



NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

SOUTHWESTERN TRAVIS COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Wednesday, February 10th, 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: 350 477 6786.**

The meeting can also be accessed by computer audio and video at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3504776786> with the same **Meeting ID 350 477 6786**. 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. December 9, 2020
- b. January 13, 2021

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

- Stakeholder communication and public inquiries
 - Application and registration inquiries and status
- Summary of permitting, application, and registration inquiries and status
- Drought stage status and outlook
- Regulatory Items and Updates
 - TWDB
 - TCEQ
 - GMA 9
 - 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 implementing District Rules, including but not limited to plans, forms, guidelines, templates, and possible future Rules changes. (GM Kodi Sawin)**
 - 7. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to the funding from Travis County and the new Interlocal Agreement. (Director Scadden, GM Sawin)**
 - 8. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to bookkeeping and hiring an auditor. (Directors Davis, Van Ackeren and Urie)**
 - 9. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to the Lloyd Gosselink contract with the SWTCGCD. (Directors Dower and Scadden)**
 - 10. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to the Sawin Group consulting contract with the SWTCGCD. (Director Scadden)**
 - 11. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to the Holland Groundwater Consultants contract with the SWTCGCD. (Directors Dower and Scadden)**
 - 12. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to the Lane Cockrell's consulting contract with the SWTCGCD. (Director Scadden, GM Sawin)**
 - 13. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to the staffing and management for the SWTCGCD. (Director Scadden, GM Sawin)**
 - 14. The Board may go into Executive Session to consult with Attorneys and discuss personnel matters related to staffing including but not limited to the staffing provided by existing Consultant contracts. This discussion may include the General Manager, staff Hydrogeologist, a potential administrative assistant or similar new position, and the consultants associated with those positions. The Executive Session will be for discussion only and any Board decisions will be made in the Open Meeting. (Director Scadden)**
 - 15. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to the SWTCGCD Annual Budget. (Directors Dower and Scadden)**



- 16. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to IT items including, but not limited, to email addresses, domain name renewal, and establishing a District Zoom account.** (Directors Dower and Scadden)
- 17. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to future Board Meeting frequency and structure.** (Director Scadden)
- 18. Discuss and possibly act on matters related to GMA 9.** (Directors Davis and Scadden, GM Sawin)
- 19. Discuss and establish possible agenda items for future Board meetings.**
- 20. Discuss and possibly act on setting the date, time, and location for the next Board meeting.** (the second Wednesday is March 10, 2021)
- 21. 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 February 10th, 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) by noon on Tuesday, February 9th 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: February 10, 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:

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

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(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.)