

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

Agenda
March 5, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Public may attend in-person, via telephone, or Web-based service:

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

Or Virtual Option:

Go To Meeting: <https://meet.goto.com/911605181>
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Remote participation by a Director will also occur at:
7058 N. West Ave.
Fresno, CA 93711

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Recognition of Guests**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 6, 2024**
- 4. Financial Accounting Report (Robert Velasquez)**
- 5. California Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Implementation Round 2 grant update (Angelica Martin)**
- 6. Updates on actions discussed or authorized on February 6, 2024 (EKI)**
 - a. Water Year (WY) 2023 Annual Report
 - b. Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation activities
 - i. February 2024 groundwater levels
 - ii. Dedicated monitoring well siting
- 7. Correspondence**
- 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. Consider and provide direction on future agenda items**

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- 10. Closed Session** – *Anticipated litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))—1 item.*
- 11. Report out of Closed Session**
- 12. Adjourn**

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 06, 2024

Location: Remote and In-Person

Meeting Commenced at 1:01 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Tito Martinez, Allen Lyda, Jon Reiter, Jeff Giumarra, Dolores Salgado, Jeff Mettler.

ALTERNATES: Sheridan Nicholas

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

PUBLIC AND STAFF: Christina Lucero, Anona Dutton from EKI, Jeevan Muhar from AEWS, Ragan Anthony with AECOM-DWR, Stacey Ann Silva with Altum Aqua Logic, Allie, Gary Romoff and Jose Marin from Sun Pacific, Robert Velasquez with Tejon Ranch, and Legal Counsel Alan Doud.

President Martinez did a recognition of guests followed by the draft meeting minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 7, 2023, presented by Ms. Martin. On motion by Director Giumarra and seconded by Director Nicholas, the minutes were approved. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Robert Velasquez gave a report on the financial statements. Mr. Velasquez informed the board that a cash call might be upcoming, but it will depend on how soon we can begin to receive grant funds. Director Martinez asked about an expense item denominated Fees-Other, Mr. Velasquez was not sure if it was related to bank fees and said he would look further into it and come back with an explanation at our next board meeting. Approval for the financials was motioned by Director Giumarra and seconded by Director Lyda. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Ms. Martin explained to the board that the Agreement for the SGMA Implementation Round 2 had been received but returned to DWR for a couple of minor edits. It was expected that the document could be executed in a week or two.

Christina Lucero gave a presentation starting with a recent article that ranked the WW Subbasin number 52 in the fastest declining aquifer globally. The board expressed concerns about staying silent on the matter but also did not want to make more of it than necessary. It was recommended that something in reference to this be included in the upcoming annual report and thus defend our position. She also presented four potential goals for 2024. There was a request to bring more information for goal number 3, and a recommendation to take these four goals to the Districts home-boards and bring back for further discussion at the next board meeting. Christina also provided an update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation activities. She presented the December-January water levels in the basin. She also talked about the annual report's modification based on DWR's implementation guide. There was an update on P/Mas, including recharge activities in the basin. She also presented an analysis for leave behind considerations. The board directed further data is needed before adopting a leave behind percentage. Regarding the expansion of the monitoring network, it was recommended each District reach out to its landowners if needed.

There was no public comment.

Next scheduled board meeting is March 5, 2024

The Board did not have a closed session.

On motion by Director Giumarra, seconded by Director Mettler, the White Wolf GSA meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf Subbasin GSA

Approved by: White Wolf Subbasin GSA Board of Directors

Dated: March 5, 2024