



San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Helping Nature Store Our Water

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – 1:30 p.m.

Location – 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Ste. A, Redlands, CA 92373

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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.

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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. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - A. Approval of Board Minutes, October 11, 20235
 - B. Approval of Expenditure Report, October 202312
 - C. Report of Excused Absences

- 5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS /ACTION ITEMS**

Action Items

- A. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS, October 2023 – 5 minutes (M#1980)24
Presenter: Angie Quiroga/Betsy Miller
Recommendation: Review and approve the unaudited financials for October 2023.

- B. ENGINEERING INVESTIGATION PLAN FOR 2024 – 5 minutes (M#1981)30
Presenter: Katelyn Scholte
Recommendation: Staff requests the Board review and consider approval of the 2024 Engineering Investigation Report plan.

- C. DETERMINATION THAT SAND AND DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM BASIN MAINTENANCE IS A MINISTERIAL PROJECT – 5 minutes (M#1982)37
Presenter: David B. Cosgrove
Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 617, a resolution exercising the District’s discretion to determine that the removal of sand and debris from groundwater basins is, subject to certain restrictions, a ministerial project under the California Environmental Quality Act.

- D. YEAR 4 AMENDMENT TO CONSERVATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH INLAND EMPIRE RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR THE PLUNGE CREEK CONSERVATION PROJECT – 5 minutes (M#1983)41
Presenter: Milan Mitrovich
Recommendation: Approve Amendment 3 to the Conservation Services Agreement with Inland Empire Resources Conservation District for implementation of permit conditions associated with the Plunge Creek Conservation Project.

- E. RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR REDLANDS PLAZA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – 5 minutes (M#1984)52
Presenter: Betsy Miller/David B. Cosgrove
Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to establish a new disbursement bank account with Citizens Business Bank for use by the District’s contracted Property manager, Hudson Property Management, to pay recurring and routine expenditures.

F. CONTENT AND POTENTIAL FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – 10 minutes

(M#1985)54

Presenter: *Ellen Cross, Strategy Driver, Inc.*

Recommendation: Approve the content for the Strategic Plan 2024-2028+, which incorporates feedback was provided at both staff and Board workshops.

G. DISTRICT BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR REVIEW FOR 2024 – 5 minutes (M#1986)69

Presenter: *Betsy Miller*

Recommendation: Review and consider approval of the draft 2024 District Board Meeting Calendar.

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8. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- A. November 10, 2023 Office Closed in Observance of Veteran’s Day
- B. November 14, 2023 Program for the Expansion of Recharge Capacity (PERC) Policy Committee, at 10:00 a.m., at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 826 1255 0225)
- C. November 15, 2023 Finance & Administration Committee Meeting, 1:30 p.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 822 5030 2950)
- D. November 20, 2023 Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts Dinner hosted by Yucaipa Valley Water District at Yucaipa Valley Water District’s Crystal Creek Facility, 6:00 p.m.
(Facility Tour will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Topic: Water and Sewer Infrastructure Advancement in Southern California
- E. November 23-24, 2023 Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

- F. November 28-November 30, 2023 ACWA Fall Conference (Indian Wells, CA)
(Board Approval Required)
- G. December 11, 2023 Basin Technical Advisory Committee, 1:30 p.m. via Teleconference Only
- H. December 13, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at Conservation District
- I. December 13, 2023 Holiday Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at TBD
- J. January 16, 2024 Big Bear Watermaster Committee, 11:00 a.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 819 2582 9511)

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

1. The Board will meet in Closed Session under the 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.: 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 may meet in Closed Session under Government Code section 54956.8, to discuss the terms and conditions of the 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 Dara Glass is the lead negotiator for BLM.

4. The Board may convene in closed session under Government Code Sections 54956.9(a), (d)(2) and (4); and (e) (2), to discuss pending or potential litigation, relating to conditions of property at 1630 West Redlands Boulevard Suites G, H, and I.

5. The Board may meet in closed session under Government code section 54956.8 Real Property negotiations, to consider the terms of conditions of a possible lease for 1630 W. Redlands Boulevard, Suites G and H. Betsy Miller and David Cosgrove are the District's negotiators. Tae Sang Park is the negotiator on behalf of the prospective tenant.

10. **ADJOURN MEETING.** The next scheduled Regular Board Meeting will be on December 13, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA, and via Zoom/teleconference.