



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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR **SOUTHWESTERN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S** Regular Board Meeting

Location

SWCD Office & Via Zoom
841 E 2nd Avenue, Durango CO, 81301

Date and Time

12/10/2025 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
12/11/2025 - 8:30 AM - 12:40 PM

Remote Connection

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Meeting ID: 835 9975 3537

Passcode: 474186

Phone Number: (346) 248 – 7799

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Other Details

Posted and Noticed December 09, 2025

Please email Josh Brooks (jbrooks@swwcd.org) if you have difficulty attending the meeting.

Except the time indicated for when the meeting is scheduled to begin, the times noted for each agenda item are estimates and subject to change. The Board may address and act on agenda items in any order to accommodate the needs of the Board and the audience. Agenda items can also be added during the meeting at the consensus of the Board.

Agenda items may be placed on the Consent Agenda when the recommended action is non-controversial. The Consent Agenda may be voted on without reading or discussing individual items. Any Board member may request clarification about items on the Consent Agenda. The Board may remove items from the Consent Agenda at their discretion for further discussion.



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SWCD Regular Board Meeting Agenda December 10 - 11, 2025

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025

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| 1 | Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum | 1:00 P.M. |
| 2 | Review and Approve Agenda | 1:01 P.M. |
| 3 | Approve and/or Remove Consent Agenda Items | 1:02 P.M. |
| 4 | Consent Agenda | 1:05 P.M. |
| 4.1 | Acceptance of the 2026 Auditing Services – Letter of Engagement | |
| 4.2 | Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report (September & October 2025) | |
| 4.3 | SWCD Merchandise Order Form and Procedures | |
| 4.4 | Approval of 2026 Water Information Program’s Consulting Services Agreement | |
| 5 | Staff Reports | 1:10 P.M. |
| 5.1 | 2025 Grant Extension Requests & Applications for 2026 | |
| 5.2 | Colorado River Update | |
| 5.3 | CWCB 2026 Instream Flow Proposals | |
| 5.3.1 | Mill Creek (Tributary to Cascade Creek, Animas River) | |
| 5.3.2 | Pando Creek (Tributary to Cascade Creek, Animas River) | |
| 5.4 | La Plata County Radar Data Acquisition | |
| 5.5 | Update on CWCB’s potential acquisition of the Shoshone Water Rights | |
| 5.6 | Proposal to Change SWCD's Record Retention Policy | |
| 5.7 | Proposal to Digitize District Records | |
| 5.8 | Draft Policy on Expense Approval Process | |
| 5.9 | Investment Update | |
| 5.10 | Fall SWCD Water Events & Program Manager Update | |

5.11 2026 SWCD Meeting and Holiday Schedule

6	Questions and/or Comments from the Public	2:10 P.M.
Break		2:15 P.M.
7	Executive Session	2:30 P.M.
7.1	SWCD Personnel Matters – Employee compensation, leave policy, and work schedules	
8	Summary and Action Items from Executive Session	3:55 P.M.
9	Adjourn	4:00 P.M.

Three or more board members may meet at Perbacco Cucina Italiana (505 Main Ave, Durango) for Dinner at 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

10	Call to Order – Roll Call, Verification of Quorum	8:30 A.M.
11	Review and Approve Agenda	8:31 A.M.
12	Director’s Updates and Concerns	8:35 A.M.
13	FY2026 Budget Hearing and Adoption of 2026 Budget	9:00 A.M.
13.1	Discussion of Proposed FY2026 Budget, including any potential changes	
13.2	Proposed 2026 Budget Message	
13.3	FY2026 Budget Hearing and Public Comment	
13.4	Resolutions to Adopt FY2026 Budget, Appropriate Sums of Money, and Set Mill Levy	
14	General Counsel Legal Report	9:30 A.M.
14.1	Update on Division 4 Measurement Rules, Case No. 25CW3038, Water Division 4	

- 14.2 Application of the Town of Silverton for Finding of Reasonable Diligence, Case No. 25CW3026, Water Division 7.
- 14.3 Application of the Colorado River Water Conservation District et al. for Change of the Shoshone Water Rights, Case No. 25CW3177, Water Division 7. Update on Division 4 Measurement Rules, Case No. 25CW3038, Water Division 4
- 14.4 Monthly Water Court Resume Review

Break **10:00 A.M.**

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- 15 Legislative Affairs** 10:15 A.M.
- 15.1 Federal Affairs Update – Christine Arbogast
 - 15.2 State Affairs Update - Garin Vorthmann

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- 16 Contractor and Partner Updates** 10:45 A.M.
- 16.1 Update on Promulgation of Colorado's New Dredge & Fill Regulation – Peter Butler
 - 16.2 Water Information Program Report - Elaine Chick
 - 16.3 Harris Water Engineering - Carrie Padgett

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- 17 Hydrology Update** 11:15 A.M.
- 17.1 Hydrology and Other Updates for Divisions 4 & 7 from Division Engineers -Bob Hurford & Rob Genualdi
 - 17.2 Colorado River Hydrology

18 Questions and/or Comments from the Public 11:35 A.M.

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- 19 Executive Session** 11:40 P.M.
- 19.1 Colorado River Compact, Interstate and Intrastate negotiation matters, including re-negotiation of the interim guidelines
 - 19.2 Application of Colorado Parks and Wildlife for Transmountain Water Rights, Case No. 22CW3050, Division 7
 - 19.3 Applications of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. for Diligence, Case Nos. 24CW3035 and 24CW3036, Division 4

20 Summary and Action Items from Executive Session 12:35 P.M.

21	Upcoming Meetings and Announcements (2026)	12:39 P.M.
21.1	January 22	SWCD Noon Legislative Call (if needed)
21.2	January 28-30	Water Congress (Denver)
21.3	February 18-19	SWCD Regular Board Meeting
21.4	March 27	SWCD Annual Seminar – Sky Ute Casino

22	Adjournment	12:40 P.M.
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