

White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors

Agenda September 6, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

In Person: Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District Headquarters
12109 Highway 166
Bakersfield, CA 93313

Or Virtual Option: Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87274588881?pwd=N08xTE5XNkNpQWhQYmFDTG1ncnpidz09>

Meeting ID: 872 7458 8881

Access code: 552976

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. **Closed Session – Anticipated litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))—1 item.**
4. **Report Out of Closed Session**
5. **Recognition of Guests**
6. **Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 7, 2022**
7. **Report by Board Secretary (Angelica)**
 - a. Financial Accounting
 - b. Capital Call
8. **Updates on Actions Discussed or Authorized on June 7, 2022 (EKI)**
 - a. Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Implementation
 - b. Executive Order N-7-22 Action 9a: Well Permit Consistency Determinations
 - c. SGMA Implementation Round 2 Grant Solicitation Update
9. **Well Permit Consistency Determinations**
 - a. Supplemental Information Form
 - b. Discuss and Consider Certification for Pending Well Permit Applications
10. **Discuss and Consider Adopting a Monthly Meeting Schedule**

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11. Schedule Stakeholder Workshop

12. Correspondence

13. 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.

14. Consider and provide direction on future agenda items

15. Adjourn

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WHITE WOLF GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

RESOLUTION 2022-05

**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 September 6, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board

**White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Arvin-Edison Water Storage District Headquarters
20401 East Bear Mountain Boulevard, Arvin, CA 93203**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Location: Remote and In-Person

Meeting Commenced at 1:04 p.m.

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

ALTERNATES: None

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Tito Martinez

PUBLIC AND STAFF: Robbin Smith from Wonderful Citrus, and Anona Dutton, Christina Lucero, and Susan Xie, from EKI, Tim Gobler from Trinitas, Randy from P&P, Marcy Sutter, Kelly Thaker, and Legal Counsel Alan Doud, were present.

The meeting was initiated with the introduction of Resolution 2022-04, Allowing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under AB361. On motion by Director Reiter, seconded by Director Mettler, 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 March 1, 2022, and Special Board Meeting of March 23, 2022, were presented by Ms. Martin. On motion by Director Reiter and seconded by Director Mettler, both minutes were unanimously approved. The motion was carried upon roll call vote for approval.

Ms. Martin presented the financial report for the 1st Quarter of 2022. There were no questions. On motion by Director Mettler, and seconded by Director Lyda, the financials were unanimously approved. The motion was carried upon roll call vote for approval.

Anona Dutton gave a presentation starting with an update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation tasks. She explained water year 2021 Annual Report was submitted to DWR. There is also field work ongoing to make sure all data is there for the next annual report and modeling calibration. She also talked about the comment letter received on the GSP submitted to DWR. The public comment ended 4/30/2022. Only one letter was received and there was no need for action from the GSA. She also provided an update on the Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Grant from the Department of Conservation (DOC). The Technical Committee and project partners had an interview with the DOC. The White Wolf GSA was not selected. She also announced that Prop 68 round 2 grant opens for solicitation in September. She recommended to initiate application planning. She identified 13 eligible White Wolf GSP projects. The Board supported the action to initiate the application process. She went on to discuss the Executive Order N-7-22, specifically the well permit application. She explained the conflict that had been ongoing between the County and the GSAs when it came to delegating responsibilities.

The Board received a copy of the draft Well Permit Acknowledgement Letter. After a brief discussion, and on motion by Director Reiter, seconded by Director Giumarra, the document was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Correspondence to report was the prior mention of the acknowledgement of the Upload of the White Wolf Water Year 2021 Annual Report to California Department of Water Resources.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Martin advised next meeting would be on September 6.

There was no closed session.

The White Wolf GSA was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf Subbasin GSA

Approved by: White Wolf Subbasin GSA Board of Directors Dated: September 6, 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: 1 September 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 Second Quarter 2022

Cost Category	AEWSD	WRMWSD
Water Year 2022 GSP Implementation Support	\$19,264.14	\$19,264.14
Total	\$19,264.14	\$19,264.14

DISCUSSION

The above table summarizes payments due to Tejon-Castac Water District (TCWD) from Arvin Edison Water Storage District (AEWSD) and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRMWSD) for Water Year (WY) 2022 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Implementation Support. As a reminder, all Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 Grant funds have been fully apportioned; ongoing GSP implementation costs are not covered under the prior Grant Agreements. Table 1 presents a reconciliation of costs associated with GSP implementation, which are split equally between the three districts.

Attached: Table 1. Accounting of GSP Implementation Efforts in the White Wolf Basin Incurred During Second Quarter 2022

Table 2
Accounting of GSP Implementation Efforts in the White Wolf Basin Incurred During Second Quarter 2022 ⁽¹⁾
 Tejon-Castac Water District

Reconciliation Period	Total Technical Consultant Cost	TCWD ⁽²⁾	AEWSD	WRMWSD
2nd Quarter 2022				
Water Year 2022 GSP Implementation Support	\$57,792.42	\$57,792.42		
Total Cost	\$57,792.42	\$57,792.42	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amount Owed to TCWD	--	--	\$19,264.14	\$19,264.14

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 April and 30 June 2022.
 (2) TCWD costs incurred minus costs paid by AEWSD and WRMWSD after reconciliation.



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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Date: 1 September 2022

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

From: Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf GSA

Item: 7a. Financial Accounting / LEGAL COSTS

SUMMARY

Amount Owed to TCWD for Costs Incurred during
Second Quarter 2022

Cost Category	AEWSD	WRMWSA
Total Paid by TCWD \$405.00		
Total Due to TCWD	\$135.00	\$135.00

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 Second Quarter 2022 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation charges.



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Date: 1 September 2022
To: Board of Directors, White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)
From: Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf GSA
Item: 7b. Capital Call

SUMMARY

Fiscal Impact: \$200,000 cash (\$66,667 cash per District)

Category	Amount
Consultant Time for GSP Implementation	\$187,000
Legal	\$8,000
Miscellaneous	\$5,000
Total	\$200,000

BACKGROUND

In May 2017, Arvin-Edison Water Storage District (AEWSD), Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRMWS), Tejon-Castac Water District (TCWD), and Kern County entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to form the White Wolf GSA. As established by the JPA Section 6, costs incurred to retain consultants to assist with development of the White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and perform related studies as approved by the JPA Board and to implement the White Wolf GSP shall be borne equally by the Voting Parties (AEWSD, WRMWS, and TCWD).

DISCUSSION

The Capital Call establishes a bank account for the White Wolf GSA to facilitate direct payment of consultants and legal costs.

The cash ask per District is based on anticipated expenditures for the July 2022-June 2023 fiscal year. For July 2022 through March 2023, the GSA will bear \$127,000 for EKI's existing Task Order #9 for GSP implementation. Assuming similar to expenditures to date, the GSA anticipates an additional \$60,000 for

ongoing GSP implementation activities from April 2023 through June 2023 and approximately \$8,000 in legal costs for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Additionally, the GSA anticipates other miscellaneous expenses such as those for maintaining the website. These estimates do not include costs associated with revisions of the White Wolf GSP upon early completion of DWR's GSP review and assessment, specific Projects and/or Management Actions implementation, or future grant applications.

Attached: Draft Capital Call letter

WHITE WOLF SUBBASIN - GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

August 25, 2022

XX. XXXX XXXX
President
Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
P.O. Box 176
Arvin, CA 93203

Dear XXXX:

Under of the authority of the Joint Powers Agreement for Formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the White Wolf Subbasin Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Tejon, you are hereby being advised that a Capital Call is currently required from the Parties, as defined by the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). We are hereby providing you with this Capital Call Notice regarding Arvin-Edison Water Storage District's commitment to the JPA, which is due no later than [DAY], [MONTH] [DATE], 2022.

Your share of the amount due is USD **\$66,667**.

This amount is due and payable by 5:00PM Pacific Standard Time on [MONTH] [DATE] 2022.

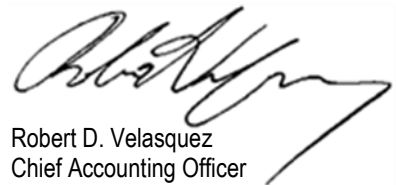
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Please use the wiring instruction noted below:

Beneficiary Info:
ABA: 121000248
Name: Wells Fargo Bank
Account number: 412-8356011
Account name: Tejon Castac Water District (2) WhiteWolf GSA
P.O. Box 1000 / 4436 Lebec Rd.
Lebec, Ca. 93243

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Velasquez
Chief Accounting Officer



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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Date: 1 September 2022

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

From: Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf GSA

Item: 9. Well Permit Consistency Determinations

SUMMARY

Recommendations: (1) Adopt draft Well Permit Supplemental Information Form; and
(2) Discuss and consider certification of four pending well permit applications

BACKGROUND

Governor Newsom signed Executive Order No. N-7-22 on 28 March 2022. Action #9a 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 [GSP] 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;

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. To facilitate the White Wolf GSA in determining whether the proposed well would not be inconsistent with the White Wolf GSP and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving the Basin's sustainability goal, the White Wolf Technical

Committee has drafted a supplemental information form with which to gather additional information from the well applicant.

For each well permit application, the White Wolf GSA must certify the proposed well conditions for compliance with Executive Order N-7-22 on the Kern County “Groundwater Sustainability Agency Verification Form”. There are currently four pending well permit application requests in which the White Wolf GSA will need to consider certification.

Attached: Draft Well Permit Supplemental Information Form
 Groundwater Sustainability Agency Verification Form



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WELL PERMIT SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22, for the White Wolf Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WWGSA) to determine that a proposed well would not decrease the likelihood of achieving the sustainability goal for the basin covered by the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), the WWGSA is requesting the following supplemental information from well permit applicants in addition to the completed Kern County Environmental Health Division Water Well Permit Application and accompanying attachments.

Applicant: _____

APN: _____

Well Type¹:

- New Well
- Backup Well
- Replacement Well

Attach a map indicating the parcel(s) where the well water will be applied.

Current land use/crop type(s): _____

Current water source(s) for parcel(s)? Groundwater Surface Water

Water Source	Current Irrigated Acres	Average Annual Water Use
Groundwater		
Surface Water		

If applicable, identify the water district through which surface water to the parcel(s) is contracted:

If applicable, will the well permanently replace current surface water use? Yes / No

Are you increasing the irrigated acres? Yes / No

Do you have a well sharing agreement with a nearby neighbor? Yes / No

Projected acreage by crop type(s) to be served by the well water: _____

Proposed pump capacity (gallons per minute, or gpm): _____

¹ New Well will provide new groundwater use; Backup Well will only be used when the current water supply source is interrupted; and Replacement Well will replace similar quantities of existing groundwater use.

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 Well Permit Supplemental Information

Proposed volume and schedule of well use. Provide a five (5)-year projection of monthly groundwater production in acre-feet (AF):

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Jan					
Feb					
Mar					
Apr					
May					
Jun					
Jul					
Aug					
Sep					
Oct					
Nov					
Dec					

_____ By initialing here, I agree to meter and report monthly groundwater usage to the WWGSA using the flowmeter installed in accordance with Kern County agricultural well permit guidelines.

If well type is Backup Well, provide the following information:

A description of the proposed circumstances of well use:

Proposed annual groundwater production based on surface water allocation:

Surface Water Allocation	Proposed annual groundwater production (AF)
30% or less	
31 to 50%	
More than 50%	

If well type is Replacement Well, provide the following information for the existing well to be replaced:

Total depth (feet): _____

Screened interval(s) (feet below ground surface): _____

Well Diameter (inches): _____

Pump capacity (gpm): _____

Acres irrigated: _____

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Well Permit Supplemental Information

The past five (5) years of annual groundwater production in AF of the existing well:

Year	Annual Groundwater Production (AF)

Groundwater Sustainability Agency Verification Form

Owner Information

Name:
Address:
City:
Zip:
Phone:
Email:

Well Information

A.P.N:
Latitude:
Longitude:
Township
Range
Section

Type of Well: Irrigation Industrial

Groundwater Sustainability Agency:

- The proposed well is not inconsistent with the Groundwater Sustainability Agency's adopted, or in progress, Groundwater Sustainability Plan; and,
- The proposed well does not interfere with the Groundwater Sustainability Agency's SGMA authorities, including the Agency's addressing of undesirable results and the likelihood of achieving the sustainability goal.

I hereby certify that the GSA has reviewed the above conditions for the subject property for compliance with Executive Order N-7-22 and have marked each box for compliance as applicable.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title