

White Wolf Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors

Agenda

April 1, 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. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Recognition of Guests**
- 4. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 4, 2025**
- 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 March 4, 2025 (EKI)**
 - a. Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation activities
 - i. February 2025 groundwater levels
 - ii. Dedicated monitoring wells planning
 - iii. Reporting to DWR
- 8. Board Action Items**
 - a. Consider EKI Task Order #2 - White Wolf Subbasin Water Year 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Support
- 9. Correspondence**
- 10. 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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- 11. Consider and provide direction on future agenda items**
- 12. 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
- 13. Report out of Closed Session**
- 14. Adjourn**

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Location: Remote and In-Person

Meeting Commenced at 7:30 a.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Tito Martinez, Dolores Salgado, Jeff Mettler, Trey Irwin.

DIRECTORS REMOTE: Jeff Giumarra, Colby Fry – none-voting.

ALTERNATES: None

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

PUBLIC AND STAFF: Christina Lucero, Anona Dutton, and Sarah Gerenday from EKI, Alanna Goodall with AECOM (for DWR), Eric McDaris, Robert Velasquez, Sam Blue, Michelle Nop, and Legal Counsel Alan Doud.

Chairman Martinez did a recognition of guests. He then allowed Ms. Martin to make an announcement. Ms. Martin informed that Director Allen Lyda had resigned from the Board and the new representative for TCWD was Trey Irwin. Legal counsel confirmed Director Irwin's vote was valid during the rest of the meeting. Chairman Martinez continued to the review of the draft meeting minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 7, 2025. On motion by Director Mettler and seconded by Director Salgado, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Ms. Martin explained Resolution 2025-01 was needed due to the meeting change of time previously held at 1:30 p.m. and now at 7:30 a.m. On motion by Director Mettler and seconded by Director Irwin, Resolution 2025-01 was unanimously approved.

Robert Velasquez gave a report on the financial statements. He provided an update of the most recent conversations with Wells Fargo regarding reducing the banking fees. There was direction from the Board to look at other banks as potential options, in case an agreement can't be reached with WF. He also provided a summary of expenses and available cash. On motion by Director Salgado, seconded by Director Mettler, the financials were unanimously approved.

Ms. Martin provided an update on grant activities. She stated that an invoice for was sent to DWR on February 27, 2025, for Grant Reimbursement, and all prior payments were on schedule.

Christina Lucero provided an update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation activities. She presented the January groundwater levels. No exceedance of MOs and MTs to report and also gave an update on the monitoring well planning. She then proceeded to give an overview of the 2024 Annual Report. She gave a list of all the key takeaways with all showing positive results for the basin's groundwater. There was a request from the board to show acre-foot per acre demands that were seen used throughout the irrigated acreage to corroborate the information in the model makes sense relative to the distribution of crops. There were also concerns regarding the high number for M&I pumping. It was agreed further research will be done to verify or correct the number. There was further discussion regarding groundwater storage fluctuations during the last 20+ years. She gave a recap on the last P/MA Committee Meeting, and it was observed landowner participation has been extremely scarce, with only one landowner participating.

Ms. Martin had no correspondence to report.

There was no public comment

There was no closed session.

On motion by Director Mettler, seconded by Director Irwin, the White Wolf GSA meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Angelica Martin, Secretary, White Wolf Subbasin GSA

Approved by: White Wolf Subbasin GSA Board of Directors

Dated: April 1, 2025