

# AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE  
DISTRICT, THE SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, AND  
THE SEMITROPIC, BUTTONWILLOW, POND-POSO AND WILDLIFE  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS OF SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, California 93280

April 9, 2025, at 12:30 pm

1. Call to Order: President Waterhouse
2. Flag Salute
3. Acknowledgment of guests:
4. Public Comment Period:
  - (a) **Administer Oath of Office to Reappointed Board Members: Phil Portwood (Div. 5), Tom Toretta (Div. 2), David Daniel (Div. 7)**
  - (b) **Appointment of Board Officers**
5. **Potential Action Items:**
  - (a) Approval of Agenda – Asterisk (\*) Indicates a Change from the Posted Agenda
  - (b) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 12, 2025, and the GSA Meeting March 12, 2025
  - (c) Approve Treasurer’s Reports for Semitropic Water Storage Dist. & Semitropic Improvement District: March 2025
  - (d) Review Financial Reports/Present Financial Statements
  - (e) Approve Payment of Bills as Listed on the Current Disbursement List, April 9, 2025
  - (f) Consider Resolution(s) RESOLUTION NO. PP 25-01 AND RESOLUTION NO. BW 25-01 DEFERRING FIXING THE AMOUNT OF THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL PROJECT SERVICE CHARGES FOR SAID IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (FOR 2025, COLLECTED 2025-2026)
  - (g) Consider GEI Task Order 02-2025: Engineering Support for the District’s Ag Water Management Plan
  - (h) Consider Cost proposal from Kehoe Drilling for Geotechnical Evaluations
  - (i) Consider Cost Proposal from Canyon Hydro/Mavel for Procurement of a New Turbine for the Hydro Generator Facility
  - (j) Consider Funding Request for North West Kern RCD
6. **Semitropic Water Storage District GSA:**
  - 1) SGMA Updates and Discussion
  - 2) Potential Action Items:
    - a. 1:00 PM PUBLIC HEARNG REGARDING PROPOSED FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES FOR EXCEEDANCE OF LANDOWNER WATER BUDGETS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024
    - b. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ST GSA 25-03: FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES FOR EXCEEDANCE OF SGMA LANDOWNER WATER BUDGETS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

7. **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
  
8. **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) South Valley Water Resources Authority
  - (j) Well Telemetry
  - (k) Winter Work
  
9. **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) *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 (consolidated), Third Appellate Dist., Case No. C100552*
    - 3) *Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v. Kern County Water Agency, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-21-100418*
    - 4) *Semitropic Water Storage Dist. v. The Dow Chemical Co., et al., Kern County Sup. Ct., Case No. BCV-21-102528*
    - 5) *Sierra Club, et al., v. DWR, Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 24WM000008, and related cases, challenging DCP EIR*
    - 6) *DWR v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Authorization of Delta Conveyance Program Bonds, etc., Sacramento County Sup. Ct., Case No. 25CV000704*
  
  - b. **Conference with Legal Counsel Re: Anticipated Litigation: Possible exposure to litigation pursuant Gov’t Code § 54956.9(d)(2).**
    - 1) *Two Items.*
  
  - c. **Conference with Legal Counsel Re: Anticipated Litigation: Possible initiation of litigation pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(4)**
    - 1) *Two Items*
  
  - 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) *Property: Acquisition of Water Supplies*
      - a. *Negotiation with: Multiple sellers*
    - 3) *Property: Various*
      - a. *Negotiation with: Nuveen*

10. Old Business/Correspondence

ADJOURNMENT – To 12:30 p.m. May 14, 2025

**Requests for a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to attend or participate in a meeting should be made to the Board Secretary in advance of the meeting to ensure availability of the requested service or accommodation.**