



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

SWCD Regular Board Meeting Agenda

August 26, 2026

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

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| 1 | Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum | 9:30 AM |
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| 2 | Review and Approve Agenda | 9:32 AM |
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| 3 | Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items | 9:34 AM |
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| 4 | Consent Agenda | 9:36 AM |
| | 4.1 Summary and Acceptance of Treasurer's Reports | |
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| 5 | Recognition of Service to SWCD | 9:40 AM |
| | 5.1 Steve Wolff, SWCD General Manager | |
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| 6 | Legislative Affairs | 9:45 AM |
| | 6.1 Federal Affairs Update – Christine Arbogast | |
| | 6.2 State Legislative Update – Garin Vorthmann | |
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| 7 | General Counsel Legal Report | 10:10 AM |
| | 7.1 Proposed tax increment financing agreement between SWCD and the Durango Renewal Partnership for the Durango Crossings Project | |
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8 Staff Reports

10:15 AM

- 8.1 SWCD B2E Grant & Water Conservation and Infrastructure Partnership Update – Josh Brooks & Carrie Padgett
 - 8.2 Update on Submittal of SWCD Domestic Water Supply Grant Application – Carrie Padgett
 - 8.3 Update on SWCD's Florida River SWSP - Andrew Straub-Heidke
 - 8.4 Update on 2027 Budget Process & Appointment of SWCD Budget Officer for 2027 Budget – Andrew Straub-Heidke & Josh Brooks
Budget Workshop: September 10, 2026 at 2:00PM
 - 8.5 Proposed Changes to 2027 Grant Guidelines – Josh Brooks
 - 8.6 Update on Programs Coordinator Hiring Process – Andrew Straub-Heidke
 - 8.7 SWCD Branded Merchandise Policy Update – Josh Brooks
 - 8.8 SWCD CEBT Reaffirmation – Josh Brooks
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9 Grant Requests

11:40 PM

- 9.1 Emergency Grant Request - Bess Girl Ditch (\$1,860) – Carrie Padgett
 - 9.2 CWCB Technical Assistance Grant Request – Carrie Padgett
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10 Questions and Comments from the Public

11:50 PM

Lunch

12:00 PM

11 Contractor and Partner Updates

1:00 PM

- 11.1 CWCB Funding Update – Laura Spann
 - 11.2 Harris Water Engineering Update – Carrie Padgett
 - 11.3 Wright Water Engineering Update (June Water Resume Update) – Peter Foster
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12 Colorado River Matters, Hydrology & Related Updates

1:25 PM

- 12.1 Hydrologic and Other Updates for Divisions 4 and 7 from Division Engineers - Bob Hurford and Rob Genualdi
- 12.2 Colorado River Hydrologic Conditions – Andrew Straub-Heidke
- 12.3 Post-2026 Operational Guidelines and Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) – Andrew Straub-Heidke

- 12.4 Potential Creation of Upper Division States Contribution Program –
Andrew Straub-Heidke

13 Questions and Comments from the Public 2:25 PM

14 Director's Updates and Concerns 2:35 PM

- 14.1 Scheduling October Board Tour in Silverton

BREAK 2:50 PM

15 Executive Session 3:00 PM

- 15.1 FAMLI Participant Status Discussion
15.2 Durango Renewal Partnership's proposed tax increment financing
agreement for the Durango Crossings Project
15.3 Colorado River Interstate and Intrastate matters, including Post-2026
Negotiations, Final EIS and potential creation of Upper Division States
Contribution Program
15.4 B2E Grant Contracting Process and other Related Matters

16 Summary and Action Items from Executive Session 4:30 PM

17 Upcoming Meetings and Announcements 4:35 PM

- 17.1 September 10 – Budget Workshop
17.2 October 14 & 15, 2026 – October Board Meeting & Tour

18 Adjournment 4:40 PM

Three or more board members may meet for dinner at 6:00 PM.