

AGENDA

SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF ITSELF, THE SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE
DISTRICT GSA, AND THE SEMITROPIC, BUTTONWILLOW, POND-POSO AND
WILDLIFE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS
REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, California 93280
February 8, 2023 at 12:30 pm

NOTICE: Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e) (AB 361), and due to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, this meeting may be conducted by teleconference for those Board members unable to attend in person and for the public. The public may attend the meeting and offer public comments by phone and/or video, using the call-in number or link below:

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1. Call to Order: President Waterhouse
2. Flag Salute
3. Acknowledgment of guests:
4. Public Comment Period:
5. **Potential Action Items:**
 - (a) Consider Findings Under Gov't Code § 54953(e) (AB361) to Authorize Teleconference Meeting
 - (b) Approval of Agenda – Asterisk (*) Indicates a Change from the Posted Agenda
 - (c) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 11, 2023 and the GSA Meeting of January 11, 2023
 - (d) Approve Treasurer's Reports for Semitropic Water Storage Dist. & Semitropic Improvement District: January 2023
 - (e) Review Financial Reports/Present Financial Statements
 - (f) Approve Payment of Bills as Listed on the Current Disbursement List, February 8, 2023
 - (g) Consider GEI Task Order 04-2023: Poso Creek IRWM Annual Operating Budget

Semitropic Water Storage District GSA:

- 1) SGMA Updates and Discussion
- 2) Potential Action Items:
 - a. Consider Resolution ST GSA 23-02: Resolution to Defer Preliminary Fixing and Imposition of Landowner Water Budget Program Administrative Penalties and Hearing Thereon

6. **Consultant Reports:**
 - (a) SWRU – Construction Update by W.M. Lyles
 - (b) Consulting Engineers – GEI Consultants (B-E) Progress Report
 - (c) BPR – Dean Florez
 - (d) REDTrac – Greg Allen

7. **Informational and Up-Date Items:**
 - (a) Water Supply Update and Delta Issues
 - (b) Delinquencies
 - (c) Banking Project(s) Update
 - (d) Southern California Water Bank Authority- JPA Activities
 - (e) Delta Conveyance Facility
 - (f) Energy Activities
 - (g) Poso Creek Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
 - (h) Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program
 - (i) Groundwater Model Update
 - (j) South Valley Water Resources Authority
 - (k) Well Telemetry
 - (l) Winter Work

8. **CLOSED SESSION**
 - a. **Conference with legal counsel Re: Litigation (Govt. Code § 54956.9(d))**
 - 1) *Various applications filed for Kings River Water by Semitropic WSD, et al.; Petition for Change of Points of Diversion, etc. (License 11521) filed by Kings River Water Assn.; and related matters and proceedings, before the State Water Resources Control Bd.*
 - 2) *Cal. Dep’t of Water Res. v. All Persons Interested, “Complaint for Validation” Re: SWP Contract Extension Amendment, Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2018-00246183, Third Appellate District, Case No. C096316*
 - 3) *State of CA Dept. of Trans. v. Semitropic WSD, Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-19-100326*
 - 4) *State v. Pond Poso Improvement District of Semitropic Water Storage District, Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-19-100786*
 - 5) *Sierra Club v. California Department of Water Resources (DWR), etc. Re: Consolidated CEQA Case and “Complaint for Validation” Re: Delta Program Revenue Bonds, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2020-80003517*
 - 6) *Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v. Kern County Water Agency, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-21-100418*
 - 7) *KWBA, et al. v. Kern LAFCo., et al., Kern County Sup. Ct., Case No. BCV-21-101310*
 - 8) *KWBA, et al. v. Buena Vista Water Storage Dist., et al., Kern County Sup. Ct., Case No. BCV-22-101227*
 - 9) *Semitropic Water Storage Dist. v. The Dow Chemical Co., et al., Kern County Sup. Ct., Case No. BCV-21-102528*

 - b. **Conference with Legal Counsel Re: Anticipated Litigation: Possible exposure to litigation pursuant Gov’t Code § 54956.9(d)(2) and § 54956.9(e) (Gov’t Claims Act claim).**
 - 1) *Two Claims.*
 - 2) *One Other Potential Case.*

- c. Conference with Legal Counsel Re: Anticipated Litigation: Possible initiation of litigation pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(4)*
 - 1) Two Potential Cases*

- d. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54956.8)*
 - District's Designated Representative: General Manager*
 - Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment*
 - 1) Property: State Water Project Supplies*
 - a. Negotiation With: California Department of Water Resources, Kern County Water Agency and its Member Units, And State Water Contractors*
 - 2) Acquisition of Water Supplies*
 - a. Negotiation with: Multiple sellers*

9. Old Business/Correspondence

ADJOURNMENT – To 12:30 p.m. February 25, 2023

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