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**April 3, 2025**

**AGENDA NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND 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 8, 2025 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 7, 2025. If you bring 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board will consider approval of the Minutes of the GWD Board meeting for March 11, 2025.

***Board action required***

**4. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

The Board will be asked to approve payment of the April 2025 bills.

***Board action required***

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Board will be asked to accept the Financial Report for April 2025.

*Board action required*

**6. 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 454 (Kalra)** Migratory birds: California Migratory Bird Protection Act (SUPPORT)
- **AB 707 (Soria)** San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority: B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project (SUPPORT)
- **AB 764 (Gonzalez, Jeff)** Birds and mammals: nongame birds (SUPPORT)
- **AB 900 (Papan)** Environmental protection: 30x30 goals: land conservation: science-based management and stewardship (SUPPORT)
- **AB 902 (Schultz)** Transportation planning and programming: barriers to wildlife movement (SUPPORT)
- **AB 929 (Connolly)** Sustainable groundwater management: managed wetlands (SUPPORT)
- **AB 1169 (Gonzalez, Jeff)** Wildlife grants: Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement program (SUPPORT)
- **AB 1316 (Addis)** Hunting licenses: information on firearms (OPPOSE UNLESS AMEND)
- **SB 72 (Caballero)** The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets (SUPPORT)
- **SB 427 (Blakespear)** Habitat Conservation Fund (SUPPORT)
- **SB 695 (Cortese)** Transportation: climate resiliency: projects of statewide and regional significance (SUPPORT)
- **SB 765 (Niello)** State snake (SUPPORT)
- **HR 2316 (Hurd)** Wetlands Conservation and Access Improvement Act of 2025 (SUPPORT)

**7. RESOLUTION 2025-005 TAKING AN OFFICIAL POSITION ON STATE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AFFECTING THE GRASSLANDS**

*Board action required*

**8. RESOLUTION 2025-006 AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANGER TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNERSTAND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS BANOS AND GRASSLAND WATER DISTRICT REGARDING COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE BASINS AND STORM WATER CAPTURE PROJECT**

*Board action required*

**9. CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS REPORT**

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

**10. 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**
- 9. Waterfowl Surveys**

**11. LEGAL UPDATE**

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

**12. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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

**13. COMMITTEE REPORTS****14. CORRESPONDENCE**

Selected correspondence from the past month may be reviewed.

*Board action may be required*

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

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

**16. AGENCY & ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

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

- Matt Kaminski, DU
- Preston Brunk, CWA
- Lara Sparks, CDFW
- USFWS
- Reyn Akiona, Valley Eco

17. **CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **DU 88<sup>th</sup> National Convention:** Baltimore, MD, May 28 – May 31, 2025, register at <https://www.ducks.org/events/du-national-convention>
- **Annual Grassland Water District Meeting** – Saturday, May 31, 2025  
Registration: 9:30am, Presentation: 10:00am - 12:00pm, followed by Lunch

18. **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.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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