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**April 3, 2024**

**AGENDA NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE GRASSLAND WATER DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grassland Water District will be held on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 3:00 P.M.** at:

**Grassland Water District, 200 W. Willmott Avenue, Los Banos, CA 93635**

If you need directions to the District facilities or if special assistance is required, please call the GWD office, (209) 826-5188 by Monday, April 8, 2024. If you are bringing printed material for distribution at the board meeting, please bring at least 12 copies with you.

**AGENDA**

**1. CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

The Board will consider corrections or additions to the Agenda for items requiring immediate action that have come to the attention of the Board after the posting of the Agenda.

*Board action required if corrections or additions are made*

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the audience will be permitted to address the Board on items affecting their operations and items within their jurisdiction. The President may limit the time available for comment.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING ON WHETHER TO ENDORSE, OPPOSE, OR TAKE NO POSITION ON STATE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AFFECTING THE GRASSLANDS**

The GWD Board will hold a hearing to receive comments from stakeholders and the public, and will thereafter consider whether or not to endorse, oppose, or take no position on the following state legislative proposals:

- **AB 1889 (Friedman) Conservation element: wildlife and habitat connectivity**
- **AB 2320 (Irwin) Wildlife Connectivity and Climate Adaptation Act of 2024: wildlife corridors**
- **AB 2875 (Friedman) Wetlands: state policy**

**4. RESOLUTION 2024-003 TAKING AN OFFICIAL POSITION ON STATE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AFFECTING THE GRASSLANDS**

*Board action required*

**5. RESOLUTION 2024-004 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER AND RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH WEHR WATER LAW & POLICY**

*Board action required*

**6. RESOLUTION 2024-005 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GROUNDWATER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND GRANTS OF LICENSE AGREEMENTS FOR WATER YEAR 2024**

*Board action required*

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board will consider approval of the Minutes of the GWD Board meeting for February 13, 2024.

*Board action required*

**8. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

The Board will be asked to ratify payment of the March 2024 bills and to approve payment of the April 2024 bills.

*Board action required*

**9. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Board will be asked to accept the Financial Report for April 2024.

*Board action required*

**10. CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS REPORT**

Ken Swanson, District Engineer/Watermaster, will report on water supply, field operations, and construction projects.

11. **2024-2025 CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**

12. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Maintenance Report
2. Central Valley Project Operations
3. Water Supply
4. Water Supply Projects
5. Storm Water and Drainage
6. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
7. Grassland Fund & Outreach
8. Encroachment

13. **LEGAL UPDATE**

Ellen Wehr, General Counsel, will report on legal and governmental affairs including water supply, drainage, encroachment, legislation, and regulatory activity.

14. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Jeff More, Capital Solutions and Mark Smith, Smith Policy Group will give their reports summarizing Federal and State legislative and regulatory activity.

15. **BREEDING BIRD COMMITTEE UPDATE**

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Selected correspondence from the past month may be reviewed.

*Board action may be required*

17. **GRASSLAND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER (GEECe)**

Candace Sigmond, GEECe Education Coordinator, will report on recent activities and upcoming events.

18. **AGENCY & ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

The following Representatives/Organizations may report on items of interest to the District.

- Matt Kaminski, DU
- Preston Brunk, CWA
- Sean Allen, CDFW
- USFWS
- Reyn Akiona, Valley Eco

19. **CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **DU 87<sup>th</sup> National Convention:** San Diego, CA, May 29 – June 1, 2024, register at <https://www.ducks.org/events/du-national-convention>
- **Grasslands Annual Meeting: TBD**

20. **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

At this time, Board members and staff may briefly report on matters of interest and matters that may be set for consideration on future agendas.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

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