

Westlands Water District

Notice and Agenda

Joint Special Meetings of the Advisory and Technical Advisory Committees and Special Workshop of the Board of Directors

Notice of Regular Joint Meeting and Agenda

Notice

Notice is hereby given that a regular joint meeting of Westlands Water District Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee and special workshop of the Board of Directors will be held on June 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Fresno Office, 286 W. Cromwell Ave, Fresno, California 93711. Additional locations are provided in the attachment.

Any member of the public may participate in the meeting through Zoom

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Technical Advisory Committee Members

Frank Coelho, Chair
Jeff Fortune
Charles Herrin
Brian O'Neill
Augustine Ramirez

Advisory Committee Members

Frank Coelho, Chair
Kevin Assemi
Anthony Azevedo
Eric Barlow
William Bourdeau
Gary Coelho
Gary Esajian
Jeff Fortune
Charles Herrin
Roy Jimenez
Michael Walls

Public Comment - Any member of the public may address the Committee concerning any matter on the agenda before or, for open session items, during its consideration of that matter. Public comment is limited to three minutes per person and no more than fifteen minutes per topic. For good cause, the Committee Chair may waive these limitations.

Agenda

1. Call to Order.
2. **Technical Advisory Committee Only** Committee to Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of February 27, 2024
3. **Advisory Committee Only** Committee to Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of February 27, 2024
4. **Joint** Committees to Receive an Update on Groundwater Recharge in the Westside Subbasin
5. **Joint** Committees to Receive an Update on the District's Groundwater Recharge Credits
6. **Joint** Committees to Receive an Update on Groundwater Conditions

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7. **Joint** Committees to Receive an Update on Addressing the Department of Water Resources' Corrective Actions on the Westside Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan
8. **Advisory Committee Only** Committee to Review and Comment on Agenda Proposed for the Next Advisory Committee Meeting
9. **Technical Advisory Committee Only** Committee to Review and Comment on Agenda Proposed for the Next Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.
10. **Joint** Public Comment - Any member of the public may address the Advisory or Technical Advisory Committee concerning any matter not on the agenda but within the Committees' jurisdiction. Public comment is limited to three minutes per person and no more than fifteen minutes per topic. For good cause, the Committee Chairperson may waive these limitations.
11. Adjournment

Order of Business

The order of business reflected in this Notice and Agenda is subject to change.

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Remote Participation by Members of the Public

At this time, the District permits any member of the public to participate in meetings of its Board and Committees from any location by telephone or video, or both. Remote participation by members of the public from any location is offered as a courtesy and is not required by law. Telephone and internet access and reliability varies widely, and District staff may not be able to assist members of the public with technical difficulties. To

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avoid issues that may arise from participating remotely by phone or video, members of the public who wish to provide public comment are encouraged to attend in person at a noticed location.

At the appropriate time to provide the comment, members of the public wishing to comment will be acknowledged by the Chair of the meeting. Members of the public participating by video should use the "Raise Hand" tool located in Zoom meeting link when seeking to provide public comment on an item.

Document Availability

Written material related to an item on this agenda that is distributed less than 72 hours prior to this meeting to at least a majority of the members of the legislative body will be available for inspection during normal business hours at the District's Fresno office, which is located at 286 W. Cromwell Ave, Fresno, California 93711. Written material distributed during a public meeting will be available for public inspection at the meeting, if prepared by the local agency or a member of its legislative body, or after the meeting if prepared by some other person.

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE and SPECIAL WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT**

February 27, 2024

The Advisory and Technical Advisory Committee of Westlands Water District convened on February 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at the District's Fresno Office, 286 W. Cromwell Ave, Fresno, California 93711.

Technical Advisory Committee Members present:

Frank Coelho, Chair
Charles Herrin
Brian O'Neill
Augustine Ramirez

Advisory Committee Members present:

Frank Coelho, Chair
Anthony Azevedo
Kevin Assemi
Eric Barlow
Gary Coelho
Gary Esajian
Charles Herrin
Roy Jimenez
Michael Walls

Staff present:

Tommi Saghatelian, Deputy General Counsel
Jose Gutierrez, Chief Operating Officer
Russ Freeman, Deputy General Manager – Resources
Kiti Campbell, Supervisor of Resources
Bobbie Ormonde, Deputy General Manager- Finance and Administration
Jim Carter, Information Technology Officer
Antonio Solorio, Resources Engineer

Call to Order

Chair Coelho chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15 a.m.

[Technical Advisory Committee Only] Committee to Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of December 13, 2023

The draft minutes of the Committee's Special Meeting of December 13, 2023, were deemed approved as submitted.

[Advisory Committee Only] Committee to Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 13, 2023

The draft minutes of the Committee's Special Meeting of December 13, 2023, were deemed approved as submitted.

Committee to Receive an Update on Groundwater Recharge in the Westside Subbasin

Item 5 was presented out of order. Mr. Solorio presented the Committee with an update on Groundwater Recharge in the Westside Subbasin. He presented the groundwater recharge map that depicts the 260 active recharge projects in February. Through February 27th, there was 31,000 AF of recharge.

A chart of groundwater recharge by Program by Month was displayed a breakdown by Project Type showing majority of recharge occurring on over irrigation and percolation basin projects was provided.

Chair Coelho asked for comments from the members of the public however none were given.

Committee to Receive an Update on Geotechnical Investigation for the Westside Subbasin

Ms. Campbell updated the Committee on the Geotechnical Investigation for the Westside Subbasin.

Mr. Jacob Kays of Universal Engineering Services (UES) provided a presentation of the Investigation that began in February 2023. Phase 1 consisted of 128 cone penetration tests and Phase 2 consisted of ten (10) soil borings and ten (10) surficial infiltration tests.

The main goal for the investigation is to identify potential groundwater infiltration to the Lower Aquifer for the Westside Subbasin. Based on the information provided, locations with the best conditions are most commonly found on the western limits of the study area near the Arroyo Pasajero Creek.

Chair Coelho asked for comments from the members of the public however none were given.

Committees to Receive an Update on the Groundwater Transfer Form

Ms. Campbell updated the Committee on the Groundwater Transfer Form. The Groundwater Transfer Form was updated to reference Article 1 and minor edits to reference errors were directly related to meters.

Chair Coelho asked for comments from the members of the public however none were given.

Committee to Receive an Update on the Westside Subbasin Boundary

Ms. Campbell updated the Committee on potential changes to the Westside Subbasin boundary.

There are approximately 2,700 acres within Westlands Water District that are not within the Westside Subbasin. The 2,700 acres do not receive a groundwater allocation. The District

submitted a boundary modification request to DWR so the Westside Subbasin could match the District's boundary. The request was denied because of how DWR defined geological features. Basin Boundary Modification windows could occur every 5 - 6 years.

Mr. Assemi noted that if lands are within the District, but not within the Westside Subbasin, the lands are not governed or restricted from unlimited pumping. Ms. Campbell responded that there are no operational wells within these unique areas.

Chair Coelho asked for comments from the members of the public however none were given.

Committees to Receive an Update on Addressing the Department of Water Resources' Corrective Actions on the Westside Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Ms. Campbell updated the Committee on addressing the Department of Water Resources' corrective actions on the Westside Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

The historical subsidence since the 2022 GSP Amendment was displayed, including the elastic rebound in subsidence that occurred in 2023. She updated the Committee on the corrective actions for subsidence and preliminary proposed responses from the District to DWR. The District plans to revise the cumulative Minimum Thresholds for subsidence to reflect areas along the San Luis Canal based on the available freeboard.

Chair Coelho asked for comments from the members of the public however none were given.

Advisory Committee to Review and Comment on Agenda Proposed for the Next Advisory Committee Meeting

Chair Coelho asked the Committee on a proposed Agenda for the next meeting.

The Committee recommended providing an update on groundwater recharge, groundwater conditions within the Subbasin, and the District's plan to address the corrective actions from the DWR's Approval Letter focused on water quality.

Chair Coelho asked for comments from the members of the public however none were given.

Technical Advisory Committee to Review and Comment on Agenda Proposed for the Next Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Chair Coelho asked the Committee on a proposed Agenda for the next meeting.

The Committee recommended providing an update on groundwater recharge, groundwater conditions within the Subbasin, and the District's plan to address the corrective actions from the DWR's Approval Letter focused on water quality.

Chair Coelho asked for comments from the members of the public however none were given.

Public Comment

None were offered.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM.

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