VSWCD: DRAFT FINAL AGENDA: 2/19/26 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

LOCATION: Whitfield Conservation Area, Visitor & Education Center, 2424 State Highway 47, Belen

CALL to ORDER AT 4:00 p.m. *Regular monthly board meetings held the 3rd Thursday of each month at Whitfield.*

*****ALL AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE BOARD.*****

1. 4:00 P.M. – VERIFY QUORUM, CONDUCT PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA……CHAIR

2. 4:05 P.M. – APPROVE 1/30/26 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINS……CHAIR

3. 4:10 P.M. – SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY DR. MARTY MOORE, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES RE LOCAL ANNEXATION

4. 4:20 P.M. – PUBLIC COMMENT……..CHAIR

5. 4:30 P.M. – HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS…….IDM & STAFF

6. 4:45 P.M. – PARTNER REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER…MRGCD, NMDA, NRCS, FRIENDS OF WHITFIELD, AND NMACD;…….IDM AND CHAIR

7. 5:05 P.M. – TREASURER'S REPORT (BUDGET & ACCOUNTING) ……..TREASURER

a. Review and approve the monthly Reconciliation Reports for Wells Fargo & United Business Bank
b. Review and approve budget for Envirothon
c. Review and approve Celebrate Spring and Earth Day budgets
d. Review and approve Darks Sky Accreditation application cost
e. Review and approve costs for Irrigation Water Management Technician Training Course
f. Review and approve costs for Training in Modified J-S Bioreactor & Microscopy
g. Review and approve Land and Water Summit attendance from 4-6 March at IPCC
h. Update on persistent Valencia property tax bill and check errors

8. 5:35 P.M. – FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE & APPROVALS (capacity, EDA, healthy soil, District opportunities, etc.)……..CHAIR

9. 5:40 P.M. – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: DM SEARCH UPDATE; REVIEW & APPROVE CANDIDATE FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM ASSISTANT……CHAIR

10. 5:45 P.M. – PUBLIC AFFAIRS: a. REVIEW & APPROVE AWARD FOR STATE LAND COMMISSIONER and b. Review and approve request from Wildland Fire Captain Rob Barr…….VICE CHAIR & CHAIR

11. 5:50 P.M. – BOARD COMMITTEES……..CHAIR

12. 6:00 P.M. – ROUND ROBIN

ADJOURNMENT: No later than 6:05 p.m.

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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 meeting;"

WHEREAS: The Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District (VSWCD) desires to provide opportunity for public comments at meetings under its purview;

WHEREAS: VSWCD Board meetings are held in person;

THEREFORE: In accordance with the Open Meetings Act:

- **Those wishing to give public comments will so indicate on the sign-in sheet prior to the start of the meeting and will provide their full legal name and their current address.**
- **Public comments may be submitted by email to public-input@valenciaswcd-nm.gov. If sent by the U.S. mail, they must be received no later than the day prior (see address below). Written comments must include the full legal name and current address of the writer.**
- **All comments will be limited to 3 minutes and compliance will be enforced to ensure timely conductance of District business.**
- **The VSWCD Board Supervisors are under no legal obligation to accept, concur with, record, or respond to 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.**

This policy pertains to the conductance of VSWCD meetings. Public comments may also be submitted at any time. Letters should be sent to: VSWCD, attn. District Manager, P.O. Box 170, Belen, NM 87002. Emails should be sent to: public-input@valenciaswcd-nm.gov

FIND US at 2424 Hwy 47 in Belen, NM / Phone: 505-864-8914, and on the web at http://www.valenciaswcd-nm.gov