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**VSWCD
Holiday
Tree &
NM's
Best
District
in 2023
Plaque**

***VSWCD Regular Meeting*
via Video/Teleconference
Month's 3rd Thursday,
4 PM -to- 7 PM***

**MTG ID: 283 468 103 503 See
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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 Policy (please
send comments through USPS
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Address & Name required**

**Draft Final Agenda 21DEC2023: 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 09/21/2023 Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes..... Chair/Vice Chair**
 - (3) **4:10—Approval of 11/16/2023 Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes..... Chair/Vice Chair**
 - (4) **4:15—Public Comments.....Chair/Vice Chair**
 - (5) **4:25—District Staff Monthly ReportStaff**
 - (6) **4:45—Updates/Partner Reports /Correspondence/Other:**
 - **NMDA Monthly Report** (Katie Mechenbier)
 - **Monthly Rpt.** (April Luna/Nick Goodman/Athena Cholas)
 - **MRGCD Monthly Report**
 - **Friends of Whitfield Monthly Rpt.** (Pres. Rob Raucci)
 - Plus **Whitfield Complex Needs List** (discussed at the 12/9/23 FOW Annual Mtg. / WWCA Birthday party)
 - **Correspondence/Announcements** (e.g., TBD)
 - (7) **5:05—2024 OMA Resolution (FY24#3).....Chair/Vice Chair**
 - (8) **5:15—Overview: Rio Abajo Stand Up Plan.....Mark Briggs**
 - (9) **5:35—Board Review: District Supervisor Policy Handbook.....Chair**
 - (10) **6:00—Board Discussion: District Rental Proposal.....BM**
 - (11) **6:20—Budget & Accounting:** (Treasurer Draszkievicz and Business Manager M^cCready, with CPA Chris Fogel as needed)
 - **Review & approval:** Month of November 2023 expenditures
 - **Review & approval:** VSWCD FY24 Capital Outlay Requests (2 vehicles, one storage structure)--due to legislature 1/11/24
 - **Grant/Related Updates:** (1) AmeriCorps VISTA (April?), and two pending applications: (2) CASC-SC grant (full proposal submitted 9/6/23). and (3) EDA *Building Resiliency in the Aftermath of the Big Hole Fire*. In receipt of a Non-award: USFS-AIM Grant (consultant-driven MRG fire plan proposal).
 - (12) **6:50 PM--Supervisor Round Robin**
- *NTE-7 PM ADJOURNMENT.....Chair/Vice Chair**

VSWCD STAFFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Hautzinger--District Director (DD) • Megan M^cCready – Business Manager (BM) • Johnny Chavez – Conservation Program Manager (CPM) • Laura M^cCann—Environmental Education Prog. Mngr. (EPPM) • YCC Field Crew II: Juztine Diaz (Crew Leader), Fran Keryte, Nate Kaib, Mikaila Chavez and Dulce Bautista • EVUGP Garden Managers: Olga Cervantes & Gabi Padilla
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**NEXT VSWCD REG. BOARD MTG: Thursday, Jan. 18th, 2024(!)
** All Agenda Items may be acted upon by the Board ****



****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, BM = Business Manager
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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VSWCD Public Comment Policy Statement:

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*

- *Those wishing to give public comment must provide their full legal name and their current address.*
- *Persons who wish to give in-person comment will so indicate on the sign in sheet prior to start of the meeting.*
- *Otherwise, 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 HYBRID MONTHLY MEETING:

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

- 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_Mzc3YjYyOWMtNmI4OC00NGNiLTlmODQqNTkxNTMxYmU4NWRi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2207b16c2a-d844-4b14-91ae-38859875f32f%22%2c%220id%22%3a%22a67d841-8679-44dd-be6146b1d221d32%22%7d

Or CALL IN DIRECTLY (*AUDIO ONLY*No App Needed)

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