



Southeast Water Coalition

A joint powers authority to protect the Central Groundwater Basin

Meeting Agenda Announcement

Assembly Bill (“AB”) 361, signed into law on September 16, 2021, amends Government Code section 54953 to provide authority and specific requirements for public agencies to hold virtual meetings during a proclaimed state of emergency and remain in compliance with the Brown Act (Gov. Code §§ 54950 et seq.).

Consistent with mandates of AB 361, some, or all, SEWC Board Members may attend this meeting virtually. A physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting or offer public comment will not be made available. Vernon City Hall will not be open to the public for this meeting; however viewing and public comment options are provided below.

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Public Comment/Question options:

- Email: kjservicesenviro@gmail.com
- Voicemail: (323) 583-8811, ext. 888

Please submit email and voicemail public comments by at least 2:30 p.m. on the date of the meeting to ensure SEWC Members receive and have time to review them. All email and voicemails received by 2:30 p.m. are forwarded to SEWC Members. Email and voicemails received after 2:30 p.m. but before the conclusion of the public comment portion will be entered into the record.

AGENDA
SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLICY BOARD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. SEWC BOARD OF DIRECTOR MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2022 REGULAR MEETING

Recommendation: Approve minutes as submitted.

b. WARRANT REGISTER

Recommendation: Approve Warrant Register.

c. MAKE FINDINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) ESTABLISHED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 361 – NEW LEGISLATION REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS AND TELECONFERENCING

Recommendation: That the Policy Board take the following actions:

1. Make the following findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (e)(3):
 - a) The Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency; and
 - b) State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

**** End of Consent Calendar****

4. AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN AUDIT FIRM TO COMPLETE FISCAL YEAR 2021 / 2022 SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION (SEWC) AUDIT

Joanna Moreno, AE Chair, City of Vernon

Recommendation: That the Board take the following action:

Authorize the City of Vernon's Director of Finance, serving as SEWC Treasurer and Controller, to award a sole source contract to DavisFarr to administer the annual audit of SEWC financial statements for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and prepare the Financial Transactions Report and Supplement.

5. AB1931 – COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS – LEAD SERVICE LINES

Joanna Moreno, AE Chair, City of Vernon

Recommendation: That the Policy Board take the following action:

1. Receive and file an update on AB 1931, Community water systems – lead service lines.
2. Authorize the submittal of a Letter of Opposition to AB 1931, Community water systems – lead service lines.

6. PFAS LITIGATION PRESENTATION

Joanna Moreno, AE Chair, City of Vernon

Recommendation: That the Policy Board take the following action:

Per a request by Board member Martinez (Whittier), receive and file an update on pending litigation by the cities of Whittier and Downey, among others, against 3M and other manufacturers and industrial users of PFAS chemicals. The Board will receive a presentation from one of the attorneys involved with the City of Whittier's litigation.

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY CHAIR / LEAD AGENCY COMMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT

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The next meeting of the Southeast Water Coalition Policy Board will be on Thursday, October 6, 2022, 6:30pm, at Vernon City Hall, 4305 South Santa Fe Ave., Vernon, CA 90058.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Regular and Adjourned Regular meeting agendas may be amended up to 72 hours and Special meeting agendas may be amended up to 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Dated: August 1, 2022

By: Sandra Dolson

Administrative Secretary

City of Vernon