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17AUG23: Reg.Meeting

**VSWCD Regular Meeting*
via Video/Teleconference
August 17th, 2023 4-to-7 PM**

**MTG ID: 283 468 103 503 See
website &/or Page Two for
Video Conference Links, or**

CALL-IN DIRECTLY:

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OR @ the VSWCD District

**Office: 2424 Hwy 47, Belen, NM,
87002**

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Public Comment Plicy (please
send comments through USPS
mail or via email at public-input@valenciaswcd.org)--
Address & Name required**

Final Agenda 17AUG2023: VSWCD Reg. Board Mtg.

CALL TO ORDER 4 P.M. (set for every 3rd Thursday of the month)

- (1) **4:00—Verify quorum, conduct pledge of allegiance and agenda review with changes & approval: Chair/Vice Chair**
- (2) **4:05—Approval of 7/20/2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes..... Chair/Vice Chair**
- (3) **4:10—Public Comments** (e.g., posted letters and emails from public-input@valenciaswcd.org) **Chair/Vice Chair**
- (4) **4:15—District Staff Monthly ReportStaff**
- (5) **4:30—Special Guest: Debbie Lee & Catherine Murphy (MRG Endangered Species Collaborative)—2023 Climate Futures Workshop, Sept. 2023 Field Tour and VSWCD applying for MRGESCP membership.....Director/Vice Chair**
- (6) **5:00--Special Guest: Todd Caplan (Isleta Reach Stewardship Association)—FY24 IRSA Updates.....Director**
- (7) **5:15—Updates/Partner Reports /Correspondence/Other:**
 - **NMDA Monthly Report** (Katie Mechenbier)
 - **Monthly Rpt.** (Nick Goodman/Athena Cholas)
 - **MRGCD Monthly Report**
 - **Friends of Whitfield Monthly Rpt.** (Pres. Linda Frazer)
 - **Correspondence/Announcements** (e.g., TBD)
- (8) **5:30—District Inventory & Asset Appreciation.....Bus.Mngr.**
- (9) **5:40—Update on VSWCD's Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP).....Director & Bus.Mngr.**
- (10) **5:50—Budget & Accounting:** (Treasurer Draszkievicz and Business Manager M^cCready)
 - **Month of July 2023 expenditures review & approval**
 - **Whitfield HVAC Update** (system on its last legs...)
 - **Maintenance Storage Shed** (<\$5k proposed purchase)
 - **Grant/Related Updates:** (1) AmeriCorps VISTA (approved!), (2) CASC-SC grant (advanced to full proposal due 9/6/23). In the works/pending: (3) Peregrine Accelerator Final Presentation (9/7/23), (4) VC-ARPA, (5) local farmer donation.
 - **Salazar International Symposium:** Oct.10-12 (Denver)
- (11) **6:10--Supervisor Round Robin**
- (12) **6:20—Executive Session Open Meetings Act** (NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7)) for a discussion subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation**Vice Chair**
- (13) **6:30—Return from Executive Session.....Vice Chair**
- (14) **6:35—Contract for legal services.....Vice Chair**

***NLT 7 PM ADJOURNMENT.....Chair/Vice Chair**

**NEXT VSWCD REG. BOARD MTG: Thursday, Sept. 21th, 2023
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VALENCIA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

****Please:** If you are in need of special accommodations to attend, please contact the office at least 3 days prior to meeting *******

Acronyms / Abbreviations:

- BEMP = Bosque Environ. Monitoring Program
- CPM = Conservation Program Manager
- DD = District Director Bus.Mngr. = Business Mngr
- DFA = Department of Finance and Administration
- EE / EEPM= Environmental Educ. / EE Prog. Mngr.
- EVUGP = East Valencia Urban Gardens Program
- FWWCA = Friends of Whitfield (501c3)
- GRGWA = Greater Rio Grande Watershed Assoc.
- HSP = Healthy Soils Program (NMDA)
- IRSA = Isleta Reach Stewardship Association
- MRGCD = Middle Rio Grande Conservation District
- NACD = Nat'l Association of Conservation Districts
- NMACD=NM Assoc. of Conservation Districts
- NMDA=New Mexico Department of Agriculture
- NRCS = Natural Resources Conservation Service
- OMA = Open Meetings Act
- WWCA = Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area
- RACA = Rio Abajo Conservation Area
- SWCC = NM Soil & Water Conserv. Commission

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Public Comment Policy Statement:

Due to the need to minimize spread of COVID-19 across New Mexico, to keep our communities safe and well, there is a temporary policy for public comments to be read during the livestream remote regular Board meetings until further notice. All public comments for presentation at the meeting must be submitted in writing, with NAME & ADDRESS provided, by mail or email (send to public-input@valenciaswcd.org) UP TO ONE HOUR PRIOR to the start of the meeting. We will check USPS mail no later than 1:00 pm the day before the meeting. Provided comments will be read aloud by a District designate at the meeting. The Chair will keep with the three-minute comment policy per comment to ensure timely conductance of the meeting. The regular policy cited here is for your information when we return to regularly assembled meetings.

WHEREAS: The Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978, Chapter 10, Article 15, III Section 10-15-1, Subpart A states "an open public meeting is not necessarily an open forum and, so long as the Act is complied with, public bodies may limit, or not allow public debate and may take steps necessary to maintain public order" and Subpart F states "meeting notices shall include an agenda containing a list of specific items of business to be discussed or transacted at the mtg.".

WHEREAS: The Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District (VSWCD) desires to provide opportunity for public comment at meetings under its purview;

- THEREFORE:** In accordance with the Open Meetings Act
- Persons who wish to give comment will so indicate on the sign in sheet prior to start of the meeting.
 - Comments need to be received no later than one hour prior to the start of the meeting (either at public-input@valenciaswcd.org or via USPS Post the day prior).
 - All comments will be limited to 3 minutes and compliance will be enforced to ensure timely conductance of District business.
 - Board of Supervisors are under no legal obligation to accept, concur with or record any offered public comment(s).
 - Appropriate action(s) will be taken as necessary by the board at the meeting, or otherwise in a timely manner.
- *While this policy pertains to conductance of VSWCD meetings, public comments may also be submitted at any time to the District Director, or public email, as shown below:*

Phone: 505-864-8914
Letters: VSWCD Attention District Director
 PO Box 170, Belen, NM 87002
Email: andrewhautzinger@valenciaswcd.org
Public Input email: public-input@valenciaswcd.org

VSWCD HOSTED MONTHLY MEETING: INFORMATION TO

JOIN our MICROSOFT TEAMS virtual video and teleconference Board Meeting. Tips on JOINING:

- Make sure you have a good internet connection
- If you are joining by computer/laptop, you should be able to join by web or by Microsoft Teams app
- If you are joining by phone/tablet, you might have to download app to join. Or JUST USE ***AUDIO ONLY***
- Do a test run and join the meeting when you have a chance, even if it is days in advance, so you can make sure your settings are correct.

If you need help, Contact VSWCD's **Johnny Chavez:** johnnychavez@valenciaswcd.org or phone : **505-917-0657**

Join our MS-TEAMS Mtg. via computer or mobile app:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_Mzc3YjYyOWMtNmI4OC00NGNiLTlmODQtNTkxNTMxYmU4NWRi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2207b16c2a-d844-4b14-91ae-38859875f32f%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227a67d841-8679-44dd-be6146b1d221d32%22%7d

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