

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2024 @ 8:00 A.M.
District Headquarters Board Room
12109 Hwy 166, 6.5 miles west of Mettler, CA

Or via GoToMeeting
(Optional Remote Public Participation Only – See NOTICE Below)
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A G E N D A

8:00 1. Call to Order

2. Closed Session

Conference with Legal Counsel Re: Existing Litigation (Govt. Code § 54956.9(a)):

1. *DWR v. All Persons Interested, etc. "Complaint for Validation" Re: SWP Contract Extension Amendment (Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 34-2018-00246183, 3rd Appellate Dist., Case No. C096316, and related cases and appeals)*
2. *Sierra Club v. DWR v. All Persons Interested, etc., consolidated CEQA Case and "Complaint for Validation" Re: Delta Program Revenue Bonds, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 34-2020-80003517*
3. *CDWR Environmental Impact [WaterFix] Cases, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. JCCP No. 4942*
4. *Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v. Kern County Water Agency, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-21-100418*
5. *KWBA, et al. v. Kern LAFCo, et al., Kern County Sup. Ct., Case No. BCV-21-101310-GP*
6. *Friends of the River, et al., v. Sites Project Authority, Yolo County Sup. Ct., Case No. CV2023-2626 and related cases*
7. *Sierra Club, et al., v. DWR, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 24WM000008, and related cases, challenging DCP EIR*
8. *State Water Resources Control Bd. Administrative Hearing Office (AHO) Proceeding Re Sites Project Authority Water Rights Applications*
9. *MFC Kern I LLC, et al. v. Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD, Kern County Sup. Ct., Case No. BCV-24-100873*

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of Litigation (Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(4)):

10. *Two Potential Cases*

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation (Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(2)):

11. *Two Potential Cases*

9:00 Open Session Pledge of Allegiance

3. Attorney's Report

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1. Report from Closed Session (Gov. Code § 54957.1)
2. Legislative, Executive, Regulatory, and Legal Matters

4. Minutes

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1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 10, 2024

Atkinson (2 mins)

5. Financial Reports

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1. Filing of Treasurer's Report
2. Approve Payment of Accounts Payable
- 2.1 Director Compensation and Expense

Mettler (5 mins)

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Mettler (2 mins)

6. **Controller's Report**
- 1. Delinquent Accounts Report for May 2024 *Smith* (2 mins)
 - 2. Budget Expenditures Report for March 2024 *Mielke* (5 mins)
 - * 3. Intent to Fix Special Service Charges 2024 ****Resolution Required**** *Smith* (5 mins)
7. **President's Report** *Atkinson* (5 min)
8. **Engineer-Manager's Report**
- 1. Filing of the Monthly Report *Nicholas* (5 mins)
 - 2. Water Supply – **2024 SWP Increased Allocation of 40%** *McDaris* (15 mins)
 - a. 2024 Water Supply/Demand Estimate
 - b. Other Purchases/Exchanges
 - * 3. 2024 Budget Water Rate Revisions and Set District Allocation *McDaris* (20 mins)
 - a. Fixed Obligation Equivalent – SWP and Supplemental
 - b. User Input Administration Charge
 - c. Supplemental Water Agreements
 - d. Miscellaneous Water Rates (Budget Table 17)
 - e. Groundwater Service Charge
 - * 4. 2024 – 2025 Carryover *McDaris* (15 mins)
 - * 5. Ratification of Revised Contract for SCADA Services for District System *Nicholas* (5 mins)
 - * 6. Revised Add/Exclude for Materra Farming ****Restated Resolution **** *McDaris* (10 mins)
 - 7. State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project *Nicholas* (10 mins)
 - 8. Sites Reservoir *Kunde* (E-M Report)
 - * 9. WRMGSA *Staff* (45 mins)
 - a. Discussion and possible action to (a) approve final draft amendments to Kern Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and supporting appendix of projects and management actions for the Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Groundwater Sustainability Agency, (b) authorize their submission by the Kern County Subbasin Point of Contact to the State Water Resources Control Board before May 29 for review by SWRCB staff, and (c) authorize their release for public review and comment.
 - b. Discussion and possible action to authorize execution of amended and restated Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement among subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.
 - c. Discussion and possible action to authorize execution of Third Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (formerly Kern Groundwater Authority).
 - d. Discussion and possible action to authorize [updated] notification to cities and counties of intention to adopt new or amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
 - e. Discussion and possible action to authorize execution of Memorandum of Understanding Between Kern Water Collaborative and Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in the Kern Subbasin.
 - f. Resolution Authorizing Impose WRMGSA Administration Charge, Directing Notice, and Setting Hearing Regarding Same ****Resolution Required****

9. Reports

1. Director’s Reports on Meetings Attended
2. Kern County Water Agency *McDaris* (5 mins)
3. Kern Water Bank Authority/ KWBGSA *Nicholas* (5 mins)
4. South of Kern River GSP *Nicholas* (5 mins)
5. White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency *Nicholas* (5 mins)
6. Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority *Blaine* (5 mins)
7. Committee for Delta Reliability *Nicholas* (5 mins)
8. South Valley Water Resource Authority *Nicholas* (5 mins)

10. Unfinished and New Business

11. Public Comments

12. Adjournment

*These items may require Board action and may be moved to earlier in the meeting to ensure the maximum number of Directors are present.

Posted pursuant to Government Code § 54954.2(a) at least 72 hours prior to said meeting.

By: Danyel Ruth

May 10, 2024

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