

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, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

DATED AND POSTED pursuant to Government Code Section 54955 at the District office this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.



Jason Gianquinto, General Manager

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# AGENDA

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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  
December 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) Approval of Agenda – Asterisk (\*) Indicates a Change from the Posted Agenda
  - b) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting of November 8, 2023, and the GSA Meeting November 8, 2023
  - c) Approve Treasurer’s Reports for Semitropic Water Storage Dist. & Semitropic Improvement District: November 2023
  - d) Review Financial Reports/Present Financial Statements
  - e) Approve Payment of Bills as Listed on the Current Disbursement List, December 13, 2023
  - f) Consider Continuation of Emergency Declaration (Public Contract Code Sect. 22050 (a)(1) to Address Immediate Replacement of Radial Gates at Designated Check Structures
  - g) Consider Resolution to Authorize Execution of Contract with USBR for Section 215 Water
  - h) Consider Landowner Request: Larry Ludy request for reallocation of contract water
  - i) Consider License Agreement (Avantus LLC and Gooselake Holding Co.)
  - j) Consider GEI Task Order 01-2024-General Engineering Services
  - k) Consider GEI Task Order 02-2024 SGMA Implementation Support
  - l) Consider Agreement with Barbich Hooper & King for 2023 Audit
  - m) Consider Appointment of Director and Alternate to Kern Water Bank GSA Board of Directors
- Semitropic Water Storage District GSA:**
  - 1) SGMA Updates and Discussion
  - 2) Action Items:
    - a. Consider Cost Sharing Agreement for Revision of GSP’s Covering the Kern Subbasin
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) *Semitropic Water Storage Dist. v. The Dow Chemical Co., et al., Kern County Sup. Ct., Case No. BCV-21-102528*
- 9) *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).**

- 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. January 10, 2024

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