



# **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, JANUARY 19, 2023**

**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 NOV. 17, 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. FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021 / 2022 SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION (SEWC) AUDIT**

Joanna Moreno, AE Chair, City of Vernon

Recommendation: That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

- 1) Accept the Southeast Water Coalition (SEWC) Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 with Report on Audit; and
- 2) Prepare a Management Letter for the final audit report; and
- 3) Recommend the Board of Directors approve the SEWC Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 with Report on Audit, received December 2022, and to authorize the audit report to be finalized and filed with the County.

**5. MWD'S REGIONAL DROUGHT EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

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 Metropolitan Water District's Regional Emergency Drought Declaration.

**6. WATER BOARDS' PROPOSED READOPTION OF THE PROHIBITED WASTEFUL WATER USE EMERGENCY REGULATION FOR WATER CONSERVATION**

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 the State Water Resources Control Board's readoption (Resolution 2022-0054) of the current Prohibited Wasteful Water Uses Emergency Regulation for Water Conservation.

**7. RETURN TO IN PERSON MEETINGS – AE AND POLICY BOARD**

Joanna Moreno, AE Chair, City of Vernon

Kevin Sales, KJServices Environmental Consulting

Recommendation: That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

Effective with the March 16, 2023 SEWC Administrative Entity meeting, both Policy Board meetings and AE meetings will be held in-person at the City of Vernon City Hall, per SEWC Resolution 2021-1. Partially virtual meetings can continue to be held as long as they meet the requirements of AB 2449.

**8. DROUGHT AND CONSERVATION REPORTING**

Joanna Moreno, AE Chair, City of Vernon

Recommendation: That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the Department of Drinking Water (DDW) Oder *DDW\_HQ\_Drought2023\_001* Requiring Technical Reporting in Response to Drought.

**9. FEBRUARY 2, 2023 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, March 16, 2023, 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: January 16, 2023*

By: Lisa Umeda

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City of Vernon