



# San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Helping Nature Store Our Water

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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#### **1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any item that is within the jurisdiction of the Board; however, no action may be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Subdivision (b) Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.*

#### **2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

*Section 54954.2 provides that a legislative body may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda under the following conditions: (1) an emergency situation exists, as defined in Section 54956.5; (2) a need to take immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the District subsequent to the agenda being posted; and (3) the item was posted for a prior meeting occurring not more than five calendar days prior to the date action is taken on the item, and at the prior meeting the item was continued to the meeting at which action is being taken.*

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#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Division 1:  
Richard Corneille

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David E. Raley

Division 3:  
Robert Stewart

Division 4:  
John Longville

Division 5:  
Melody McDonald

#### **GENERAL MANAGER**

Daniel B. Cozad

3. **GUEST RECOGNITION/SELF INTRODUCTIONS**

4. **PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO ADOPTION OF GROUNDWATER CHARGE**

– 10 minutes

*Article 1, Section 75560 of the California Water Code requires that a Water Conservation District that proposes to levy a groundwater charge "...shall annually cause to be made an engineering investigation and report upon groundwater conditions of the District." District staff will present the annual Bunker Hill Engineering Investigation Report and review the Groundwater Replenishment Program annual budget. District staff is recommending to the District's Board of Directors that an increase take place for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$15.27 groundwater charge per acre-foot (af) for all groundwater production. As requested by the San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council ("Council:), the District is also considering the addition of a Replenishment/Sustainability component to the groundwater charge, to be imposed on entities subject to the District's Groundwater Charge that are not members of the Council. The Council supports phasing in this charge over several years The proposed amount of such component is \$18.37 per acre foot but for the upcoming water year is proposed at the phase-in rate of seven dollars and thirty-five cents (\$7.35) per acre foot. District staff will present any written comments received and the board will hear oral comments.*

- *Open Public Hearing*
- *Receive Public Comments or Testimony*
- *Groundwater Charge for FY 2022-2023 (M#1864).....5*
- *Provide any comments on Resolution No.599 ..... 18*
- *Close Public Hearing*

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Board Minutes, April 13, 2022 .....25

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS /ACTION ITEMS**

**Action Items**

- A. AGREEMENT AND ELECTION TO PREFUND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO A DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 115 CALIFORNIA EMPLOYERS' PENSION PREFUNDING TRUST – 5 Minutes (M#1865) .....32

**Presenter:** *Betsy Miller*

**Recommendation:** The Finance and Administration Committee recommend the Board: 1) Approve an Agreement and Election to Prefund Employer Contributions to a Defined Benefit Pension Plan; 2) Approve the Delegation of Authority to Request Disbursements to the General Manager; 3) Authorize the Board President to sign the Agreement and all associated documents; and 4) Approve as part of the annual budget an amount of up to two years annual CalPERS regular costs plus \$50,000 for future unfunded liabilities for deposit into the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust from reserves.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- A. Future Agenda Items & Staff Tasks

8. **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- A. May 3-5, 2022 ACWA Spring Conference, Sacramento
- B. May 4, 2022 USAR WIFA Meeting, 8:30 a.m. at Valley Municipal
- C. May 9, 2022 Association of San Bernardino Special Districts Dinner hosted by Mojave Water Agency, 6:00 p.m., at the Courtyard Marriott in Hesperia  
*(Topic: The Secret Sauce for Successful Grant Applications)*
- D. May 10, 2022 San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board Engineering Workshop, 2:00 p.m. at Valley Municipal
- E. May 11, 2022 USAR WIFA Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m. at Valley Municipal
- F. May 11, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m. at Conservation District
- G. May 11, 2022 A Wellspring of Celebration (90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), 6:00 p.m., Cuttle Weir
- H. May 12, 2022 San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board Policy Workshop, 2:00 p.m. at Valley Municipal
- I. May 17, 2022 San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board of Directors Meeting, 2:00 p.m. at Valley Municipal
- J. May 19, 2022 San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board Resources Workshop, 2:00 p.m. at Valley Municipal
- K. May 25, 2022 USAR WIFA Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m. at Valley Municipal
- L. May 30, 2022 Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- M. June 8, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting, 1:30 p.m. at Conservation District
- N. June 20, 2022 Association of San Bernardino Special Districts Dinner, 6:00 p.m. hosted by the Conservation District, location TBD
- O. July 4, 2022 Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- P. July 5, 2022 Operations Committee, 9:00 a.m., location TBD
- Q. July 19, 2022 Big Bear Watermaster Committee, 1:30 p.m. at Conservation District
- R. July 20, 2022 San Bernardino Valley Conservation Trust, 1:30 p.m., Conservation District
- S. July 27, 2022 Finance & Administration Committee, 1:30 p.m. at Conservation District

T. August 12, 2022

Southern California Water Conference, 8:00 a.m.-1:00  
p.m., Ontario Double Tree Hotel

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

1. The Board will meet in Closed Session under authority of Government Code §54956.9 (a), in order to discuss existing litigation, Endangered Habitats League et al. vs. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Central District Court Case no. Case No.: 2:16-cv-09178-MWF-E.

2. The Board may convene in Closed Session for Conference to discuss Real Property Negotiation pursuant to Government Code §54956.8; Owner: Southern California Edison East End Hydroelectric Generation Plant property located on various parcels and easements in Mill Creek and Santa Ana River Canyons, Negotiator: Daniel Cozad and David Cosgrove Owner: Southern California Edison Negotiators Allison, Bahen, Property Manager and Steven Powell, Vice President.

10. **ADJOURN MEETING.** The next regularly scheduled Board meeting for May 11, 2022, at 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Suite A, Redlands, CA 92373 at 9:00 a.m. and via teleconference/Zoom.