



Southeast Water Coalition

A joint powers authority to protect the Central Groundwater Basin

Meeting Agenda Announcement

Assembly Bill (“AB”) 361, signed into law on September 16, 2021, amends Government Code section 54953 to provide authority and specific requirements for public agencies to hold virtual meetings during a proclaimed state of emergency and remain in compliance with the Brown Act (Gov. Code §§ 54950 et seq.).

Consistent with mandates of AB 361, some, or all, SEWC Board Members may attend this meeting virtually. A physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting or offer public comment will not be made available. Commerce City Hall will not be open to the public for this meeting; however viewing and public comment options are provided below.

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Public Comment/Question options:

- Email: kjservicesenviro@gmail.com
- Voicemail: (323) 722-4805 ext. 2812

Please submit email and voicemail public comments by at least 5:30 p.m. on the date of the meeting to ensure SEWC Board Members receive and have time to review them. All email and voicemails received by 5:30 p.m. are forwarded to SEWC Board Members. Email and voicemails received after 5:30 p.m. but before the conclusion of the public comment portion will be entered into the record.

AGENDA
SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLICY BOARD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

**a. SEWC BOARD OF DIRECTOR MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2021
REGULAR MEETING**

Recommendation: Approve minutes as submitted.

b. WARRANT REGISTER

Recommendation: Approve Warrant Register.

**c. MAKE FINDINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
54953(e) ESTABLISHED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 361 – NEW LEGISLATION
REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS AND TELECONFERENCING**

Recommendation: That the Policy Board take the following actions:

1. Make the following findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (e)(3):
 - a) The Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency; and
 - b) State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

**** End of Consent Calendar****

**4. STATEWIDE DROUGHT DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS AND THEIR
IMPACT ON THE SEWC CITIES / EXPANDED MWD WATER
CONSERVATION PROGRAMS**

Gina Nila, AE Chair, City of Commerce

Recommendation: That the Policy Board take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the State's Drought Declaration and its impact on the SEWC cities and a review of the Metropolitan Water District's expanded water conservation programs.

5. PFAS UPDATE

Gina Nila, AE Chair, City of Commerce

Nick Ghirelli, Richards, Watson, & Gershon

Recommendation: That the Policy Board take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the status of the Water Replenishment District's PFAS remediation program, and the impacts of the potential listing of certain PFAS chemicals under the Federal EPA's Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

6. UPDATE ON THE CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Alex Rojas, General Manager, Central Basin Municipal Water District

Recommendation: That the Policy Board take the following action:

Receive and file an update from the Central Basin Municipal Water District regarding redistricting and new sponsored legislation.

7. SEWC PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONTRACT EXTENSION

Gina Nila, AE Chair, City of Commerce

Recommendation: That the Policy Board take the following action:

Approve a term extension for SEWC Administrative Services with KJServices Environmental Consulting, retroactive to July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

8. APPROVE AN INCREASE IN THE LUMP SUM BUDGET WITH RICHARDS, WATSON, AND GERSHON FOR MONITORING AND REVIEW OF CENTRAL BASIN MWD MEETINGS

Gina Nila, AE Chair, City of Commerce

Recommendation: That the Policy Board take the following action:

Increase the current lump sum budget allocation for Richards, Watson, and Gershon for the monitoring and review of the Central Basin MWD by \$2,000, increasing from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

10. ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY CHAIR / LEAD AGENCY COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Disability-related services are available to enable persons with a disability to participate in this meeting, consistent with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Spanish interpreters are also available. For information or to request services, please contact the City of Commerce Public Works Department at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at (323) 722-4805 ext. 2812.

The next meeting of the Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors will be on Thursday, April 7, 2022, 6:30 pm, at Commerce City Hall, 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, CA, 90040.

I, Michelle Keshishian, City of Commerce, do hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing notice was posted pursuant to Government Code Section 54950 Et. Seq. and City of Commerce Ordinance at the following locations: Commerce City Hall, Rosewood Neighborhood Library, and the Commerce Senior Center.

Dated: January 31, 2022

Michelle Keshishian
Environmental Coordinator
City of Commerce