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New MRGCD Bridge over the San Juan Drain: Hello Bosque!

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

MTG ID: 283 468 103 503 See website &/or Page Two for Video Conference Links, or CALL-IN DIRECTLY: +1 469-965-2602,,116909656# OR @ the VSWCD District Office: 2424 Hwy 47, Belen, NM, 87002

***Plz See Page Two for VSWCD's Public Comment Policy (please send comments through USPS mail or via email at public-input@valenciaswcd.org)-- Address & Name required**

Final Agenda 18JAN2024: VSWCD Reg. Board Mtg.
CALL TO ORDER 4 P.M. (set for every 3rd Thursday of the month) [including a **3:30 PM Oath of Office** for VSWCD Board Supervisors, administered by Magistrate Judge John R. Chavez]

- (1) **4:00—Verify quorum, conduct pledge of allegiance and agenda review with changes & approval: Chair/Vice Chair**
- (2) **4:05—Approval of 12/21/2023 Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes..... Chair/Vice Chair**
- (3) **4:10—Public Comments.....Chair/Vice Chair**
- (4) **4:25—District Staff Monthly ReportStaff**
- (5) **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)
 - **Correspondence/Announcements** (e.g., TBD)
- (6) **5:05—Reorganize VSWCD District Board: Elect chair, vice chair, and treasurer.....Chair/Vice Chair**
- (7) **5:15—Whitfield Committee Report Out.....Chair/Vice Chair**
- (8) **5:25—Discussion: 2024 Updates for VSWCD District Working Committee Board Assignments....Chair/Vice Chair**
- (9) **5:35—Budget & Accounting:** (Treasurer Draszkievicz and Business Manager M^cCready, with CPA Chris Fogel as needed)
 - **Review & approval:** Month of December 2023 expenditures
 - **Review & approval:** Update Mileage & Per Diem Policy (new authorized rate ¢ 65.5/mile driven for business purposes)
 - **Review & approval:** 2nd Quarter Budget FY24 Rpt. to DFA
 - **Discussion:** Proposed VSWCD Mid-Year budget revisions
 - **Grants/Capitol Outlays/Related Updates:** (1) CASC-SC grant (notice of non-award 1/4/24); (2) AmeriCorps VISTA (starting ~4/15/24), and two pending applications: (3) NM Youth Conservation Corps (FY24 2nd cycle) and (4) EDA *Building Econ. Resiliency in the Aftermath of the Big Hole Fire.*
- (10) **6:35 PM--Supervisor Round Robin**

***NTE-7 PM ADJOURNMENT.....Chair/Vice Chair**

VSWCD STAFF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Hautzinger--District Director (DD) • Megan M^cCready – Business Manager (BM) • Laura M^cCann—Environmental Education Prog. Mngr. (EPPM) • Johnny Chavez – Conservation Program Manager (CPM) • Juztine Diaz—Conservation Program Assistant (CPA)
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NEXT VSWCD REG. BOARD MTG: Thursday, Feb. 18th, 2024
**** All Agenda Items may be acted upon by the Board ****



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 ***

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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

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**

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