

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
March 12, 2025, 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 February 12, 2025, and the GSA Meeting February 12, 2025
 - (c) Approve Treasurer’s Reports for Semitropic Water Storage Dist. & Semitropic Improvement District: January 2025 and February 2025
 - (d) Review Financial Reports/Present Financial Statements
 - (e) Approve Payment of Bills as Listed on the Current Disbursement List, March 12, 2025
 - (f) CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SWSD 25-XX: 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
6. **Semitropic Water Storage District GSA:**
 - 1) SGMA Updates and Discussion
 - 2) Potential Action Items:
 - a. Consider Notice of Intent to Adopt or Amend GSP (Water Code, § 10728.4)
 - b. 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
 - c. Consider Additional Funding for Technical Working Group

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. April 9, 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.