

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
A Regular Board Meeting of the  
Southwestern Water Conservation District  
will be held via Zoom and in-person at  
841 E 2nd Avenue in Durango, Colorado

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**  
**Finance Committee; 11:00 – Noon**  
**Board Meeting; 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
and  
**Thursday, April 13, 2023**  
**8:30 a.m. – Noon**

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**Phone Number: (346) 248 7799**

**Meeting ID: 835 9975 3537**

**Password: 474186**

Posted and Noticed April 11, 2023

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**Tentative Agenda**

*Public may attend the meeting in person at SWCD's office (841 E 2nd Avenue in Durango, Colorado) or via Zoom using the connection information above. **If you plan to attend in person, please RSVP to [info@swgcd.org](mailto:info@swgcd.org)** to ensure appropriate social distancing can be maintained in SWCD's conference room.*

*Please text 970-901-1388 if you have difficulty joining the Zoom meeting. Please raise your hand to be recognized by the chair. To raise your hand by phone, dial\*9. To raise your hand by computer, please use Alt+Y (Windows) or Option+Y (Mac). To mute and unmute by phone, dial \*6.*

*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.*

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

**Finance Committee Meeting (11:00 AM)**

- 1.0 Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum (11:00 AM)
- 2.0 Review and Approve Agenda (11:01 AM)
- 3.0 Recent New CD Investments (11:03 AM)
- 4.0 Introduction of New On-Line Banking Tool – Melisa Jackson-Palmer, Bank of Colorado (11:05 AM)
- 5.0 Committee Discussion (11:30 AM)
- 6.0 Adjournment (11:45 AM)

**Lunch**

**SWCD Regular Board Meeting**

- 1.0 Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum (1:00 PM)
- 2.0 Review and Approve Agenda (1:01 PM)
- 3.0 Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items (1:05 PM)
- 4.0 Consent Agenda (1:07 PM)
  - 4.1 Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report (02/28/2023)
  - 4.2 Board Committee Assignments
- 5.0 Executive Session (1:10 PM)
  - 5.1 Colorado River Compact, Interstate and Intrastate negotiation matters, including the System Conservation Pilot Program and Draft Supplemental EIS- Steve & Beth
  - 5.2 Personnel Matters - Water Resource Specialist Position
- 6.0 Summary and Action Items from Executive Session (3:00 PM)
- 7.0 General Counsel Legal Report (3:05 PM)
  - 7.1 February & March Water Court Resume for Water Divisions 3, 4 and 7 – Beth & Steve
  - 7.2 FZA engagement letter and professional services agreement

**Break (3:10 PM)**

**Work Session on Water Conservation (3:30 PM)**

- Drought Resiliency Projects in Southwest Colorado – Greg Peterson, Colorado Ag Water Alliance
- Conserved Consumptive Use in the Upper Colorado River Basin – Aaron Derwingson, The Nature Conservancy

**8.0 – Recess until Thursday, April 13 @ 8:30 AM (5:00 PM)**

Three or more board members may participate in a group dinner @ 5:30 PM at Mamma Silva’s, 150 E. College Drive in Durango.

## **Thursday, April 13, 2023**

### **9.0 Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum (8:30 AM)**

### **10.0 Review and Approve Agenda (8:32 AM)**

### **11.0 Questions and Comments from Audience (8:35 AM)**

### **12.0 Guest Reports (08:40 AM)**

12.1 Water Information Program Report – Elaine Chick (08:40 AM)

12.2 Harris Water Engineering Report – Carrie Padgett (08:50 AM)

12.3 WEco Water Leaders 2022 – Danielle Snyder (9:00 AM)

12.4 Update from Center for Snow & Avalanche Studies – Jeff Derry (9:10 AM)

### **13.0 Director Updates and Issues for Discussion – (09:20 AM)**

13.1 General Updates and Issues - Directors

13.2 San Miguel County – Jenny Russell

13.3 San Juan County – Charlie Smith

### **14.0 Staff Reports (10:00 AM)**

14.1 Colorado River Basin Hydrologic Conditions and Anticipated System Operations – Steve

14.2 2023 & 2024 CWCB Proposed Instream Flow Program Recommendations - Carrie

14.3 Proposed SWCD's Strategic Plan and 2023 SWCD Action Plan – Steve & Mo

14.4 2024 Grant Program – Draft Guidelines - Mo

14.5 Proposed assignment of a portion of the previous year's fund balance - Mo

14.6 IT Office Update - Mo

14.7 SWCD Social Media Footprint - Mo

14.8 General Manager Activities - Steve

### **15.0 Legislative Affairs (11:00 AM)**

15.1 Federal Affairs Update – Christine Arbogast

15.2 State Legislative Update, Positions on Bills and Colorado River Drought Security legislative concepts – Garin Vorthmann, Steve & Beth

### **16.0 Partner Updates & Presentations (11:30 AM)**

16.1 Adapting Colorado's Water Systems for a 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Economy and Water Supply - Eric Kuhn

### **17.0 Executive Session (as needed) (Noon)**

### **18.0 Upcoming Meetings & Announcements**

- May visit from State engineer Kevin Rein
- Need for Board Call on Audit – Late June
- July Board Meeting – other location?
- Tour or workshop?
- Counties to present at next Board Meeting?

### **18.0 Adjournment (12:15 PM)**