

AGENDA

SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF ITSELF AND SEMITROPIC, BUTTONWILLOW,
POND-POSO AND WILDLIFE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS
REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 10, 2021 at 12:30 pm

NOTICE: Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, ISSUED BY Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, and guidance by the California Department of Public Health dated March 16, 2020, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference. The public may attend the meeting and offer public comments by phone, using the call-in number below:

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1. Call to Order: President Waterhouse
2. Flag Salute
3. Acknowledgment of guests:
4. Public Comment Period:
 - (a) Jim Thebaut: Chronicles Group
5. **Potential Action Items:**
 - (a) Approval of Agenda – Asterisk (*) Indicates a Change from the Posted Agenda
 - (b) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 10, 2021 and GSA Meeting of February 10, 2021
 - (c) Approve Treasurer’s Reports for Semitropic Water Storage Dist. & Semitropic Improvement District: February 2021
 - (d) Review Financial Reports/Present Financial Statements
 - (e) Approve Payment of Bills as Listed on the Current Disbursement List, March 10, 2021
 - (f) Consider Financial Contribution (Chronicles Group)
 - (g) Consider Continuation of Emergency Declaration (Public Contract Code Sect. 22050 (a)(1)) to Address Immediate Replacement of Lateral CE Near HSRA Peterson Road Bridge Overpass
 - (h) Review 2020 Et Summary for Lands Within the District and Authorize Issuance of Landowner Statements for Basin Sustainability Charges/Credits
 - (i) Consider 2021 Dry Year Water Supply Program
 - (j) Consider SWSD Energy Rates for 2021
 - (k) Consider Emergency Water Rates for 2021

Semitropic GSA:

- 1) SGMA Updates
- 2) Consider Adoption of Resolution ST GSA 21-01 Approving Landowner Water Budget Program; General Manager Has Determined That This Action is Exempt From CEQA Review per §§ 15061 (b)(3), 15307 (Class 7) and 15308 (Class 8) of the CEQA Guidelines

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*
 - 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) *Buena Vista Water Storage District v. Kern Water Bank Authority, et al., Re: KWBA Kern River EIR, Ventura County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-19-100122; Second Appellate District, Division 6, Case No. B309764*
 - 6) *Sierra Club v. California Department of Water Resources, etc. Re: Consolidated CEQA Case and “Complaint for Validation” Re: Delta Program Revenue Bonds, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2020-80003517*
 - b. **Conference with Legal Counsel Re: Anticipated Litigation: Possible exposure to litigation pursuant Gov’t Code § 54956.9(d)(2).**
 - 1) *Two Potential Cases.*
 - 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. March 24, 2021

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