

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 teleconference on

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 11, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

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Posted and Noticed February 5, 2021

Tentative Agenda

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Wednesday, February 10, 2021

- 1.0 Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum (8:00 a.m.)**
- 2.0 Review and Approve Agenda (8:02 a.m.)**
- 3.0 SWCD Board of Director Appointments for La Plata, Hinsdale and San Juan Counties (8:03 a.m.)**
- 4.0 Annual Election of Officers (8:05 a.m.)**
- 5.0 Board Committee Membership for 2021 (8:25 a.m.)**
- 6.0 SWCD Resolution 21-01 Honoring Bob Wolff (8:40 a.m.)**
- 7.0 Executive Session (8:45 a.m.)**
 - 7.1 San Miguel River Basin Water Supply Planning
 - 7.2 Application of Salem Minerals, Inc. et al. for Finding of Reasonable Diligence, Case No. 20CW3036, Water Division 7.
 - 7.3 Application of Navajo Development Co., Inc. for Appropriative Right of Exchange, Case No. 20CW3016, Water Division 3.
 - 7.4 Colorado River Compact, Interstate and Intra-state negotiation matters, including drought contingency planning and exploration of demand management
 - 7.5 Joint SWCD/River District Agreement with Hydros Consulting for Colorado River Basin Modeling

8.0 Summary and Action Items from Executive Session (11:55 a.m.)

Recess for Lunch (12:00 p.m.)

9.0 SWCD Grant Program (1:00 p.m.)

9.1 2020 Grant Program Summary Report (1:00 p.m.)

9.2 Review of SWCD Grant Program Criteria (1:05 p.m.)

9.3 2021 SWCD Grant Applications Presentations (1:10 – 2:50 p.m.)

Aspen Springs Metro District – Buttercup Water Depot Well Drilling

Florida Consolidated Ditch Company – Florida Canal Diversion Rehab Phase II

Montezuma County – Phreatophyte Removal Project

Town of Ophir – Werner Springs Infiltration System Replacement

Town of Silverton – Kendall Mtn Well Field Test Drilling Program

Twin Buttes Metro District #1 – Lightner Creek Fisheries Enhancement

Fort Lewis College – Dolores River Adaptive Management, Online Repository

San Juan RC&D (Bonita Peak CAG) – Animas River Data Collection and Standard Proposal Development

Trout Unlimited – Upper San Juan Integrated Water Management Plan, Phase II

Montezuma School to Farm Project – Colorado Water Plan Education Initiative Materials

9.4 2021 SWCD Grant Applications Decisions (2:50 p.m.)

9.5 Board Feedback on Grant Program (Process, Criteria) and Wrap Up (3:15 p.m.)

Recess at 3:15 p.m. until Thursday, February 11th at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 11, 2021

10.0 Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum (8:00 a.m.)

11.0 Review and Approve Agenda (8:03 a.m.)

12.0 Executive Session (8:05 a.m.)

12.1 General Manager Hiring Process— Update on General Manager hiring process and continued Deliberations regarding the same

12.2 Potential consulting services agreement for additional technical services

13.0 Summary and Action Items from Executive Session (10:00 a.m.)

14.0 Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items (10:03 a.m.)

15.0 Consent Agenda (10:05 a.m.)

15.1 Approval of Minutes (Dec 8-9; Dec 14; Dec 18; Dec 22; Jan 4; Jan 19)

15.2 Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report (Year-End 2020)

15.3 Resolution 2021-02 Designation of Meeting Posting Location

16.0 Questions and Comments from Audience (10:07 a.m.)

17.0 Reports (10:10 a.m.)

17.1 Director Reports

17.2 Board Committee Reports (Unofficial Notes, Board Finance Committee Meeting, Jan 8)

17.3 Staff Report

17.3.1 Hydrologic Conditions Update

17.3.2 Proposed SWCD Account Signatories (Bank of Colorado and COLOTRUST)

17.3.3 Proposed Consolidation of SWCD’s COLOTRUST Accounts

17.3.4 Proposed Virtual 2021 SWCD Annual Water Seminar

18.0 Old Business (10:40 a.m.)

- 18.1 Colorado River matters
 - 18.1.1 Interstate and intra-state matters, including drought contingency planning effort and exploration of demand management
 - 18.1.2 Colorado River Water Bank Working Group
- 18.2 SWCD Strategic Planning Update
- 18.3 State Legislative Update
- 18.4 Federal Legislative Update
- 18.5 CWCBC Instream Flow Recommendations
 - 18.5.1 Division 7: Rincon La Vaca (2021)
 - 18.5.2 Division 4: Goat Creek (2022)
- 18.6 Anti-Speculation Committee Update
- 18.7 Southwest Basins Implementation Plan Update
- 18.8 Proposed Assignment of a Portion of the FY2020 Year-End Fund Balance

19.0 New Business (12:15 p.m.)

- 19.1 SWCD Interim Appointment to Southwest Basins Roundtable
- 19.2 Proposed Alternative to 2021 Annual Children’s Water Festival – Elaine Chick
- 19.3 Update regarding Statewide Education Action Plan (SWEAP) - Scott Williamson

20.0 Engineering Report (12:35 p.m.)

- 20.1 Upper Colorado & San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Programs
 - 20.1.1 Potential Transfer of SWCD’s Fiscal and Contracting Responsibilities for Water Development Committee
- 20.2 Paradox Salinity Unit Final Environmental Impact Statement

21.0 General Counsel Legal Report (12:40 p.m.)

- 21.1 December Water Court Resume Review (Divisions 3, 4, 7)
- 21.2 Water Quality Control Commission’s Regulation No. 93 Rulemaking Hearing

22.0 Executive Session (if needed)

23.0 Adjournment (12:45 p.m.)

Upcoming Meetings

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| February 24, 2021 | Special Board Meeting |
| March 10, 2021 | Special Board Meeting |
| March 24, 2021 | Special Board Meeting |
| April 1-2, 2021 | Regular Board 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.