

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 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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AGENDA

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, 3rd Appellate Dist., Case No. C100552*
3. *CDWR Environmental Impact [WaterFix] Cases, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. JCCP No. 4942, 3rd Appellate Dist., Case No. C100302*
4. *Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v. Kern County Water Agency, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-21-100418*
5. *Friends of the River, et al., v. Sites Project Authority, Yolo County Sup. Ct., Case No. CV2023-2626 and related cases, 3rd Appellate Dist., Case No. C101361*
6. *Sierra Club, et al., v. DWR, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 24WM000008, and related cases, challenging DCP EIR*
7. *State Water Resources Control Bd. Administrative Hearing Office (AHO) Proceeding Re Sites Project Authority Water Rights Applications*
8. *MFC Kern I LLC, et al. v. Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD, Kern County Sup. Ct., Case No. BCV-24-100873*

Conference with Labor Negotiator Re: Public Employee Compensation/Performance Review (Govt. Code §§54957(b), 54957.6)

9. *District's Designated Representative: President Annual Review of Performance, Salaries, and Benefits for Engineer-Manager*

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

10. *Two Matters*

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

11. *Two Matters*

9:30 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 October 9, 2024

Atkinson (2 mins)

5. Financial Reports

Mettler (10 mins)

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

- * 3. Approval of Budget, Water Rates, & Cash Forecast for 2025 *Smith* (10 mins)
6. **Controller's Report**
1. Delinquent Accounts Report for November 2024 *Smith* (2 mins)
2. Budget Expenditures Report for September 2024 *Whitby* (5 mins)
- * 3. Audit Engagement Letter *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 Allocation of 40%** *McDaris* (10 mins)
- a. 2024 Water Supply/Demand Estimate
- b. Other Purchases/Exchanges
- * 3. Consider Approval of Groundwater Service Charge Delinquency Procedure *McDaris* (10 mins)
- * 4. Consider Approval of Updated Publicly Available Pay Schedule *Nicholas* (5 mins)
- * 5. Proposed Add/Exclude for West Coast Grape – **Resolution Required** *McDaris* (10 mins)
6. State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project *Nicholas* (10 mins)
7. Sites Reservoir *Kunde* (10 mins)
- * a. Amendment to Grower Funding Agreement
- * b. Adopt 2025 Budget
8. Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA *Staff* (20 mins)
- a. State Water Resources Control Board SGMA Update
- * b. Consider Establishment of GSA Reserve for Domestic Well Mitigation – **Resolution Required**
- c. Consider Subsidence Projects & Management Actions
9. **Reports**
1. Director's Reports on Meetings Attended
2. Kern County Water Agency *McDaris* (5 mins)
3. Kern Water Bank Authority/ Kern Water Bank GSA *Nicholas* (5 mins)
4. South of Kern River GSP *Nicholas* (5 mins)
5. Kern Non-District Lands Authority *Nicholas* (5 mins)
6. Kern Coordination Committee *Blaine* (5 mins)
7. White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency *Nicholas* (5 mins)
8. Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority *Blaine* (5 mins)
9. Committee for Delta Reliability *Nicholas* (5 mins)
10. South Valley Water Resource Authority *Nicholas* (5 mins)
10. **Unfinished and New Business**
1. ACWA Fall Conference – Palm Desert - December 3-5, 2024 *Nicholas* (2 mins)
2. Ethics Training – AB1234 *Nicholas* (5 mins)
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

November 8, 2024

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