

Greetings SMWUA Members,

The last few months have produced a lot of changes within SMWUA board. In conjunction, a long overdue update regarding the water court case has been needed. Our apologizes for the delay.

- Board Member Update
 - David Hunt – Resigned Kristie Vessey – Resigned
 - **We actively are looking for volunteers to join the board. If you have the time, please reach out so we can start the nomination process.**
- Cold Spring Creek Diversion
 - SMWUA legal team has approved the diversion below the SMOA pond
 - Technical evaluation of SMWUA rehabilitation of old ditch conducted (June 3 - July 1, 2025)
- Legal Update
 - Creation and edits to the SMWUA irrigation map and delivery to DOJ attorney Aug 25, 2025
 - We have preliminary settlement terms with Chu - SMWUA
 - Other parties' counsel has been difficult to communicate with and there is nothing significant to report with regard to them.
 - Meeting with DOJ attorney representing Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to discuss the irrigation map and logistics of further negotiations (Sept. 9, 2025)
 - Water Court Order on 60-day extension for further negotiation received – new settlement deadline is October 24, 2025.
 - SMWUA Legal will follow up with the counsel for the other parties and with the non-represented parties and will plan to push for firmer deadlines for negotiations with them.
- Financial Update
 - X15 properties outstanding water dues. (Reminders to be sent)
 - SMWUA Insurance Due Dec 2025
 - Additional Donations requested for legal fees due to Low Operating Balance.
 - We appreciate everyone's support thus far!!! Without the donations collected we wouldn't have a chance of protecting SMWUA water.
 - Please make checks payable to SMWUA
- SMWUA Board Meeting Scheduled for September 30th @ 6:00 PM @ the Shining Mtns Fire Hall.

Sincerely,

SMWUA Board of Directors