



The Southwestern Water Conservation District
The West Building, 841 E Second Avenue
Durango, CO 81301

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR SOUTHWESTERN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S Regular Board Meeting

Location

SWCD Office & Via Zoom

841 E 2nd Avenue, Durango, CO, 81301

Date and Time

4/15/2026 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Remote Connection

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Meeting ID: 835 9975 3537

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Phone Number: (346) 248 – 7799

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Other Details

Posted and Noticed April 14, 2026

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SWCD Regular Board Meeting Agenda April 15, 2026

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

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| 1 | Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum | 10:00 AM |
| 2 | Review and Approve Agenda | 10:02 AM |
| 3 | Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items | 10:03 AM |
| 4 | Consent Agenda | 10:05 AM |
| | 4.1 Summary and Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
(January and February 2026) | |
| 5 | Legislative Affairs | 10:10 AM |
| | 5.1 State Legislative Update, including discussion and
possible SWCD position on any introduced bills – Garin Vorthmann | |
| | 5.2 Federal Affairs Update – Christine Arbogast | |
| 6 | General Counsel Legal Report (Beth Van Vurst) | 10:30 AM |
| | 6.1 Proposed Settlement with the Bureau of Land Management in Case
21CW3014 in Water Division 3 and Case No. 21CW3029 in Water
Division 7 (Treasure Pass TMDs) | |
| | 6.2 Proposed Digitization Contract with The Scanning Company | |
| | 6.3 Retirement of SWCD's Employment Attorney, Michelle Magruder from
Robinson, Waters, & O'dorisio | |
| | 6.4 Monthly Water Court Resume Review (Division 3, 4, 7) | |
| 7 | Hydrology & Partner Updates | 11:00 AM |
| | 7.1. Hydrologic Conditions, updates from the
Division Engineers for Water Division 4 & 7
– Bob Hurford and Rob Genualdi | |
| | 7.2. Colorado River Hydrologic Conditions – Steve Wolff | |
| | 7.3. Summary from SWCD's 42nd Annual Water Seminar & | |

- WIP Update– Elaine Chick
 - 7.4. Water Quality Updates – Peter Butler
 - 7.5. Harris Water Engineering Report – Carrie Padgett
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Lunch

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8 SWCD Staff Reports

12:30 PM

- 8.1 Update on SWCD Investment Portfolio – Josh Brooks
 - 8.2 Proposed Director Reimbursement Policy – Josh Brooks
 - 8.3 Requests for Financial Assistance for WEco Water Leaders Program – Steve Wolff
 - 8.4 Possible Financial Support for ARTi's SnoFo Proposal – Steve Wolff
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9 Special Presentation

1:00 PM

The Freshwater Trust - Bill Ketterhagen

10 Questions and Comments from the Public

1:50 PM

Break

2:00 PM

11 Director Updates and Issues for Discussion

2:15 PM

12 Executive Session

2:30 PM

- 12.1 Update on General Manager Hiring Process, including consideration of applicants and scheduling second interviews
 - 12.2 SWCD Personnel Matters – Employee Leave Policy & Work Schedules
 - 12.3 Update on Consulting Services Agreement
 - 12.4 Colorado River Compact, Interstate and Intrastate matters, including Post-2026 Colorado River Guidelines
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13 Summary and Action Items from Executive Session

3:50 PM

14 Upcoming Meetings and Announcements

3:55 PM

- 14.1 April 30 SWCD Special Board Meeting (virtual) – if needed
 - 14.2 June 17-18 SWCD Regular Board Meeting - (Durango)
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15 Adjournment

4:00 PM
