



# NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

**SOUTHWESTERN TRAVIS COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 am**

## **THIS MEETING IS REMOTE ACCESS ONLY**

In accordance with the order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the SWTCGCD Board of Directors will conduct our regular Monthly Board Meeting as a remote access only meeting in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). **The telephone number to call into the meeting is 1-346-248-7799 (Toll Free) and the Meeting ID: 371 327 2679.**

**The meeting can also be accessed by computer audio and video at <https://zoom.us/j/3713272679> using the same Meeting ID.**

Additional instructions are provided at the end of this Agenda.

## **Meeting Agenda**

**1. Call to order, declare meeting open to the public, take roll and declare quorum status.**

**2. Public comments.**

This is an opportunity for citizens to address the Board regarding a matter that is not on the agenda. Comments on agenda items must be made when the agenda item is addressed by the Board. There is a three-minute time limit on individual citizen comments. Up to five minutes of speaking time may be given to a person speaking on behalf of a group of five or more citizens. Board members may not respond to questions asked during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

**3. Discuss and possibly act on approving the previous meeting minutes.**

a. February 10, 2021

**4. General Manager’s Report (GM Kodi Sawin)**

- Stakeholder communication and public inquiries
  - Summary of permitting, application, and registration inquiries and status
- Drought stage status and outlook
- Regulatory Items and Updates
  - TWDB
  - TCEQ
  - GMAs
  - Others
- Other Items of Interest not requiring Board Action



- 5. Receive, discuss, and take action as necessary for Board Committee Reports.**
  - a. Finance (Director Urie)
  - b. Legislative (Director Davis)
  - c. Science-Outreach (Directors Hennings/Dower)
- 6. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to the Rules Committee and proposed solutions.**  
(Directors Rick Scadden, Jim Dower, and Tricia Davis)
- 7. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to bookkeeping and hiring an auditor.** (Directors Davis, Van Ackeren and Urie)
- 8. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to Groundwater Management Area 9.** (Directors Scadden and Hennings)
- 9. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to the SWTCGCD Annual Budget.** (Director Dower)
- 10. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to the staffing and management for the SWTCGCD.**  
(Directors Dower, Hennings and Van Ackeren)
- 11. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to consideration of allowing electronic payment of bills and procedure for such payments** (Pete Golde).
- 12. Discuss and establish possible agenda items for future Board meetings.**
- 13. Discuss and possibly act on setting the date, time, and location for the next Board meeting.**  
(the second Wednesday is May 12, 2021)
- 14. Adjourn.**

The above agenda schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated items and is subject to change at the discretion of the Board's presiding officer.

At any time during the meeting and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District Board may meet in executive session on any of the above agenda items or other lawful items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071); deliberation regarding real property (§551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gift (§551.073); personnel matters (§551.074); and deliberation regarding security devices (§551.076). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action as a posted agenda item during an open meeting.



## **GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN SOUTHWESTERN TRAVIS COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District, in order to maintain governmental transparency and continued government operation while reducing face-to-face contact for government open meetings, is implementing measures according to guidelines set forth by the Office of the Texas Governor, Greg Abbott. In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott has suspended various open-meetings provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. SWTCGCD's adherence to the Governor's guidance temporary suspension procedure provides public accessibility and opportunity to participate in our open meetings, workshops, and hearings.

Members of the public wishing to make comments during the meeting will be provided an opportunity to do so. The Board President will call on members of the public who wish to speak during the public comment period of the meeting or during the discussion of specific agenda items. Members of the public that wish to speak during the meeting are requested to notify Kodi Sawin ([generalmanager@swtcgcd.org](mailto:generalmanager@swtcgcd.org)) by noon on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> to help facilitate the meeting logistics. This meeting will be recorded, and the audio recording will be available upon request to Ms. Sawin after the meeting.

You may join the SWTCGCD Board meeting as follows:

**Time:** April 14, 2021 09:50 AM Central Time (US and Canada) – this early access time is to provide meeting participants an opportunity to get logged in. The formal meeting will be called to order at 10:00 AM.

### **Call-In Details:**

To join the meeting from your computer, use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3504776786>

Meeting ID: **350 477 6786**

To join the meeting from your phone, dial the number below and follow the prompts:

Dial: 1-346-248-7799 (Toll Free)

Meeting ID: **350 477 6786**

(you will be directed to add the # symbol after the meeting id)

(Note: You may be prompted to use a PIN in addition to the Meeting ID with the traditional call-in number. Please press # when instructed to bypass this prompt.)