

NOTICE FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE  
DISTRICT (SWSD) ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SWSD, THE SWSD  
GSA, AND THE SEMITROPIC,  
BUTTONWILLOW, POND-POSO  
AND  
WILDLIFE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS OF  
SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Semitropic Water Storage District will be held at **12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

DATED AND POSTED pursuant to Government Code Section 54955 at the District office this 5th day of September, 2023.



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Jason Gianquinto, General Manager

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# AGENDA

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

1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, California 93280  
September 13, 2023 at 12:30 pm

1. Call to Order: President Waterhouse
  2. Flag Salute
  3. Acknowledgment of guests:
  4. Public Comment Period:
  5. **Potential Action Items:**
    - (a) Consider Appointment of Director to Fill Division 7 Vacancy (David Daniel) pursuant to Gov't Code § 1780(d)
    - (b) Approval of Agenda – Asterisk (\*) Indicates a Change from the Posted Agenda
    - (c) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 9, 2023 and the GSA Meeting of August 9, 2023
    - (d) Approve Treasurer's Reports for Semitropic Water Storage Dist. & Semitropic Improvement District: August 2023
    - (e) Review Financial Reports/Present Financial Statements
    - (f) Approve Payment of Bills as Listed on the Current Disbursement List, September 13, 2023
    - (g) Consider Approval of Lease Agreement: Joe S. Esnoz
    - (h) Consider Approval of Amendment 24 of the Stored Water Recovery Unit, Design Build Contract for the Relocation of Inventory RCP Pipe
    - (i) Consider Cost Proposal for the Procurement of Radial Gates for Check Structures on the Buttonwillow and Pond Poso Canals
- Semitropic Water Storage District GSA:**
- 1) SGMA Updates and Discussion
  - 2) Action Items:
    - a. Consider Withdrawal from Kern Groundwater Authority
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) South Valley Water Resources Authority
    - (j) Well Telemetry

(k) 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
- 10) Macut v. Wabash National, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-22-100318

**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) One Claim.
- 2) One 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. October 11, 2023

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