

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 on

Thursday, April 1, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

12:45 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

Friday, April 2, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Posted and Noticed March 30, 2021

Tentative Agenda

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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.

Thursday, April 1, 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 Executive Session (8:05 a.m.)

3.1 Upcoming Diligence for SWCD Water Rights, Case No. 13CW3011, Division 7

3.2 San Miguel River Basin Water Supply Planning

- 3.3 Upcoming Diligence for the Southwestern Water Conservation District and La Plata County “06CW127” water rights, Division 7
- 3.4 Application of the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District, Case No. 21CW3004, Division 3

Break (10:05 a.m.-10:15 a.m.)

- 4.0 **Report Out from Executive Session (10:15 a.m.)**
- 5.0 **Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items (10:17 a.m.)**
- 6.0 **Consent Agenda (10:20 a.m.)**
 - 6.1 Approval of Minutes (Feb 10-11; Feb 24; March 11)
 - 6.2 Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report (February 2021)
- 7.0 **Reports (10:25 a.m.)**
 - 7.1 Director Reports
 - 7.2 Board Committee Reports
 - 7.3 Staff Report
 - 7.3.1 Proposed SWCD Special Board Meetings: May 6th and May 20th
 - 7.4 Water Information Program Report
 - 7.5 Engineering Report
 - 7.5.1 Upper Colorado & San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Programs
 - 7.6 General Counsel Legal Report
 - 7.6.1 February Water Court Resume Review (Divisions 3, 4, 7)
 - 7.6.2 Proposed 2021 Instream Flow Appropriation on Rincon La Vaca Creek, Division 7 – Request to Ratify Filing of Notice to Contest
- 8.0 **New Business (11:10 a.m.)**
 - 8.1 Presentation regarding Adopted San Miguel Watershed Needs Assessment (11:10 a.m.)
 - 8.2 2020-21 Update from Center for Snow & Avalanche Studies – Jeff Derry (11:30 a.m.)

Lunch Break (11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.)

- 9.0 **Executive Session (12:45 p.m.)**
 - 9.1 General Manager Hiring Process – Conduct interviews and deliberations regarding candidates for the General Manager position
- 10.0 **Report Out from Executive Session (4:15 p.m.)**

Recess at 4:20 p.m. until Friday, April 2, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 2, 2021

- 11.0 **Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum (8:00 a.m.)**
- 12.0 **Review and Approve Agenda (8:03 a.m.)**
- 13.0 **Executive Session (8:05 a.m.)**
 - 13.1 General Manager Hiring Process—Continued deliberations regarding candidates for the General Manager position
- 14.0 **Report Out from Executive Session (8:35 a.m.)**
- 15.0 **Questions and Comments from Public (8:40 a.m.)**

16.0 Old Business (8:45 a.m.)

16.1 Colorado River matters

16.1.1 Update on Colorado Water Conservation Board’s continued exploration of demand management feasibility – Amy Ostdiek (8:45 a.m.)

16.2 Hydrologic Conditions, including updates from the Division Engineers for Water Divisions 4 and 7 – Rob Genualdi and Bob Hurford (9:00 a.m.)

16.3 Colorado River matters (continued) (9:20 a.m.)

16.3.1 Discussion of guiding principles for SWCD’s exploration and consideration of demand management – Chris Treese, Beth Van Vurst

Break (10:20 a.m.-10:30 a.m.)

16.4 SWCD Strategic Planning Update – Jacob Bornstein (10:30 a.m.)

16.5 State Legislative Update – Chris Treese (11:00 a.m.)

16.6 Federal Legislative Update – Christine Arbogast (11:15 a.m.)

16.7 Southwest Basins Roundtable Update – Ed Tolen, Amy Huff (11:30 a.m.)

16.8 Anti-Speculation Committee – Adam Reeves (11:45 a.m.)

17.0 New Business (cont.) (12:00 p.m.)

17.1 2021 Emergency Grant Requests to SWCD – Laura Spann, Chris Treese

17.1.1 Colorado Cooperative Ditch Company – Cottonwood Syphon Repair

17.1.2 Farmers Water Development Company – Gurley Dam Embankment Slip Repair

18.0 Executive Session (if needed)

19.0 Adjournment (12:30 p.m.)

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Wednesday, June 9 and Thursday, June 10, 2021

Special Board Meeting

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Special Board Meeting (Proposed)

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Regular Board Meeting