

SEELEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
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PRESIDENT: Leslie Hill **VICE PRESIDENT:** Donald Murphy
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Jason Grima, Esteban Jaramillo, Bianca Vasquez

REGULAR MEETING
“Townhall Information Meeting Presentation”

Date: March 19, 2025
Where: SCWD Office, 1898 W. Main Street, Seeley CA 92273
Time: 4:30 PM

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE GENERAL MANAGER AT, (760) 425-0041. NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL ENABLE SCWD TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING [28CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA TITLE II]

- A. CALL TO ORDER
 - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - QUORUM – ROLL CALL
- B. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA
 - 1. Items to be pulled from the Action Calendar.
 - 2. Items to be pulled from the Discussion Calendar.
 - 3. Emergency Items to be added.
 - 4. Approval of the agenda.

C.1	PUBLIC APPEARANCES
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1. Matters not appearing on the agenda. If you wish to address the BOARD OF DIRECTORS concerning any item within the BOARD'S jurisdiction, please raise your hand and be acknowledged by the BOARD PRESIDENT, and at that time state your name and address for the record. The BOARD PRESIDENT reserves the right to place a time limit on each person's presentation of three (3) minutes. It is requested that longer presentations be submitted to the BOARD OF DIRECTORS in writing.

2. Matters appearing on the agenda. If you wish to address the BOARD OF DIRECTORS concerning any item appearing on the agenda, please raise your hand and be acknowledged by the BOARD PRESIDENT, and at that time state your name and address for the record. The BOARD PRESIDENT reserves the right to place a time limit on each person's presentation of three (3) minutes.

The Seeley County Water District will host multiple Town Hall meetings to discuss proposed water and sewer rate adjustments aimed at restructuring, protecting, and stabilizing the District's utility systems and services. Each meeting will include a Q&A session to address community questions. This is the first of two informational sessions.

Purpose of Rate Adjustments

Seeley County Water District (SCWD) is adjusting water and sewer rates to protect and stabilize its systems, ensure fairness by charging customers based on their water use, and address financial deficits to prevent the District's dissolution.

Key Financial Challenges

- Rising Costs: Increased expenses due to inflation affecting energy, fuel, chemicals, employee costs, equipment replacements, and compliance with California regulations.
- Aging Infrastructure & Urgent Projects: Replacing the main water pump station, removing asbestos water pipes, conducting biosolids dredging to reduce processing costs, and upgrading to a UV disinfection system.
- Revenue Shortfalls: Loss of dumper revenue, slow local development, and a 2020 rate reduction. The District now faces an annual deficit of **\$595,947** for FY24.

Consequences of Inaction

Without rate adjustments, SCWD risks dissolution in the foreseeable future. An external authority could take over, likely increasing rates, and essential services and infrastructure could deteriorate, leading to service interruptions.

Rate Study & Justification

An independent consultant, funded by a USDA grant, conducted a rate study to assess the true cost of providing services. The goal is to establish fair, sustainable rates that meet revenue needs and ensure responsible financial management of the current systems.

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REPORTS

1. Director's Reports
 - a. Any requests for Future Agenda Items.
2. Manager's Report / Operations Report
 1. Per the Request from the Board Policies for the Park are a work in progress
 2. Per the Request from the Board Coyne Sunbeam Lake Estates application and evaluation based on 50 dwelling units is a work in progress for new parcel.

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CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing under the "Consent Agenda" will be acted upon by the Board by one motion without discussion. Should a Board member or other person request that any item be considered separately that item will then be taken up at the time as determined by the Board President.

1. Accounts Payable - AUDIT DEMANDS – March 2025
2. Approval of the Minutes: REGULAR MEETING:

a. February 26, 2025

3. Authorize up to 4 Administrative days for the President of the Board for the month of March 2025

F. ACTION / DISCUSSION

F-1. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION/DIRECTION: CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE COYNE SUNBEAM LAKE ESTATES SUBDIVISION.

1. FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDE A WILL-SERVE LETTER FOR THE COYNE SUNBEAM LAKE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, THE GENERAL MANAGER IS SEEKING DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD ON WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH DRAFTING THE LETTER, CONTINGENT UPON ANY DIRECTIVES, PROVISIONS, AND CONDITIONS OUTLINED BY THE BOARD.

F-2. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: BOARD MEMBER AVAILABILITY

G. CLOSED SESSION:

This is a CLOSED SESSION in which the Board of Directors discuss matters in a closed session as opposed to open session. Only those matters authorized by the Brown Act function as permissible CLOSED SESSION subjects will be discussed. They are as follows:

1. **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Section: §54957.6) Agency designated representatives
Chief/Lead Negotiator: Teri Brownlee
Legal Counsel/Negotiation Advisor: Mitch Driskill
Employee organization: Teamsters Union Local 542

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Board of Supervisors Public Meetings: **Tuesdays at 9:30 am** (open session) at 940 W. Main St.
2. CSDA Newsletter: www.csda.net

i. ADJOURNMENT:

PROP 218 PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE REGULAR MEETING: April 23, 2025 AT 4:30 PM.

NOTE: Any documents produced by the SCWD and distributed to a majority of the SCWD Board regarding any item on this agenda will made available at the front counter at Seeley County Water District, located at 1898 W. Main Street, Seeley CA 92273, during regular business hours.