

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

**Agenda
March 4, 2025 at 7:30 a.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:

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Recognition of Guests**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 7, 2025**
- 4. Board Action Items**
 - a. Consider Resolution No: 2025-01 to adopt a regular meeting schedule on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 am
- 5. Financial Accounting Report (Robert Velasquez)**
- 6. California Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Implementation Round 2 grant update (Angelica Martin)**
- 7. Updates on actions discussed or authorized on January 7, 2025 (EKI)**
 - a. Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation activities
 - i. January 2025 groundwater levels
 - ii. Dedicated monitoring wells planning
 - b. Water Year 2024 Annual Report
 - c. P/MA Committee meeting update
- 8. Correspondence**
- 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.

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10. Consider and provide direction on future agenda items

11. Closed Session – Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54956.8):

Property: Various parcels comprising potential monitoring well sites

Agency Negotiators: Jeevan Muhar, Sheridan Nicholas, and Angelica Martin

Negotiating Parties: Diamond Farming Company and Sapphire Prop Holdings LLC

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

12. Report out of Closed Session

13. 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, January 7, 2025

Location: Remote and In-Person

Meeting Commenced at 1:03 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Tito Martinez, Jeff Giumarra, Colby Fry, Dolores Salgado, Jeff Mettler, Allen Lyda.

ALTERNATES:

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

PUBLIC AND STAFF: Christina Lucero, Anona Dutton, and Sarah Gerenday from EKI, Alanna Goodall with AECOM, Eric McDaris, Tom Suggs, Robert Velasquez, and Legal Counsel Alan Doud.

Chairman Martinez did a recognition of guests. Chairman Martinez continued to the review of the draft meeting minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 5, 2024. On motion by Director Giumarra and seconded by Director Mettler, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Robert Velasquez gave a report on the financial statements. He provided an update of grant money received. He also provided a summary of expenses and available cash. Director Martinez questioned the excessive amount on bank fees and directed Mr. Velasquez to talk to the bank and look for some clarification on the matter, as well as a way to bring down those fees. On motion by Director Mettler, seconded by Director Giumarra, the financials were unanimously approved.

Ms. Martin provided an update on grant activities. She stated that an invoice was sent to DWR on November 25, 2024, for Grant Reimbursement, and was currently waiting on payment.

Christina Lucero provided an update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation activities. She presented the November and December water levels. No exceedance of MOs and MTs to report. She also pointed out how groundwater levels stabilized following a couple of drought years and have remained stable or higher. She also gave an update on interconnected surface water systems, and stated that based on the data collected, the wells are responding, as anticipated, to the hydrological conditions of the basin and not by influence of the basin's groundwater activities. Christina also informed that the Flow Model updates and recalibration have been completed.

Christina gave a brief background of the initiation of the leave-behind technical analysis. Using the recalibrated Flow Model, new analysis was done, and the updated data showed an average of 10% leave behind, when combining groundwater losses and evaporation, with the option to add a 5% for subbasin benefit. Christina mentioned additional considerations such as time frames for credits to roll over, Policy structure, and methodology to track data. There was discussion about the 13-year simulation time frame and the need to establish a leave behind after that. There was also a conversation about recharge activities that have occurred in the WW basin and the involvement of the three water districts and their policies, and the need to balance the economic impact to the landowner of a higher than needed leave behind, and the need to encourage landowner recharge within the basin. It was agreed that the most current and precise data is important in order to make the right decision regarding leave behind percentage. The Board of Directors recommended the subject be brought up to the P/MA Committee, and to take the time and bring recommendations and considerations to the board for review.

Christina also informed the board about the CASP response letter to our questions. The recommendation to the board was to send back a response stating most of the CASPs questions will be covered in the WY 2024 annual report and 2027 GSP update. The Board wanted to make sure that schedule would work for CASP. After a brief discussion the board agreed to the recommendation.

Ms. Martin reported the only correspondence received was the CASP letter discussed earlier.

Director Martinez recommended changing the WWGSA Regular Board meeting time to earlier in the morning. There was a consensus to set the meeting for 7:30 a.m.

Legal Counsel talked about the new FPPC requirement for all GSA Board Directors to file a Form 700 directly through the FPPC's website. The Board Secretary agreed she would advise the Board Director's once she had further information.

There was no public comment

The Board went into closed session at 1:50 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 2:09. There was nothing to report from closed session.

On motion by Director Lyda, seconded by Director Salgado, the White Wolf GSA meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf Subbasin GSA

Approved by: White Wolf Subbasin GSA Board of Directors

Dated: March 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE WOLF SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING)
A REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE)

Resolution No.:**2025-01**

WHEREAS, the White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“Agency”) is a joint powers agency formed, pursuant to Government Code §§ 6500 *et seq.* and Water Code §§ 10720 *et seq.* by the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District and Tejon-Castac Water District, County of Kern;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code § 54954 (a), the Agency hereby established the time and place for holding regular meeting of the Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AGENCY THAT:

1. The White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency adopts the following meeting schedule as the Agency’s regular meeting schedule:
 - a. Regular meeting will occur on: **First Tuesday of Every Month**
 - b. Regular meetings will start at: **7:30 a.m.**
 - c. Regular meeting will be held at: **12109 Hwy 166, Bakersfield, CA 93313**

Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

WHITE WOLF SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Chair, Board of Directors