

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SEMITROPIC  
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT AND ITS GSA AND  
SEMITROPIC, BUTTONWILLOW, POND-POSO,  
AND WILDLIFE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

Convened at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Waterhouse on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 12:30p.m., at the Semitropic Water Storage District (District) office located at 1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, California.

Directors Present: Dan Waterhouse, Tim Thomson, Philip Portwood, Tom Toretta, Todd Tracy, Jeff Fabbri, David Daniel

Directors Absent: None

Other Participants: General Manager, Jason Gianquinto  
District Engineer, Isela Medina  
District Controller, Bobby Salinas  
District Contract Administrator, Becky Ortiz  
District Superintendent, John Lynch  
Receptionist, Yesenia Ramirez  
District Legal Counsel, Steve Torigiani  
Larry Rodriguez (GEI)  
Greg Allen (REDtrac)  
Geoff Vanden Heuvel (Milk Producers Council)  
Chad Carroll (CJ Farmside)  
Maddie Reyes (Illume Ag.)  
Justin Murray (AG Thought)  
Travis Millwee (Pacific Resources)  
Brent Hankins (Hankins Farms)  
Oscar Lopez (Wonderful Orchards)  
Rayme Mackinson (Poso Creek Family Dairy)  
Greg Riccomini (Louis Riccomini & Sons)  
Floyd Wicks (Agua Via)  
Kristy Robinson (Robinson Family Farms)  
Lindsay Cederquist (DLM)  
Stacie Ann Silva (Altum Aqua Logic, LLC)  
Jesus Alonso (Clean Water Action)

President Waterhouse opened the meeting and welcomed all guests. Attendance was taken and recorded.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Geoff Vanden Heuvel recognized General Manager, Jason Gianquinto and President, Daniel Waterhouse for attending the State Board Hearing that took place on February 20, 2025.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Agenda**

No Action; no changes to the Agenda.

### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2025, and the GSA Meeting of February 12, 2025, were presented for approval.

On motion by Director Tracy, seconded by Director Portwood, the minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2025, and the GSA Meeting February 12, 2025, were approved as presented.

### **Treasurer's Reports**

The Treasurer's reports for January and February 2025 were presented for review and approval. .

On motion by Director Toretta, seconded by Director Portwood, the Treasurer's Reports for January and February 2025 for the Semitropic Water Storage District and Semitropic Improvement District were approved for filing

### **Financial Report**

District Controller, Bobby Salinas, reviewed the Financial Reports and Income Statements, and stated that the new Accounting Software Platform gives a lot more detail.

### **Accounts Payable**

The Cash Disbursement List for March 12, 2025, was presented for review, approval, and payment.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Fabbri, the Board authorized payment of the Accounts Payable as listed on the March 12, 2025, Disbursement List for Semitropic Water Storage District and Semitropic Improvement District.

A copy of the Disbursement List presenting the payments that were approved is attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

**CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ST 25-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT (1) CONSIDERING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2020010227); (2) MAKING RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FINDINGS FOR THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ("CEQA") AND STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15096; (3) ADOPTING CEQA FINDINGS OF FACT FOR THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT UNDER STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15091; (4) ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS UNDER STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15093 FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION WORK RELATED TO THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT; AND (5) AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LETTER AND FUNDING AGREEMENT SETTING FORTH THE DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTION OF ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE DISTRICT'S SHARE OF THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT PLANNING AND PRE-CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2026-2027 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,721,310.00 OR \$2,292,784.00 (15% OR 20% OF SWSD'S TABLE 1 PARTICIPATION RESPECTIVELY), AND ASSOCIATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

General Manager Jason Gianquinto provided an overview of the project and additional background information relative to the status of the project. Board discussion followed.

On motion by Director Tracy, seconded by Director Toretta, Resolution No. ST 25-02 was adopted as presented based on the following roll call vote.

The President called for a roll call vote on the motion. The following is a record of the roll call vote:

Ayes:	Directors Portwood, Toretta, Fabbri, Tracy, Daniels, Thomson and Waterhouse
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

The President announced that the motion carried.

### **SEMITROPIC WSD GSA UPDATE**

At 1:15 p.m., the Board President, Dan Waterhouse declared a meeting of the Semitropic Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

### **SGMA Updates and Discussion**

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto provided an update regarding the District's SGMA related activities

### **Consider Notice of Intent to Adopt or Amend GSP (Water Code, § 10728.4)**

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto noted that the Subbasin GSAs are working with SWRCB staff to address their concerns relative to the 2024 GSPs. Pursuant to direction provided by the SWRCB at the February 20, 2025 hearing, the Subbasin GSAs are expected to update and potentially adopt new GSP prior to the September 2025 hearing.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Portwood, the Notice of Intent to Adopt or Amend GSP (Water Code, § 10728.4) was approved as presented.

### **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ST GSA 25-02: PRELIMINARY FIXING OF PENALTIES TO BE ADMINISTRATIVELY IMPOSED ON LANDOWNERS EXCEEDING THEIR LANDOWNER WATER BUDGETS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024, AND SETTING NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING THEREON**

The General Manager, Jason Gianquinto, provided an overview of the resolution. District Counsel, Steve Torigiani, provided more detail regarding the process for preliminary fixing of the budget exceedance penalties and final imposition of the proposed penalties following the GSA providing notice to landowners subject to an exceedance penalty and an opportunity to be heard on the same at a public hearing before the Board of Directors on April 9, 2025.

On motion by Director Portwood, seconded by Director Thomson, RESOLUTION ST GSA 25-02 was adopted as presented based on the following roll call vote.

The President called for a roll call vote on the motion. The following is a record of the roll call vote:

Ayes:	Directors Portwood, Toretta, Fabbri, Tracy, Daniel, Thomson and Waterhouse
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

The President announced that the motion carried.

### **Consider Additional Funding for Technical Working Group**

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto, explained the need for additional funding for the Technical Working Group (TWG) to address the remaining concerns of the SWRCB Staff regarding the GSPs as noted at the February 20, 2025 SWRCB hearing. Mr. Gianquinto further noted that since the scope of the TWG is not set, he is asking for authorization to execute the necessary agreements for the continued TWG efforts and authority to expend up to \$80,000.00 to cover the Semitropic Water Storage District GSA's share of the TWG costs. Finally, Mr. Gianquinto noted that the TWG costs will be split equally among the 22 GSAs in the Kern County Subbasin.

On motion by Director Daniel, seconded by Director Tracy, additional funding for Technical Working Group, in the amount recommended by the General Manager, was approved.

### **CONSULTANT REPORTS**

#### **SWRU – Construction Update by W.M. Lyles**

W.M. Lyle's Representative, Rick Amigh, was not present. It was noted that W.M. Lyle's progress report was included with the Board Packet.

#### **Consulting Engineer's Report**

Larry Rodriguez from GEI Consultants gave an overview of GEI's Consulting Engineers' Report for February 2025 included in the Board Packet.

#### **Balance Public Relations**

Dean Florez of Balance Public Relations was not present. The monthly report was included with the Board Packet.

#### **REDtrac**

Greg Allen of REDTrac provided an overview of the REDTrac report included in the Board Packet.

### **INFORMATIONAL AND UP-DATE ITEMS**

General Manager Gianquinto noted that the Staff Report, titled "District Activity During February 2025," dated March 5, 2024, was included with the Board Packet. In addition, the following items were discussed:

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto provided a brief update of the general

administrative portion of the Staff Report. State Water Project allocation for 2025 increased from 20% to 35%. Related attachments were included in the Board Packet.

District Contract Coordinator, Becky Ortiz, was present and gave a brief update on water banking activity and an overview of the Water Supply portion of the Staff Report.

District Engineer, Isela Medina was present and provided a summary of the District's Engineer's activities discussed in the Staff Report.

District Superintendent, John Lynch, was present and provided a brief update and overview of the Operations and Maintenance Report included in the Board Packet.

At 1:53 pm, President Waterhouse adjourned the Regular Board meeting, and it was reported that there was a need for the Board to reconvene to closed session.

### **Closed Session**

At 2:05 pm the meeting continued with Closed Session.

Participants included:

Directors Present: Dan Waterhouse, Tim Thomson, Philip Portwood, Tom Toretta, Todd Tracy, David Daniel, Jeff Fabbri

Directors Absent: None

Other Participants: General Manager, Jason Gianquinto  
District Controller, Bobby Salinas  
District's Legal Counsel, Steve Torigiani

During open session, the District's legal counsel, Steve Torigiani, stated that a closed session was needed to discuss various closed session matters, including reporting on the following items of pending and anticipated litigation:

- 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*

At 3:55 p.m. the Board reconvened to open session.

President Waterhouse stated that several items were discussed, but no reportable action was taken in closed session.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. by President Waterhouse.

APPROVED:



Daniel Waterhouse, President



Todd Tracy, Secretary

Board Day Presentation  
**SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT**

**DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED AT March 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING**

**FEBRUARY AFTER BOARD MEETING**

**SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**Special Projects**

1	Concepts in Controls, Inc.- SCADA System Upgrade Phase 2 (January)	\$ 61,670.00
2	W.M. Lyles Co- Leonard System Extension Project Progress Payment 23- Final Payment	741,952.50 G
		<b>\$ 803,622.50</b>

**Operation Maintenance**

3	Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffman- accounting and audit services	\$ 3,200.00
4	Buena Vista Water Storage District- expense reimbursement	13,125.88
5	Buena Vista Water Storage District- out of district wheeling	210.00
6	Catalan, Federico- safety boots	100.00
7	CDW Government- Ado Acrobat Pro	146.50
8	Cen-Cal Machine - labor & material to repair Unit #2 pump from Pond Poso PP	12,648.28
9	Coverall - cleaning services for February	702.00
10	Elite Gunit & Shotcrete, LLC- Gunit, clean out to depth and set wire mesh (20 locations in Pond Poso)	29,005.00
11	Frontier Communications - data communication for substation	162.69
12	Gas Company- office utilities	543.41
13	Grainger- Red Pass Plus Annual Membership fee	139.64
14	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- replace workstation	1,469.57
15	Grapevine MSP Technology Services- MSP Agrmnt, Patch Mgmt., Secure offsite data backup, adv. email security (March)	4,338.30
16	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products	5,513.18
17	Johnson Controls Security Solutions- time and material service	1,372.29
18	JPR Systems Inc.- R&M Pumping Plant sales tax	129.81
19	Kern Water Bank Authority- 2023 Fee Reconciliation	63,683.79
20	Knight's Pumping & Portable - portable toilet & services	506.05
21	Myers Diesel Repair- 1998 Sterling Dump Truck Repair Supplies	2,108.16
22	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines	124,366.57
23	Ramirez, Luis- safety boots	100.00
24	SBS of Bakersfield, Inc.- office copier (copy charges for February)	424.79
25	South Tulare Richgrove Refuse Inc.- trash service for drilling yard	506.88
26	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel	775.36
27	T&T Truck & Crane Service- crane rental to install Pond Poso PP Unit #2	2,718.00
28	unWired Broadband, LLC- internet	59.99
29	Verizon Wireless - cell phones substation, solar site, on call, superintendent, dispatch, IT, CFO, & General Manager	403.98
30	Water Association of Kern County- WAKC Water Summit Table	1,200.00
31	Waterbender LLC - scale inhibitor	1,158.39
32	Water Education Foundation- 2025 membership contributions	12,000.00
33	Wesco- Pond Poso Substation 115kv Interrupter switch	16,562.25
	<b>Operating Expense Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 299,380.76</b>

**TOTAL BILLS FOR FEBRUARY AFTER BOARD MEETING \$ 1,103,003.26**

G Grant	\$ 741,952.50
R Reimbursed	0.00
	<b>\$ 741,952.50</b>

**EXHIBIT A**



**MARCH 2025 BOARD MAILING****SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT****Special Projects**

34	Concepts in Controls, Inc.- SCADA System Upgrade Phase 2 (February)	\$	61,084.00
35	Downey Brand- professional services Tulare Lake Flood control proj.		565.00
36	Downey Brand- professional services Groundwater Issues		117,633.23
37	GEI Consultants*		107,549.48
38	W.M. Lyles Co- SWRU Phase 2 System X		2,222.00
39	Sunbelt Rentals- Equipment Rental for Hydro Generator		136.40
<b>Special Projects Subtotal \$</b>			<b><u>289,190.11</u></b>

**SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT****Operation Maintenance**

40	American Refuse- trash service for shop	\$	308.54
41	AT&T- telephone services		1,210.81
42	Avadine- engineer/analyst - monthly software products license maintenance/support agreement February		950.00
43	B & G Machine & Welding- repair six flat control chambers and repair labor		1,300.00
44	B&K Valves & Equipment, Inc.- 12", 16" & 20" Val-Matic 7200NMIK Series Surgebuster Check Valve w/ Disc Accelerator & Mechanical Indic.		73,661.50
45	Balance Public Relations- lobbying services		13,500.00
46	Bob's Wholesale Auto Glass Inc.- auto glass installation labor and recalibration on units #209, #208 and #217		2,855.53
47	Budget Bolt, Inc.- mower repair bolts		24.75
48	Cal Valley Equipment- gasoline dispensing nozzle		720.80
49	Charter Communications (Spectrum)- internet		346.24
50	Clark Pest Control- office maintenance		98.00
51	Computershare -Semitropic 2nd Lien Rev Bds 15A Trustee Fee		4,500.00
52	Craco LLC- vacuum truck to clean out standtanks		7,995.00
53	FedEx- packages		21.85
54	First American Title Company- title guarantee for Delta pipeline Improv. Project		682.00 G
55	Gibbs Truck Centers- work on Trk #202 and Unit #323		301.87
56	Grainger- test meter and shop supplies		1,015.60
57	Jeffries Bros., Inc. - gasoline, diesel fuel & petroleum products		8,122.32
58	Jim Burke Ford- vehicle service supplies		3,166.31
59	McMaster-Carr- shop supplies		242.44
60	Office Depot- office supplies		1,462.10
61	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines		4,607.88
62	Praxair- cylinder rental		50.21
63	ReadyRefresh by Nestle- water for shop		448.36
64	RedTrac, LLC.- Well Telem Monitoring (March)		5,354.00
65	Richland Chevrolet- February supplies		2,939.34
66	Sparkle Uniform & Linen Service- uniforms, shop mats, & towels rental & office apparel		807.19
67	Springbrook- Standard Professional Services		11,520.00
68	State of California - D.W.R. - Prop. 13 Ground Water Recharge Bond #E77007		159,791.73
69	State of California - D.W.R. - B-369 Pumping Plant & raise BR Canal Lining Loan #E77004		162,180.99
70	Target Specialty Products- roundup custom & roundup pro		4,366.41
71	Tel-Tec Security Systems, Inc.- shop monitoring services (March) and service labor		220.00
72	T-Mobile - internet access for communication with Solar Site		27.00
73	United Tracking Systems, LLC- Water Dashboard Subscription		8,241.00
74	Verizon Wireless - cell phones substation, solar site, on call, superintendent, dispatch, IT, CFO, & General Manager		651.12
75	Waterbender LLC - scale inhibitor		2,336.74
76	Wells Fargo Business Cards-**		4,176.88
77	Wesco- electrical supplies		239.95
78	Zultys, Inc.- monthly charges for phone system (March)		1,000.90
<b>Operating Expense Subtotal \$</b>			<b><u>491,445.36</u></b>

TOTAL BILLS FOR MARCH BOARD MAILING \$	<u>780,635.47</u>
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S.W.S.D - Payroll Accounts - transfer of funds from S.I.D. for February payroll \$	<u>374,902.38</u>
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**MARCH 2025 AFTER BOARD MAILING**

**SEMITROPIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**Special Projects**

79	W.M. Lyles Co- Delta System Pipe Repair	\$	41,679.77
80	Michael K. Nunley & Associates, Inc.- engineering services for California High Speed Rail		4,915.58 R
81	Kenneth Schmidt and Associates- Groundwater Monitoring Program		3,422.80 R
82	Young Wooldridge*		28,810.48
	<b>Special Projects Subtotal \$</b>		<u><b>78,828.63</b></u>

**Operation Maintenance**

83	Alspaw Tree Service- remove Semitropic school trees from districts 115kv transmission line	\$	7,350.00
84	AT&T- long distance charges		49.52
85	Avadine- engineer/analyst - 2024 Dataset Export/Isela Medina		105.00
86	Collins, Ron- gardening (February)		600.00
87	De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc.- office copier (March)		401.17
88	FedEx- packages		29.78
89	PG&E Company - ownership line, power charges & utilities on PG&E lines		1,466.46
90	City of Wasco- water, sewer, and trash services for office (February)		660.69
	<b>Operating Expense Subtotal \$</b>		<u><b>10,662.62</b></u>

TOTAL BILLS FOR MARCH 2025 AFTER BOARD MAILING \$	<u>89,491.25</u>
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TOTAL BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2025 AFTER BOARD MEETING \$	1,103,003.26
TOTAL BILLS FOR MARCH 2025 BOARD MAILING \$	780,635.47
TOTAL BILLS FOR MARCH 2025 AFTER BOARD MAILING \$	<u>89,491.25</u>
TOTAL BILLS TO BE APPROVED AT BOARD MEETING \$	<u><u>1,973,129.98</u></u>

+ (Additional disbursements or adjusted amounts.)

\*(See page 4 for Special Project Funds)

\*\* (See page 4 for breakdown)

**\*\*BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR March 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING**

37 GEI Consultants, Inc. - \*

General engineering fees, GW Modeling & expenses	\$	6,823.25
Tulare Lake Flood Control Project		13,345.46
Leonard Ave Intertie Project		2,716.80 G
SGMA Implementation		60,330.18
IRWMP Expense		256.44 R
Subsurface Recharge		9,829.15
Delta Pipeline Improv. Project		14,248.20 G
	\$	<u><u>107,549.48</u></u>

76 Wells Fargo Business Cards\*\*

Operating Supplies- Ralph Sanchez	\$	286.62
Operating Supplies - Yesenia Ramirez		1,264.05
Operating Supplies & Travel Expenses- Isela Medina		56.01
Fuel & Operating Supplies- Jason Gianquinto		2,570.20
	\$	<u><u>4,176.88</u></u>

82 Young, Wooldridge, LLP - \*

Legal fees & expenses		14,167.35
Delta Pipeline Conv. Improv. Project		7,159.06 G
Schuster Subsurface Recharge		7,159.07 G
Tulare Lake Flood Control Project		325.00
	\$	<u><u>28,810.48</u></u>

G Grant	\$	31,965.13
R Reimbursed		8,594.82
	\$	<u><u>40,559.95</u></u>

EXHIBIT B

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I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY AFORESAID: I AM OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS, AND NOT A PARTY OR INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER. I AM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CLERK OF THE PRINTER OF THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, PRINTED AND PUBLISHED DAILY IN THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD COUNTY OF KERN,

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AND WHICH NEWSPAPER HAS BEEN ADJUDGED A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION BY THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, UNDER DATE OF FEBRUARY 5, 1952, CASE NUMBER 57610; THAT THE NOTICE, OF WHICH THE ANNEXED IS A PRINTED COPY, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN EACH REGULAR AND ENTIRE ISSUE OF SAID NEWSPAPER AND NOT IN ANY SUPPLEMENT THEREOF ON THE FOLLOWING DATES, TO WIT:

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I CERTIFY (OR DECLARE) UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

DATED AT BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA

3-21-2025

SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
AND  
SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY FIXING AND PROPOSED FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES ON DISTRICT LANDOWNERS EXCEEDING THEIR SGMA LANDOWNER WATER BUDGETS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024, AND THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING THEREON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Semitropic Water Storage District acting for and on behalf of Semitropic Water Storage District ("District") and Semitropic Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), at its regular Board meeting held on March 12, 2025, adopted Resolution No. ST GSA 25-02, preliminary fixing civil penalties proposed to be administratively imposed on District landowners exceeding the landowner water budgets for calendar year 2024. Said budgets are in effect, pursuant to Resolution No. ST GSA 21-01, which in 2021 approved the GSA's Landowner Water Budget Program as a management action intended to provide for sustainable management of groundwater within the District pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"), Water Code section 10720 et seq. The penalties have been preliminary fixed at a rate of \$500 per acre foot of budget exceedance, and each of those District landowners exceeding their water budgets for calendar year 2024 has been separately notified by mail of such preliminary fixing and the proposed final imposition of such penalties, in accordance with the landowner water budget program administrative penalty imposition and collection procedures set forth in Resolution No. ST GSA 23-01.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a public hearing will be held at a meeting of the Board of Directors currently scheduled be held on April 9, 2025, at the District Office, at 1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, California, or at such other time or place as may be announced at said meeting. A public hearing will be held during the meeting, commencing at 1:00 p.m. at which time any landowner or person interested in the said budget exceedance penalties may in person or by representative appear and be heard regarding the imposition of said penalties. At the conclusion of the hearing, or at some other subsequent time as the Board may determine, the Board will consider administrative imposition of said civil penalties pursuant to Water Code section 10732 as preliminarily fixed or as modified, taking into account all relevant circumstances, and provide notice to all landowners upon which the penalties are imposed, and collect such penalties, consistent with Resolution No. ST GSA 23-01's imposition and collection procedures.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that questions regarding this matter may be directed to the District, Attention: Jason Glanduino, P.O. Box 8043, Wasco, CA. 93280, or by telephoning (661) 758-5113.

SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

By /s/ Jason Glanduino  
Assistant Secretary

March 14, 21, 2025  
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SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
AND  
SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF APRIL 9, 2025  
PUBLIC HEARING TO LANDOWNERS IN  
SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

  
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Jason Gianquinto  
Assistant Secretary of the  
Board of Directors