

# **White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Agenda  
September 7, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District Headquarters  
12109 Highway 166, Mettler, CA 93313**

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- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Recognition of Guests**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 12, 2021**
- 4. Report by Board Secretary (Angelica)**
  - a. Financial Accounting
- 5. Updates on Actions Discussed or Authorized on August 12, 2021 (EKI)**
  - a. Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Overview
- 6. GSP Public Review Draft Preparations**
  - a. Review, discuss, and confirm any recommended final changes to Administrative Draft GSP
  - b. Discuss and finalize process for collecting and considering comments on the Public Review Draft GSP
  - c. Seek Board Confirmation to Release Public Review Draft GSP
- 7. Correspondence**
  - a. Notice of Intent to Adopt GSP
- 8. Public Comment**

*At this time, the public may address the Board on any item not appearing on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Comments will be limited to three minutes.*

## **9. Closed Session – Board of Directors and Legal Council**

*The GSA will meet in closed session to confer with legal counsel pursuant to Paragraph (1), Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.*

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- 10. Report Out of Closed Session**
- 11. Consider and provide direction on future agenda items**
- 12. Adjourn**

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Date of Meeting: Thursday, August 12, 2021

Location: Online-Only due to COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place restrictions

Meeting Commenced at 9:04 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Tito Martinez, George Cappello, Jeff Giumarra, Jeff Mettler, and Jon Reiter

**ALTERNATES:** Angelica Martin

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Allen Lyda

**PUBLIC AND STAFF:** There was no sign in sheet for members of the public since the meeting was held via teleconference only. There was a recognition of those attending. Some of the attendees were Christina Lucero, and Anona Dutton from EKI, Alan Christensen, David Orth, Mica Clark, Robbin Smith, Tom Suggs, and Todd Turley.

On motion by Director Cappello, seconded by Director Mettler, the draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 1, 2021, motion was carried upon roll call vote for approval.

Anona Dutton gave an overview of the work that is progressing on development of the GSP, as well as revisions made per the Board's direction at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. She went over the timeline and explained the next steps that need to take effect before the final submittal of the GSP to DWR. It was made clear that all P/MA's are important and need to take effect in order to meet sustainability. Also discussed was the cost to implement said P/MA. The Director Martinez questioned the availability of funds to cover said costs. Director Reiter asked about the revisions made to MO's and MT's and agreed the flexibility this provided was positive. He also brought up option to provide an in-lieu program to incentivize the use of surface water. Director Reiter also inquired about grower cost per irrigated acre for landowners to complete P/MA's. Anona explained it was too early to know since there was the possibility of funding grants.

There was no Correspondence to report.

There were no public comments.

There was some deliberation about the next regular board meeting of September 7, 2021, being in person with only a call-in number as well as current Brown Act status. It was recommended the Secretary of the Board consult legal for advice.

After a motion from Director Reiter, and seconded by Director Mettler, the Special Board meeting of the White Wolf GSA was adjourned at 9:52

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Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf Subbasin GSA

Approved by: White Wolf Subbasin GSA Board of Directors      Dated: September 7, 2021



# White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Arvin-Edison Water Storage District  
Tejon-Castac Water District  
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District  
Kern County

## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 2 September 2021

**To:** Board of Directors, White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

**From:** Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf GSA

**Item:** 4a. Financial Accounting / LEGAL COSTS

## SUMMARY

Amount Owed to TCWD for Costs Incurred Through  
Second Quarter 2021

Cost Category	AEWSD	WRMWSD
Total Paid by TCWD \$6,696.00		
<b>Total Due to TCWD</b>	<b>\$2,232</b>	<b>\$2,232</b>

## DISCUSSION

Tejon-Castac Water District (TCWD) has paid all legal costs for matters related to the White Wolf GSA. These charges are equally split in three parts between all three Districts.

The above table summarizes payments due to TCWD from Arvin Edison Water Storage District (AEWSD) and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRMWSD) for these legal expenses. These amounts will be included as a separate item on the invoices sent to WRMWSD and AEWSD for Second Quarter 2021 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development charges.



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**Item:** 4a. Financial Accounting

## SUMMARY

### Amount Owed to TCWD for Costs Incurred Through Second Quarter 2021

Cost Category	AEWSD	WRMWSD
Grant Cost Share	\$1,646	\$1,646
Not Grant Reimbursable	\$134	\$134
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,780</b>	<b>\$1,780</b>

## DISCUSSION

Tejon-Castac Water District (TCWD) entered into an amended Grant Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), requiring separate financial accounting between the Proposition 1 funds, which require a 50% local cost share, and the Proposition 68 funds, which require a 25% local cost share.

The above table summarizes payments due to TCWD from Arvin Edison Water Storage District (AEWSD) and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRMWSD) for Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 tasks for Second Quarter 2021.

As a reminder, Table 1 presents a full reconciliation of all costs through the Second Quarter 2021, which are split equally between the three districts.

**Attached:** Table 1. Updated Accounting of GSP Development Efforts in the White Wolf Basin through Second Quarter 2021

**Table 1**  
**Updated Accounting of GSP Development Efforts in the White Wolf Basin through Second Quarter 2021 <sup>(1)</sup>**  
 Tejon-Castac Water District

Reconciliation Period	Technical Consultant Cost		Grant Cost Share Amount <sup>(2)</sup>						Grant Reimbursable Amount		Not Grant Reimbursable Amount <sup>(3)</sup>					
			TCWD <sup>(4)</sup>		AEWSD		WRMWS D		DWR		TCWD		AEWSD		WRMWS D	
	Prop 1	Prop 68	Prop 1	Prop 68	Prop 1	Prop 68	Prop 1	Prop 68	Prop 1	Prop 68	Prop 1	Prop 68	Prop 1	Prop 68	Prop 1	Prop 68
1 January 2015 to 30 June 2017	\$156,790	--	\$53,474	--	\$48,710	--	\$49,014	--	\$0	--	\$5,016	--	\$576	--	\$0	--
1 July 2017 to 20 April 2018	\$118,979	--	\$25,149	--	\$6,402	--	\$53,350	--	\$0	--	\$31,915	--	\$260	--	\$1,903	--
2nd Quarter 2018	\$65,016	--	\$43,095	--	\$10,867	--	\$10,867	--	\$0	--	\$62	--	\$62	--	\$62	--
3rd Quarter 2018	\$128,749	--	\$85,266	--	\$21,317	--	\$21,317	--	\$0	--	\$849	--	--	--	--	--
4th Quarter 2018	\$114,297	--	\$59,992	--	\$19,044	--	\$19,044	--	\$16,184	--	\$32	--	--	--	--	--
1st Quarter 2019	\$32,744	--	-\$88,812	--	\$71,826	--	\$24,574	--	\$24,828	--	-\$24,185	--	\$12,790	--	\$11,723	--
2nd Quarter 2019	\$23,657	--	\$3,927	--	\$3,925	--	\$3,925	--	\$9,494	--	\$795	--	\$795	--	\$795	--
3rd Quarter 2019	\$31,264	--	\$4,992	--	\$0	--	\$0	--	\$8,087	--	\$18,185	--	\$0	--	\$0	--
4th Quarter 2019	\$14,837	--	-\$1,300	--	\$3,696	--	\$3,696	--	\$8,333	--	-\$13,046	--	\$6,729	--	\$6,729	--
1st Quarter 2020	\$24,842	--	\$639	--	--	--	--	--	\$22,836	--	\$1,367	--	--	--	--	--
2nd Quarter 2020	\$33,511	\$49,293	-\$424	\$15,953	\$212	\$15,953	\$212	\$15,953	\$33,511	\$0	\$148	\$478	-\$74	\$478	-\$74	\$478
3rd Quarter 2020	\$41,063	\$51,955	\$0	\$17,319	\$0	\$17,318	\$0	\$17,318	\$41,063	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4th Quarter 2020	\$17,057	\$136,354	\$0	\$10,301	\$0	\$10,303	\$0	\$10,303	\$17,057	\$105,062	\$0	\$129	--	\$128	--	\$128
1st Quarter 2021	\$70,733	\$170,769	\$0	\$10,289	\$0	\$10,289	\$0	\$10,289	\$70,733	\$135,704	\$0	\$1,398	--	\$1,400	--	\$1,400
2nd Quarter 2021	\$115,927	\$97,805	\$0	\$4,938	--	--	--	--	\$115,927	\$92,466	\$0	\$401	--	--	--	--
<b>Total Cost to Date</b>	<b>\$989,464</b>	<b>\$506,176</b>	<b>\$186,000</b>	<b>\$58,800</b>	<b>\$185,999</b>	<b>\$53,863</b>	<b>\$185,999</b>	<b>\$53,863</b>	<b>\$368,053</b>	<b>\$333,232</b>	<b>\$21,137</b>	<b>\$2,406</b>	<b>\$21,138</b>	<b>\$2,006</b>	<b>\$21,138</b>	<b>\$2,006</b>
Amount Owed to TCWD	--	--	--	--	\$0	\$1,646	\$0	\$1,646	\$115,927	\$92,466	--	--	\$0	\$133	\$0	\$133
<b>Total Amount Owed to TCWD</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$1,646</b>	<b>\$1,646</b>	<b>\$208,393</b>	<b>\$208,393</b>	<b>\$208,393</b>	<b>\$208,393</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$134</b>	<b>\$134</b>	<b>\$134</b>	<b>\$134</b>

**Abbreviations:**

AEWSD = Arvin-Edison Water Storage District  
 DWR = California Department of Water Resources  
 GSP = Groundwater Sustainability Plan  
 Prop = Proposition

SGMA = Sustainable Groundwater Management Act  
 TCWD = Tejon-Castac Water District  
 WRMWS D = Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

**Notes:**

- (1) Fees incurred between 1 January 2015 and 30 June 2021.
- (2) Excludes Grant Reimbursable amount to be paid by DWR. TCWD has paid the Grant Reimbursable costs and will be reimbursed by DWR directly.
- (3) Billed travel expenses, 4% communication fee, Proposition 1 Grant application preparation costs, and Proposition 68 Grant application preparation costs are not eligible for grant reimbursement nor cost share. AEWSD, TCWD, and WRMWS D participate in voluntary cost share for Not Grant Reimbursable costs.
- (4) TCWD costs incurred minus costs paid by AEWSD and WRMWS D after reconciliation.
- (5) Negative values reflect lags in timing of payment reconciliation.



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## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 2 September 2021

**To:** Board of Directors, White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

**From:** Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf GSA

**Item:** 7a. Correspondence – Notice of Intent to Adopt Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)

## BACKGROUND

Per California Water Code (CWC) §10728.4, “A groundwater sustainability agency may adopt or amend a groundwater sustainability plan after a public hearing, held at least 90 days after providing notice to a city or county within the area of the proposed plan or amendment. The groundwater sustainability agency shall review and consider comments from any city or county that receives notice pursuant to this section and shall consult with a city or county that requests consultation within 30 days of receipt of the notice.”

## DISCUSSION

The White Wolf GSA plans to adopt the GSP for the White Wolf Subbasin at a public hearing held in January 2022. There are no incorporated cities in the White Wolf Subbasin. As such, in accordance with CWC §10728.4, the White Wolf GSA must send a letter notifying and inviting Kern County to comment on the GSP.

**Attached:** Draft Notice of Intent to Adopt White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan



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Kern County

XX September 2021

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**Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan**

Dear Ms. Oviatt and Mr. Christensen,

In accordance with California Water Code (CWC) §10728.4, the White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), which was formed in 2017 by a Joint Powers Agreement between Arvin-Edison Water Storage District, Tejon-Castac Water District, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District, and the County of Kern pursuant to CWC §10723(a), is hereby providing notice to the cities and counties within the geographic area covered by the White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (White Wolf GSP) that it intends to adopt the White Wolf GSP no earlier than 90 days after your receipt of this notice. The area covered by the White Wolf GSP contains no incorporated cities and is fully contained within Kern County.

The White Wolf GSP is expected to be adopted by the White Wolf GSA Board following a public hearing in January 2021 and, once adopted, will be implemented within the White Wolf GSA area



in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA; Part 2.74 of the CWC) and associated regulations.

The White Wolf GSA will review and consider the comments on the White Wolf GSP from the recipients of this notice and will consult with Kern County, if requested, within 30 days of receipt of this notice.

The Public Review Draft GSP is available for download at the White Wolf GSA website at the following link: <http://whitewolfgsa.org/>

As detailed on the GSP download webpage, please provide any comments you may have either by:

1. Email to Angelica Martin at [amartin@tejonranch.com](mailto:amartin@tejonranch.com), or
2. Mail to White Wolf Subbasin GSP  
c/o: Angelica Martin  
4436 Lebec Road  
Lebec, CA 93243

The Public Review Draft GSP became available for public comment on **7 September 2021**. The White Wolf GSA elects to have a 60-day public comment period. Therefore, all comments must be submitted by **6 November 2021** to be considered by the White Wolf GSA.

Sincerely,

Catalino "Tito" Martinez, President, White Wolf GSA