

White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors

Agenda

June 7, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

In Person: Arvin-Edison Water Storage District Headquarters
20401 East Bear Mountain Boulevard
Arvin, CA 93203

Or Virtual Option: Zoom:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83177548342?pwd=UHFDckVZSGR6ZmlRWGptckg4RlJpZz09>
Meeting ID: 831 7754 8342
Access code: 505252

1. **Call to order**
2. **Discuss and Consider Adoption of Resolution to Allow Remote Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 for Next 30 Days**
3. **Recognition of Guests**
4. **Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 1, 2022 and the Special Board Meeting of March 23, 2022**
5. **Report by Board Secretary (Angelica)**
 - a. Financial Accounting
6. **Updates on Actions Discussed or Authorized on March 1, 2022 (EKI)**
 - a. Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Implementation Tasks
 - b. Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Grant Update
 - c. Projects and Management Actions (P/MAs) Screening
 - d. Executive Order N-7-22 Action 9: Well Permit Verification
7. **Well Permit Acknowledgement Letter**
8. **Correspondence**
 - a. Upload of White Wolf Water Year 2021 Annual Report to California Department of Water Resources
9. **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.

10. Consider and provide direction on future agenda items

11. Adjourn

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WHITE WOLF GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

RESOLUTION 2022-04

**RESOLUTION INITIALLY AUTHORIZING REMOTE
TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB361**

WHEREAS, meetings of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“Agency”) and its committees are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the Agency’s legislative bodies conduct their business;

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953(e), as amended by Assembly Bill 361 (2021) (“AB361”), signed by the Governor on September 16, 2021, provides for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Agency wishes to invoke the provisions of AB361 to authorize teleconference meetings subject to the modified standard of Government Code section 54953(e);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. Findings. The Board hereby finds as follows:

- (a) As required by Government Code section 54953(e)(1), a proclaimed state of emergency exists under the California Emergency Services Act, as declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020.
- (b) State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

Section 2. Procedures for Teleconference Meetings. The Agency and its committees shall hold teleconference meetings pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 54953(e).

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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Section 4. Renewal. Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), the Agency will reconsider the state of emergency every 30 days.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency on June 7, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board

**White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District Headquarters
12109 Highway 166, Mettler, CA 93313**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Location: Remote and in person

Meeting Commenced at 1:02 p.m.

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

ALTERNATES: None

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

PUBLIC AND STAFF: Robbin Smith from Wonderful Citrus, and Anona Dutton, Susan Xie, Jagbir Dhaliwal, from EKI. Legal counsel, Alan Doud, was present.

The meeting was initiated with the introduction of Resolution 2022-02, Allowing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under AB361. On motion by Director Lyda, seconded by Director Reiter, the resolution was unanimously approved. The motion was carried upon roll call vote for approval.

Both draft meeting minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 6, 2021, and Special Board Meeting of January 25, 2022, were presented by Ms. Martin. On motion by Director Reiter and seconded by Director Lyda, both minutes were unanimously approved. The motion was carried upon roll call vote for approval.

Ms. Martin presented the financial report for the 4th Quarter of 2021. There were no questions. On motion by Director Cappello, and seconded by Director Giumarra, the financials were unanimously approved. The motion was carried upon roll call vote for approval.

Anona Dutton gave a presentation starting with a review of the water year (WY) annual report 2021. There are concerns on the decline of water levels. There was discussion regarding Friant issues affecting the White Wolf, to which Mr. Muhar replied saying there is some correlation. There was also talk about change in hydrology and land use that has caused greater groundwater pumping. The importance of management projects was discussed. Anona also spoke of grant opportunities, like the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program, as well as Propo 68 round 2. She also presented tasks 1 through 5. There was further discussion on recharge options for the White Wolf Basin. Anona asked the board for approval to submit the Annual Report due April 1st. The Board directed EKI to submit the Annual Report as presented.

Task order No. 9 was presented to the Board for approval. It is to support GSP implementation for the next water year, as well as submittal of grant applications. After a brief discussion, and on motion by Director Lyda, seconded by Director Cappello, the task was unanimously approved by the Board. The motion was carried upon roll call vote approval.

There was Correspondence to report. Ms. Martin mentioned the recognition letter received by the Department of Water Resources after submitting the GSP.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Martin Asked about the options of holding the meetings remote or in person. The Directors were inclined to have both options.

Anona also brought up the need for a resolution prior to submitting the Grant application packet for Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program, which is due April 1. Ms. Martin proposed to schedule a special meeting and send out a request for availability to all directors.

There was no closed session.

After a motion from Director Mettler, and seconded by Director Capello, the Regular Board meeting of the White Wolf GSA was adjourned at 2.06 p.m.

Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf Subbasin GSA

Approved by: White Wolf Subbasin GSA Board of Directors Dated: June 7, 2022

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

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Location: Remote only

Meeting Commenced at 11:03 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Tito Martinez, George Cappello, Allen Lyda, and Jon Reiter

ALTERNATES: None

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jeff Giumarra, Jeff Mettler.

PUBLIC AND STAFF: Tim Gobler from Trinitas, Anona Dutton, Christina Lucero, Susan Xie, and Jagbir Dhaliwal, from EKI, as well as Legal Counsel, Alan Doud.

The meeting initiated with a presentation from Cristina Lucero from EKI. The presentation provided an overview of the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Grant and its relationship with the WW Basin. Director Lyda asked about the 10-year time frame mentioned in the grants program. The benefits of the repurposing need to be for a time frame of at least 10 years. The usage of recharged water does not have a time limit for recovery. There was discussion about costs to prepare and submit the grant application, \$25,000, as well as the need to continue looking into management projects.

Resolution 2022-03 was presented to the Board for approval. Authorizing filing of the application for a Multibenefit Land Repurposing Regional Block Grant Application, with TCWD designated to enter into an agreement with the Department of Conservation (DOC) on behalf of the GSA. After a brief discussion, and on motion by Director Cappello, seconded by Director Reiter, Resolution 2022-03 was unanimously approved by the Board. The motion was carried upon roll call vote approval.

There were no public comments.

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2022.

After a motion from Director Cappello, and seconded by Director Reiter, the Special Board meeting of the White Wolf GSA was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf Subbasin GSA

Approved by: White Wolf Subbasin GSA Board of Directors Dated: June 7, 2022



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 June 2022

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

From: Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf GSA

Item: 5a. Financial Accounting

SUMMARY

Amount Owed to TCWD for Costs Incurred during First Quarter 2022

Cost Category		AEWSD	WRMWSD
Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 Grants for GSP Development	Grant Cost Share	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Not Grant Reimbursable	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other GSP Related Task Orders		\$26,065.28	\$26,056.28
Total		\$26,056.28	\$26,065.28

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 First Quarter 2022. As a reminder, Table 1 presents a full reconciliation of all GSP development costs through the First Quarter 2022, which are split equally between the three districts. Both Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 have been fully apportioned.

Furthermore, the Board of Directors approved EKI Environment and Water, Inc. (EKI) Task Order #6 for As Needed Technical Support Related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Compliance, EKI Task Order #8 for Preparation of the White Wolf Subbasin Water Year (WY) 2021 Annual Report, and EKI Task Order #9 for WY 2022 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Implementation Support. These are shown as an additional line item above, as costs are not covered under the Grant Agreement. Table 2 presents a reconciliation of these additional costs, which are split equally between the three districts.

Attached: Table 1. Updated Accounting of GSP Development Efforts in the White Wolf Basin through First Quarter 2022

Table 2. Updated Accounting of Other GSP Related Efforts in the White Wolf Basin Incurred During First Quarter 2022

Table 1
Updated Accounting of GSP Development Efforts in the White Wolf Basin through First Quarter 2022 ⁽¹⁾
 Tejon-Castac Water District

Reconciliation Period	Technical Consultant Cost		Grant Cost Share Amount ⁽²⁾						Grant Reimbursable Amount		Not Grant Reimbursable Amount ⁽³⁾					
			TCWD ⁽⁴⁾		AEWSD		WRMWSD		DWR		TCWD ⁽⁴⁾		AEWSD		WRMWSD	
	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	\$1,646	\$0	\$1,646	\$0	\$1,646	\$115,927	\$92,466	\$0	\$133	\$0	\$134	\$0	\$134
3rd Quarter 2021	\$133,915	\$139,487	\$0	\$1,492	\$0	\$1,491	\$0	\$1,491	\$133,345	\$130,480	\$191	\$1,513	\$189	\$1,510	\$189	\$1,510
4th Quarter 2021	\$42,907	\$27,718	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42,907	\$27,718	-\$1	-\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1st Quarter 2022	\$13,499	\$21,467	\$0	\$0					\$13,499	\$21,467	\$0	\$0				
Total Cost to Date	\$1,179,785	\$694,848	\$185,999	\$57,000	\$185,999	\$57,000	\$185,999	\$57,000	\$557,805	\$512,897	\$21,327	\$3,650	\$21,327	\$3,650	\$21,327	\$3,650
Amount Owed to TCWD	--	--	--	--	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,499	\$21,467	--	--	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Amount Owed to TCWD	--	--	--	--	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,967	\$0.00	--	--	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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
 WRMWSD = Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

Notes:

- (1) Fees incurred between 1 January 2015 and 31 March 2022.
- (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 WRMWSD participate in voluntary cost share for Not Grant Reimbursable costs.
- (4) TCWD costs incurred minus costs paid by AEWSD and WRMWSD after reconciliation.
- (5) Negative values reflect lags in timing of payment reconciliation.

Table 2
Updated Accounting of Other GSP Related Efforts in the White Wolf Basin Incurred During First Quarter 2022 ⁽¹⁾
 Tejon-Castac Water District

Reconciliation Period	Total Technical Consultant Cost	TCWD ⁽²⁾	AEWSD	WRMWSD
1st Quarter 2022				
As-Needed SGMA	\$3,642.60	\$3,643		
Water Year 2021 Annual Report	\$34,377.74	\$34,378		
Water Year 2022 GSP Implementation Support	\$40,148.51	\$40,149		
Total Cost to Date	\$78,168.85	\$78,169	\$0	\$0
Amount Owed to TCWD	--	--	\$26,056.28	\$26,056.28

Abbreviations:

AEWSD = Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
 GSP = Groundwater Sustainability Plan
 SGMA = Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
 TCWD = Tejon-Castac Water District
 WRMWSD = Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

Notes:

- (1) Fees incurred between 1 January and 31 March 2022.
 (2) TCWD costs incurred minus costs paid by AEWSD and WRMWSD after reconciliation.



White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Kern County

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Date: 31 May 2022

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

From: Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf GSA

Item: 5a. Financial Accounting / LEGAL COSTS

SUMMARY

Amount Owed to TCWD for Costs Incurred during
First Quarter 2022

Cost Category	AEWSD	WRMWSA
Total Paid by TCWD \$2,455.50		
Total Due to TCWD	\$818.50	\$818.50

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 (WRMWSA) for these legal expenses. These amounts will be included as a separate item on the invoices sent to WRMWSA and AEWSD for First Quarter 2022 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development and implementation charges.



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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Date: 2 June 2022

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

From: Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf GSA

Item: 7. Well Permit Acknowledgement Letter

SUMMARY

Recommendation: Adopt draft Well Permit Acknowledgement Letter

BACKGROUND

Governor Newsom signed Executive Order No. N-7-22 on 28 March 2022. Action #9 states the following:

To protect health, safety, and the environment during this drought emergency, a county, city, or other public agency shall not:

- a. Approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and classified as medium-or high-priority without first obtaining written verification from a Groundwater Sustainability Agency managing the basin or area of the basin where the well is proposed to be located that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in any applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by that Groundwater Sustainability Agency and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by such a plan; or
- b. Issue a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well without first determining that extraction of groundwater from the proposed well is (1) not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, and (2) not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure.

This paragraph shall not apply to permits for wells that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, or that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code.

DISCUSSION

Action #9a requires the White Wolf GSA provide written verification to Kern County when issuing well permits where the well is located within the White Wolf Subbasin. There were three agricultural well permit applications that are located within the White Wolf Subbasin submitted to Kern County in April. Before Kern County can process these well permits, the White Wolf GSA must adopt a procedure and submit a letter to the County. The attached draft Well Permit Acknowledgement Letter is consistent with the letter utilized for GSA-member districts in the Kern County Subbasin.

Attached: Draft Well Permit Acknowledgement Letter



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WHITE WOLF GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22

Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22, the White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WWGSA) provides the following acknowledgment, which if executed by a well applicant, would allow the WWGSA to conclude that the well permit would not be inconsistent with the existing groundwater sustainability plan (GSP).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

_____ I acknowledge that the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires that a groundwater sustainability agency manage groundwater in the White Wolf Subbasin and the WWGSA is the agency with groundwater management authority over the land subject to Permit # _____.

_____ I acknowledge that the WWGSA has the authority to monitor, impose fees for, limit, regulate and/or suspend extractions within its jurisdiction including extractions from any well permitted pursuant to Permit # _____.

_____ I acknowledge that a well permit issued by the County does not guarantee the extraction of any specific amount of water now or in the future.

_____ I acknowledge that the White Wolf GSP includes specific groundwater requirements through minimum thresholds and measurable objectives and agree that my groundwater use will comply with these requirements.

_____ I acknowledge the WWGSA cannot guarantee the maintenance of any defined water level or level of water quality in the White Wolf Subbasin.

_____ I acknowledge the WWGSA is not responsible for or otherwise liable for any costs, investments, or payments related to any groundwater well permitted pursuant to Permit # _____, including pumping fees, extraction limits, costs related to well failure, well deepening, increased maintenance, replacement, or operational costs.

_____ I agree to hold the WWGSA harmless and indemnify the WWGSA for any liability stemming from or related to the County issuing a well Permit # _____, any use restrictions imposed upon such well, and from any claim or cause of action alleged against the WWGSA relating to or resulting from the use or operation of such well.

By acknowledging and initialing the above provisions, [WELL APPLICANT] agrees the above ACKNOWLEDGMENT will be incorporated into the terms and conditions of any well permit issued by the County pursuant to Permit # _____.

Name of WELL APPLICANT

Date

Signature of WELL APPLICANT

Received By WWGSA Representative