

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday March 12, 2025 @ 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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REVISED AGENDA

8:00 1. Call to Order

2. Closed Session

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

1. *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*
2. *CDWR Environmental Impact [WaterFix] Cases, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. JCCP No. 4942, 3rd Appellate Dist., Case No. C100302*
3. *Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v. Kern County Water Agency, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-21-100418*
4. *Sierra Club, et al., v. DWR, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 24WM000008, and related cases, challenging DCP EIR*
5. *State Water Resources Control Bd. Administrative Hearing Office (AHO) Proceeding Re Sites Project Authority Water Rights Applications*
6. *DWR v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Authorization of Delta Conveyance Program Bonds, etc., Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 25CV000704*

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

7. *Two Matters*

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

8. *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 February 12, 2025
2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting February 26, 2025

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

6. Controller’s Report

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1. Delinquent Accounts Report
2. Budget Expenditures Report for January 2025
3. Consider Postponement of Public Sale for GWSC Delinquent Lands

Smith (10 mins)

Whitby (5 mins)

McDaris (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 – **2025 SWP Increased Allocation of 35%** *McDaris* (10 mins)
 - a. 2025 Water Supply/Demand Estimate
 - b. Declaration of Shortage – User Input Program
 - c. Carryover Update
 - d. Other Purchases/Exchanges
 3. Consider Amending District Water Meter Standards *Suggs* (10 mins)
 4. Authorization to Solicit Bids for PVC Pipe for 6P Lateral *Suggs* (10 mins)
 5. Authorization to Solicit Bids for Replacement Valves *Suggs* (10 mins)
 6. Consider Approval of Agreement with KCWA for Battery Power Projects *Nicholas* (10 mins)
 7. State Water Project / Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) *Kunde* (60 mins)
 - a. Consider Approval of District's Continued Participation in DCP Planning Costs
 *** **Resolution Required** ***
 - i. Consider the Final Environmental Impact Report for the DCP
 - ii. Consider Making Responsible Agency Findings Pursuant to CEQA
 - iii. Consider Adopting CEQA Finding of Fact for the DCP
 - iv. Consider Adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations for DCP Pre-Construction Work
 - v. Consider Authorizing the Engineer-Manager to Execute a Letter and Funding Agreement Setting Forth the District's Contribution of Additional Money for DCP Planning and Pre-Construction Costs for Calendar Years 2026-2027
 - vi. Consider Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Contract Between Kern County Water Agency and Its Member Units for Preliminary Planning and Design Costs Related to a Potential DCP
 8. Sites Reservoir *Kunde* (10 mins)
 9. Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA *Staff* (15 mins)
 - a. Ratification of Issuance of Notice of Intent to Adopt Amended GSPs for the Kern County Subbasin
 - b. Consider Approval of Task Orders for Kern Subbasin
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 *Fry* (5 mins)
 6. White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency *Nicholas* (5 mins)
 7. Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority *Blaine* (5 mins)
 8. Committee for Delta Reliability *Nicholas* (5 mins)
 9. South Valley Water Resource Authority *Nicholas* (5 mins)
10. **Unfinished and New Business**
1. Form 700's / Statement of Economic Interest (SEI/Form 700) *Ruth* (5 mins)
 FPPC Online Filing Requirement for GSA Board Members and Executive Directors
 2. Change of Date for May Board Meeting
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

March 7, 2025

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