



The Southwestern Water Conservation District  
The West Building, 841 E Second Avenue  
Durango, CO 81301

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR  
**SOUTHWESTERN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S**  
Regular Board Meeting

**Location**

SWCD Office & Via Zoom  
841 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Durango CO, 81301

**Date and Time**

02/12/2025 & 02/13/2025

**Remote Connection**

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Meeting ID: 835 9975 3537

Passcode: 474186

Phone Number: (346) 248 – 7799

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**Other Details**

Posted and Noticed February 11, 2025

Please email Mo Rock at morock@swwcd.org if you have difficulty attending the meeting.

*Except the time indicated for when the meeting is scheduled to begin, the times noted for each agenda item are estimates and subject to change. The Board may address and act on agenda items in any order to accommodate the needs of the Board and the audience. Agenda items can also be added during the meeting at the consensus of the Board.*

*Agenda items may be placed on the Consent Agenda when the recommended action is non-controversial. The Consent Agenda may be voted on without reading or discussing individual items. Any Board member may request clarification about items on the Consent Agenda. The Board may remove items from the Consent Agenda at their discretion for further discussion.*



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## SWCD Regular Board Meeting Agenda February 12 & 13, 2025

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum</b>   | <b>1:00 PM</b> |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Review and Approve Agenda</b>   | 1:02 PM        |
| <b>3</b> | <b>SWCD Board of Director Appointments for Dolores, Mineral, and Montrose Counties. (Steve/Beth)</b> | 1:04 PM        |
| <b>4</b> | <b>SWCD Annual Election of Board Officers (Beth)</b>   | 1:05 PM        |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items</b>  | 1:30 PM        |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Consent Agenda</b>  | 1:35 PM        |
|          | 6.1 Summary and Acceptance of Treasurer's Year-End 2024 Report                                       |                |
|          | 6.2 Minutes (06-12 & 13-2024)  |                |
|          | 6.3 Resolution 2025-01 Designation of Meeting Posting Location                                       |                |
|          | 6.4 Final SWCD Annual Budget Package Submitted to the State  |                |
| <b>7</b> | <b>SWCD Grant Program (Mo)</b>   | 1:45 PM        |
|          | 7.1 2024 Grant Program Summary Report  |                |
|          | 7.2 Review of SWCD Grant Program Criteria  |                |
|          | 7.3 Review and Consideration of 2025 SWCD Grant Applications   |                |
|          | 7.3.1 Lone Cone Ditch and Reservoir Co. – Water supply - \$19,000                                    |                |
|          | 7.3.2 Fort Lewis College - Education - \$7,000   |                |
|          | 7.3.3 Mountain Studies Institute – Education - \$10,000  |                |
|          | 7.3.4 Mancos Conservation District – Education - \$10,000  |                |
|          | 7.3.5 Mancos Conservation District – Public Forums - \$20,000  |                |
|          | 7.4 Staff and Board Review of 2025 Grant Applications  |                |
|          | 7.5 Board Action on 2025 Grant Applications  |                |
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<b>Break</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>8 General Counsel Legal Report (Beth)</b>	3:15 PM
8.1 Professional Services Agreement with Hailey & Co for SWCD's 2024 Audit	
8.2 Renewal of SWCD's Consulting Service Agreement with Colorado Legislative Strategies	
8.3 Monthly Water Court Resume Review	
8.3.1 Proposed Protest to the Rules and Regulations Governing the Measurement of Surface Water and Groundwater Diversions and Storage, Release and Delivery of Water Located in Water Division 7, Case No. 2024CW3042	
<b>9 Executive Session</b>	3:30 PM
9.1 Burrows Creek proposed instream flow appropriation and future use of Mineral Point Ditch water right	
<b>10 Summary and Action Items from Executive Session</b>	4:30 PM
<b>11 Adjourn Day 1</b>	<b>4:45 PM</b>

*Three or more board members may meet at for dinner.*

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

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**12 Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum** 8:30 AM

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**13 Review and Approve Agenda** 8:32 AM

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**14 Legislative Affairs** 8:35 AM

- 14.1 Federal Affairs Update – Christine Arbogast
  - 14.2 State Affairs Update and Possible Board Position on Pending Legislation - Garin Vorthmann
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**15 Staff Reports** 9:00 AM

- 15.1 Draft Agenda for SWCD's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Water Seminar (Mo/Elaine)
  - 15.2 Proposed Assignment of a Portion of the FY2024 Year-End Fund Balance (Steve/Mo)
  - 15.3 2025 Action Plan (federal grant dependent, postponed until April)
  - 15.4 SWCD Partnership and B2E Grant Update (Steve/Mo)
    - 15.4.1 Discussion of new staff position – Accounting & Grants Coordinator
  - 15.5 Mineral Point Ditch Water Right Acquisition/Burrows Creek Proposed Instream Flow Appropriation (Steve/Beth)
  - 15.6 Update on Colorado River Basin Activities (Steve)
  - 15.7 General Manager Activities (Steve)
  - 15.8 Programs Coordinator Activities (Mo)
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**16 Contractor and Partner Updates** 9:45 AM

- 16.1 Water Information Program Report - Elaine Chick
- 16.2 Harris Water Engineering - Carrie Padgett
- 16.3 SWCD Water Education Colorado Scholarship Recipient 2024 –Blake Mammich
- 16.4 Update from Southwest Basin Roundtable & Interbasin Compact Committee – Ed Tolen & Ken Curtis
- 16.5 CWCB Update – Jeff Rodriguez

<b>17 Hydrologic Updates</b>	10:15 AM
17.1 Hydrologic and Other Updates for Division 4 from Division Engineer Bob Hurford	
17.2 Colorado River Conditions (Steve)	
<b>18 Special Presentation:</b>	10:30 AM
Dolores River Basin Airborne Snow Observation – Ken Curtis, Dolores Water Conservancy District	
<b>19 Thank you to Dagan Chadd for his service on the SWCD Board</b>	11:00 AM
<b>20 Questions and Comments from the Public</b>	11:05 AM
<b>21 Director’s Updates and Concerns</b>	11:20 AM
<b>22 Upcoming Meetings and Announcements</b>	11:20 AM
22.1 February 27 SWCD Legislative Call (if needed)	
22.2 March 13 SWCD Legislative Call (if needed)	
22.3 March 28 SWCD Annual Seminar – Sky Ute Casino	
22.4 April 28-30 Growing Water Smart Workshop – Montrose, CO	
22.5 2025 Joint Meeting with CRWCD?	
<b>23 Adjournment</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>