



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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AGENDA

SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

3:00 PM

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

*****Consent Calendar items will be considered and approved in one motion unless removed by an Administrative Entity Member for discussion.*****

**a. SEWC ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MINUTES OF JULY 26, 2022
SPECIAL MEETING**

Recommendation: Approve minutes as submitted.

**b. MAKE FINDINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
54953(e)(3) ESTABLISHED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 361 - NEW
LEGISLATION REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS AND
TELECONFERENCING**

Recommendation: That the Administrative Entity 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. PFOA / PFOS PROPOSED CERCLA DESIGNATION

Joanna Moreno, AE Chair, City of Vernon

Nicholas Ghirelli, WRG

Recommendation: That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed addition of PFOA and PFOS to the list of CERCLA chemicals. Also review HR2467, a House bill that add PFOS and PFOA to the list of CERCLA hazardous substances in lieu of action taken by the Federal EPA.

5. CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY

Joanna Moreno, AE Chair, City of Vernon

Kevin Sales, KJServices Environmental Consulting

Recommendation: That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

Receive and file an update on Governor Newsom's proposed California Water Supply Strategy.

6. BENZENE IN DRINKING WATER / WRD SAFE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

Joanna Moreno, AE Chair, City of Vernon

Glen Kau, City of Norwalk

Kevin Sales, KJServices Environmental Consulting

Recommendation: That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the extent of Benzene contamination in local drinking water and the availability of remediation funding through the Water Replenishment District's (WRD) Safe Drinking Water Program.

7. URBAN COMMUNITY DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

Joanna Moreno, AE Chair, City of Vernon

Kevin Sales, KJServices Environmental Consulting

Recommendation: That the Administrative Entity take the following actions:

Receive and file an update on the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program and consider developing and submitting a SEWC grant application.

8. PURE WATER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROGRAM

Joanna Moreno, AE Chair, City of Vernon

Derek Nguyen, City of Lakewood

Bruce Chalmers, Pure Water SoCal program manager, MWD

Kevin Sales, KJServices Environmental Consulting

Recommendation: That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) and the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's Pure Water Southern California program.

9. OCTOBER 6, 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

Kevin Sales, KJServices Environmental Consulting

Recommendation: Consider Draft SEWC JPA Board of Directors Agenda

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBER COMMENTS

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The next meeting of the Southeast Water Coalition Administrative Entity will be on Thursday, November 17, 2022, 3:00pm, 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: September 8, 2022

By: Lisa Umeda
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City of Vernon