members of the public are instructed to be on mute during the proceedings and to speak only when public comment is allowed, after requesting and receiving recognition from the Board President.

ZOOM LINK

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CALL TO ORDER

- a. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- b. Roll Call
- c. Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes to address the Board; rebuttal will be limited to 3 minutes; no new business agenda items will be heard after 8:00 p.m.
- d. Approval of Agenda
- e. Public Input: Members of the Public are Invited to Speak on any Matter not on the Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA:

(Consent items shall be considered as a whole and without discussion unless a particular item is removed from the consent agenda. Board member may discuss individual items or seek information from staff or legal counsel without removing the item from the Consent Agenda. A member of the public should seek recognition by the President if comment is desired. Approval of consent items shall be made by one motion.)

- 1. Approval of Minutes for: Regular Meeting April 22, 2026
- 2. Allowance of Claims
- 3. Acknowledgement of Paid Claims prior to the May Board Meeting
- 4. On Call Contracts – Status Updates

REGULAR AGENDA

- 5. Public Hearing on the Proposed Groundwater Management Fee by the San Benito County Water District acting as the North San Benito County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)
 - a. Proof of Publication / Public Notice With Required Information Fee on District's Website
 - b. Presentation of Fees
 - c. Questions of Directors
 - d. Open Public Hearing
 - e. Close Public Hearing or continue to another date
 - f. Consider Resolution 2026-12: A Resolution of the San Benito County Water District Acting as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the North San Benito Groundwater Basin Levying a Groundwater Management Fee
- 6. Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Clara Valley Water District and San Benito County Water District for Groundwater Basin Sustainability Plan Cost Sharing
- 7. 2026-2027 District Budget
 - a. Presentation of 2026-2027 District Budget
 - b. Consider Board Approval of 2026-2027 District Budget
- 8. Consider Amending Resolution 2025-12 Regarding the District Policy on Restriction and Designation of District Net Assets/Cash
- 9. Consider Awarding a Contract to Coffman Engineers, Inc. to Perform the Close Interval Survey on the Hollister Conduit and Authorize the General Manager to execute all necessary documents (NTE \$51,590)

10. Committee/Agency Representative Reports:
 - a. San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Tonascia/Jacobson)
 - b. Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority (Flores/Williams)
 - c. Water Resources Association (Flores/Freeman)
 - d. Association of California Water Agencies—Joint Powers Insurance Authority, Board of Directors Meeting (Freeman)
 - e. Association of California Water Agencies-Spring Conference (Freeman, Tonascia, Miller)
 - f. Finance Committee (Tonascia/Freeman)
 - g. Zone 6 Water Supply & Operations Committee (Tonascia/Wright)
11. Monthly Operations and Maintenance Report
12. General Manager’s Report:
 - a. Reach 1 Operations
 - b. Zone 3 Operations
 - c. Zone 6 Operations
 - d. Accelerated Drought Response Project (ADRoP)
 - e. San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority Activities
 - f. City of San Juan Bautista Water Supply Plan
 - g. B F Sisk Dam Raise Project
 - h. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Compliance
 - i. Miscellaneous District items
13. **CLOSED SESSION:
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code, paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one potential case
14. **CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representative: Dana Jacobson, General Manager
Employee Organization: SEIU 521 Office and Field Employees Unit

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Unrepresented Employees:
Management/Confidential/Professional Employees: Accountant, Assistant Engineer, Associate Engineer, Deputy District Engineer, Finance Manager, Human Resources/Administrative Analyst, Operations and Maintenance Manager, Senior Engineer, Supervising Accountant, Water Conservation Program Manager
16. **OPEN SESSION:**
Report on any action taken, if any, in Closed Session items
17. Adjournment

Adjournment - Unless there is a special meeting prior to that time, the next regular meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, June 24, 2026. Meetings are held at the District office, 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. **LAST DAY TO FILE CLAIMS** against the District is the second Friday of each month, except in November and December. Usually meeting dates change in those months because of holidays. The Board may hold a closed session to discuss personnel matters, litigation or employee negotiations as authorized by the Ralph M. Brown Act, Evidence Code #950-962 or other appropriate State law.

All public records relating to an agenda item on this agenda are available for public inspection at the time the record is distributed to all, or a majority of all, members of the Board. Such records shall be available at the District office located at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California.