



San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Helping Nature Store Our Water

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.

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

Anyone wishing to listen to or participate in the meeting can join via Zoom:

Call in (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 811 9302 1966

To join the Zoom Meeting on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81193021966>

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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 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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3. **GUEST RECOGNITION/SELF INTRODUCTIONS**

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 2024-2025, the proposed unitary groundwater charge is \$17.80 per acre-foot (af) for all groundwater production. In light of the non-renewal of the San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council ("Council"), the District is also considering eliminating the Replenishment/Sustainability component to the groundwater charge, formerly imposed on entities subject to the District's Groundwater Charge that were not members of the Council. 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*
- *[2024 Engineering Investigation Report Presentation \(if requested\)](#)*
- *Staff Presentation on GW Sustainability/Replenishment Component and Groundwater Charge*
- *Groundwater Charge for FY 2024-2025 (M#2018) and Review Draft Resolution No. 622 for Groundwater Charge for 2024-20254*
- *Provide any comments on Resolution No.622*
- *Receive Public Comments or Testimony*
- *Close Public Hearing*

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Board Minutes, April 10, 2024.....28
- B. Report of Excused Absences

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- A. Future Agenda Items & Staff Tasks

1. **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- A. May 7 – 9, 2024 ACWA Spring Conference, Sacramento, CA
(Board Approval Required)
- B. May 15, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
(Zoom Meeting ID: 846 8609 6002)

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| C. June 4, 2024 | PERC Policy Committee, 10:00 a.m. at Conservation District (Zoom Meeting ID: 874 6107 0953) |
| D. June 5, 2024 | Basin Technical Advisory Committee, 1:30 p.m. at Valley Municipal |
| E. October 3-4, 2024 | H2O Women Conference, Santa Barbara, CA <i>(Board Approval Required)</i> |

2. 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 meet in closed session under Government code section 54956.8 Real Property negotiations, to consider the terms and conditions of a possible lease for 1630 W. Redlands Boulevard; Suites E, I, J, 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.

5. The Board may meet in closed session under authority of Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and (e) (2), exposure to potential litigation, relating to high groundwater conditions and their potential impact on CemexMaterials Pacific, LLC mining areas.

7. **ADJOURN MEETING.** The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors Meeting will be on May 15, 2024 at 1:30 p.m., at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA and via Zoom/teleconference.