



San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Helping Nature Store Our Water

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 – 1:30 PM

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.

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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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. **INTRODUCTIONS AND GUEST RECOGNITION**
- 4. **PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO ADOPTION OF THE 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 of 5% take place for fiscal year 2025-2026, the proposed unitary groundwater charge is \$18.69 per acre-foot (af) for all groundwater production. The rates proposed pertain to municipal and non-municipal agricultural groundwater production from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. District staff will present any written comments received and the board will hear oral comments.

- *Open Public Hearing*
- *[2025 Engineering Investigation Report Presentation \(if requested\)](#)*
- *Staff Presentation on Groundwater Charge*
- *Groundwater Charge for FY 2025-2026 (M#2101) and Resolution No. 632 for Groundwater Charge for 2025-2026.....5*
- *Receive Public Comments or Testimony*
- *Close Public Hearing*

- 5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - a. *Approval of Board Minutes, April 9, 2025.....25*
 - b. *Report of Excused Absences*

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS /ACTION ITEMS**

Committee Reports

A. **AD HOC COMMITTEE AUDIT FIRM SELECTION**

Presenter: Richard Corneille, Acting Chair

Recommendation: The chair of the Ad Hoc Audit Firm Selection Committee will provide a verbal update of the committee meeting held on April 15.

B. **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE VERBAL REPORT**

Presenter: Robert Stewart, Chair

Recommendation: The chair of the Finance and Administration Committee will provide a verbal update of the committee meeting held on April 16.

Action Items

- A. **AUDIT FIRM SELECTION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-2028 – 5 Minutes (M#2107) 35**

Presenter: Betsy Miller

Recommendation: The Ad Hoc Audit Firm Selection Committee recommends approval of Eadie Payne LLP to perform the District’s FY25 audit and authorize the General Manager to 1) enter into an Audit Engagement Letter to provide these services, as approved by District Counsel, and 2) up to three subsequent Audit Engagement Letters through audit year FY28 based on performance.

B. CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NAKAE & ASSOCIATES FOR CACTUS SALVAGE AND RELOCATION SERVICES – 5 Minutes (M#2108).....43

Presenter: Milan Mitrovich

Recommendation: Approve Contract Services Agreement with Nakae & Associates for implementation of cactus salvage and relocation into the Upper Santa Ana River Wash Habitat Conservation Plan Preserve in an amount not to exceed \$77,500.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- A. Jeff Mosher, Cloud Seeding Update SAWPA – Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
- B. Future Agenda Items & Staff Tasks

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

April 29, 2025	Operations Committee Meeting, 9:30 AM at Conservation District (Teams Meeting ID: 257 752 952 865 Passcode: yr9B7tF2)
April 30, 2025	Budget Workshop Meeting, 1:30 PM at Conservation District (Teams Meeting ID: 291 915 642 315 Passcode: ES9TN2f9)
May 7, 2025	PERC Policy Committee, 10:00 AM at Conservation District (Teams Meeting ID: 266 055 869 210 Passcode: ha7f2aq6)
May 12 – 13, 2025	ACWA JPIA Spring Membership Summit 2025, Monterey, CA <i>(Board Approval Required)</i>
May 13 – 15, 2025	ACWA Spring Conference & Expo 2025, Monterey, CA <i>(Board Approval Required)</i>
May 21, 2025	Board of Directors Meeting, 1:30 PM at Conservation District (Teams Meeting ID: 259 588 786 602 Passcode: jJ6kr6Xe)

May 26, 2025	Memorial Day Holiday, Conservation District Closed
June 2, 2025	Basin Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, 1:30 PM at SBVMWD Boardroom
June 11, 2025	Board of Directors Meeting, 1:30 PM at Conservation District (Teams Meeting ID: 285 631 425 054 Passcode: zp6mn3bN)

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

- A. The Board may meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b) to consider a public employee performance review-General Manager

10. **ADJOURN MEETING.** The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be on May 21, 2025, at 1:30 PM, at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA and via Teams/teleconference.