



# San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Helping Nature Store Our Water

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Location-1630 West Redlands Boulevard, Suite A, Redlands, California**

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**Call in (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 811 5882 7619**

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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*

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#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Division 1:  
Richard Corneille

Division 2:  
David E. Ralev

Division 3:  
Robert Stewart

Division 4:  
John Longville

Division 5:  
Melody McDonald

#### **GENERAL MANAGER**

Betsy Miller

*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.*

**3. GUEST RECOGNITION/SELF INTRODUCTIONS**

**4. PUBLIC MEETING 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 2023-2024 in the amount of \$16.95 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 \$20.00 per acre foot but for the upcoming water year is proposed at the phase-in rate of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per acre foot. District staff will present any written comments received and the board will hear oral comments.*

- *Open Public Meeting*
- [2023 Engineering Investigation Report Presentation \(if requested\)](#)
- *Staff Presentation on GW Sustainability/Replenishment Component and Groundwater Charge*
- *Groundwater Charge for FY 2023-2024 (M#1927) and Review Draft Resolution No. 610 for Groundwater Charge for 2023-2024 .....6*
- *Receive Public Comments or Testimony*
- *Close Public Meeting*

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Board Minutes, March 8, 2023 .....35
- B. Approval of Expenditure Report, March 2023 .....45
- C. Report of Excused Absences

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS /ACTION ITEMS**

**Committee Reports**

**A. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION VERBAL UPDATE**

**Presenter:** *David E. Raley*

**Recommendation:** The Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee will provide a verbal update of the meeting held on March 22.

**B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE VERBAL UPDATE**

**Presenter:** *Richard Corneille*

**Recommendation:** The Chair of the Operations Committee will provide a verbal update of the meeting held on March 28.

**Action Items**

**C. 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER UNAUDITED FINANCIALS FOR 2022-2023 – 5 minutes (M#1928).....58**

**Presenter:** *Finance & Administration Committee/Angie Quiroga/Betsy Miller*

**Recommendation:** The Finance & Administration Committee recommends the Board approve the third quarter unaudited financial reports for FY 2022-2023 as presented.

**D. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS, March 2023 – 5 minutes (M#1929).....64**

**Presenter:** *Angie Quiroga/Betsy Miller*

**Recommendation:** Review and approve the unaudited financials for March 2023.

**E. ACWA 2023 BOARD OFFICERS’ ELECTION VOTING DELEGATE – 5 Minutes (M#1930) .....70**

**Presenter:** *Betsy Miller*

**Recommendation:** Consider appointing a Director as the voting delegate for the ACWA 2023 Board Officers’ Election.

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- A. Environmental Update – 5 minutes.....74
- B. Wash Plan Trails Status Report – 5 minutes.....78
- C. Engineering Update – 5 minutes.....79
- D. PERC Status Report No. 13 – 5 minutes .....80
- E. Board President Monthly Verbal Update
- F. General Manager’s Report and Monthly Recharge Report – 5 minutes.....85
- G. Strategic Planning Verbal Update
- H. Future Agenda Items & Staff Tasks – 5 minutes

**8. MONTHLY BOARD MEMBER MEETING REPORTS, AND/OR BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- A. Board Member Meeting Reports – 15 minutes
- B. ACWA Spring Conference Travel Request

**9. UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- A. April 17, 2023  
Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts, 6:00 p.m. at Old Spaghetti Factory (Rancho Cucamonga) hosted by Chino Basin Water Conservation District

*Topic: Southern California's Evolving Landscape:  
Cultivating Beautiful & Resilient Communities in a  
Hotter, Drier Future*

- B. April 18, 2023 San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting, 2:00 p.m. at Valley Municipal
- C. April 19, 2023 USAR WIFA Meeting, 8:30 a.m. via Teleconference
- D. April 19, 2023 Conservation Trust, 2:00 p.m. at Conservation District  
*(Zoom Meeting ID: 815 7933 6493)*
- E. April 26, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting/Groundwater Public Hearing, 1:30 p.m.  
*(Zoom Meeting ID: 842 5799 5859)*
- F. April 26, 2023 Budget Workshop, 2:30 p.m. *(or immediately following the Board meeting)*  
*(Zoom Meeting ID: 842 5799 5859)*
- G. May 9-May 11, 2023 ACWA Spring Conference, Monterey  
***(Board Approval Required)***
- H. May 17, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.  
*(Zoom Meeting ID: 811 5882 7619)*
- I. May 31, 2023 PERC Policy Committee, 9:00 a.m.  
*(Zoom Meeting ID: 853 6108 6548)*
- J. June 5, 2023 Basin Technical Advisory Committee, 1:30 p.m. at Valley Municipal

## 10. 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 Negotiations 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: Betsy Miller and David Cosgrove Owner: Southern California Edison Negotiators Allison, Bahen, Property Manager and Steven Powell, Vice President.
3. The Board will meet in Closed Session under Government Code section 54956.8, to discuss the terms and conditions of potential acquisition of Federal properties as part of the Wash Plan land exchange with BLM, consisting of 327.5 acres of the Federal Exchange Parcel, and 90 acres of the Federal Equalization Parcels, in exchange for District property of Assessor Parcel Nos. 0291-

151-01, -02, and-05. David Cosgrove and Betsy Miller are the District's negotiators, and Jessika Peltz is the lead negotiator for BLM.

11. **ADJOURN MEETING.** The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors Meeting/Groundwater Public Hearing will be on April 26, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA and via Zoom/teleconference.