



San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Helping Nature Store Our Water

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – 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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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.

- 3. **GUEST RECOGNITION/SELF INTRODUCTIONS**
- 4. **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COALITION PRESENTATION**
- 5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
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 - F. Board Policy Manual Revisions (Appendix C), Resolution No. 62142

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS /ACTION ITEMS**

Committee Reports

- A. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE VERBAL REPORT – 5 minutes
Presenter: Operations Committee Chair
Recommendation: The chair of the Operations Committee will provide a verbal report of the meeting held on February 6.
- B. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE VERBAL REPORT – 5 minutes
Presenter: Finance & Administration Committee Chair
Recommendation: The chair of the Finance & Administration Committee will provide a verbal report of the meeting held on January 24.

Action Items

- C. SECOND QUARTER ANNUAL UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FY24
– 5 minutes (M#2004).....43
Presenter: Finance & Administration Committee/Betsy Miller
Recommendation: The Finance & Administration Committee recommends the Board approve the Second Quarter Annual Unaudited Financial Reports for FY24 as presented.
- D. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2024 – 5 minutes (M#2005).....49
Presenter: Betsy Miller
Recommendation: Review and approve the unaudited financials for January 2024.

- E. PARTICIPATION IN EVALUATION OF HISTORIC ZANJA RESTORATION – 10 minutes (M#2006)56

Presenter: *Betsy Miller*

Recommendation: Provide direction to staff on possible participation in the evaluation of the feasibility of restoration of the historic Zanja.

- F. DRAFT ENGINEERING INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR 2024 – 10 Minutes (M#2007)58

Presenter: *Katelyn Scholte*

Recommendation: Provide comments or request changes to the Draft Engineering Investigation (EI Report); receive and file staff’s presentation.

- G. BUDGET PLANNING FOR GROUNDWATER ENTERPRISE FOR FY25: ADVERTISED GROUNDWATER CHARGE – 20 minutes (M#2008).....60

Presenter: *Finance & Administration Committee/Betsy Miller*

Recommendation: The Finance & Administration Committee recommends the Board review and discuss the FY25 Groundwater Enterprise Budget and provide direction to staff on Public Notice for the Groundwater Charge.

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9. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- A. February 15-16, 2024 2024 Santa Ana River Science and Conservation Symposium hosted by San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District at ESRI Headquarters
Topic: Climate Whiplash: Riding the Highs and Lows of Extreme Weather
- B. February 19, 2024 Office Closed in Observance of President’s Day
- C. February 22, 2024 Valley’s 70th Anniversary Dinner, 5:30 p.m. at The Mitten Building
- D. February 26, 2024 Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts Dinner, 6:00 p.m. hosted by Chino Valley Fire District at Planes of Fame Museum in Chino

Presentation by Chief Dave Williams, Chino Valley Fire District

- E. February 27, 2024 Program for Expansion of Recharge Capacity Policy Committee,
(Zoom Meeting ID: 868 1176 7112)
- F. March 13, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting, 1:30 p.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 846 8609 6002)
- G. March 15, 2024 **Form 700 Due to District Office**
- H. March 19, 2024 Big Bear Watermaster Committee, 11:00 a.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 889 7848 5135)
- I. April 10, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting/Groundwater Public Meeting, 1:30 p.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 846 8609 6002)
- J. April 17, 2024 San Bernardino Valley Conservation Trust, 2:00 p.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 864 2238 1298)
- K. April 24, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting/Groundwater Public Hearing, 1:30 p.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 811 9302 1966)
- L. April 25, 2024 Finance & Administration Committee, 1:30 p.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 843 7978 6030)
- M. May 7 – 9, 2024 ACWA Spring Conference, Sacramento, CA
(Board Approval Required)
- N. May 21, 2024 Operations Committee, 9:00 a.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 842 4390 8855)
- O. October 3-4, 2024 H2O Women Conference, Santa Barbara, CA
(Board Approval Required)

10. **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.

11. **ADJOURN MEETING.** The next scheduled Regular Board Meeting will be on March 13, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA, and via Zoom/teleconference.