



**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AGENDA PACKET**

MARCH 26, 2024

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Special Board Meeting - Tuesday, March 26 2024, 5:00 p.m.

**Carmichael Water District Board Room
7837 Fair Oaks Boulevard
Carmichael, CA 95608**

AGENDA

The Board will discuss all items on its agenda, and may take action on any of those items, including information items and continued items. The Board will not take action on or discuss any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except: (a) upon a determination by a majority vote of the Board that an emergency situation exists; or (b) upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members of the Board are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that the need to take immediate action became apparent after the agenda was posted. Agenda packets can be found at our website at carmichaelwd.org.

The Board of Directors welcomes and encourages participation in meetings. Public comment may be given on any agenda item as it is called and limited to three minutes per speaker. Matters not on the posted agenda may be addressed under Public Comment. Please follow Public Comment Guidelines found on the District's website at carmichaelwd.org/public-comment-guidelines/.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you have a disability and need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the General Manager at 483-2452. Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. **Public Comment**

Any member of the public may address the Board on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

ACTION CALENDAR:

2. **Combination with Sacramento Suburban Water District**

The Board of Directors approves continuing the process of evaluating the potential consolidation of Carmichael Water District with Sacramento Suburban Water District.

**The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be a Regular Board Meeting held on:
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

MEMO

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Cathy Lee, General Manager

DATE: March 25, 2024

RE: Combination with Sacramento Suburban Water District

BACKGROUND

The combination discussion between Carmichael Water District (CWD or District) and Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) began in July 2021 with the appointment of a 2x2 Ad Hoc Committee (Committee). To date, there have been 21 2x2 Committee meetings, 2 joint Board meetings, and 4 public information workshops, 2 held at CWD and 2 held at SSWD. Both districts have also jointly 1) conducted a Business Case Analysis by a third party consultant, 2) developed the *Further Analysis of Combining Carmichael Water District and Sacramento Suburban Water District* by staff from both organizations, and 3) retained facilitation services and public outreach consultants.

SUMMARY

The combination effort has been on-going for about two and a half years and the Board has discussed items including, but not limited to, water quality, water rights, governance, rates, and combination by other agencies, etc. CWD and SSWD have paid consultant services costs for the Business Case Analysis, public outreach, and facilitation of \$287,083.60, of which CWD's share is \$143,541.80. CWD's has also paid attorney service costs of \$49,521.83.

In addition to comments received at the two CWD Public Information Workshops and regular Board meetings, CWD has received 75 written emails and letters from CWD's rate payers, 44 emails from the American Federation of State and County Municipal Employees (AFSCME) union, 2 phone calls, and 1 employee petition stating its opposition and requesting the petition to be made public. Of the total 122 communications received as of 03/24/2024, 121 are in opposition of the combination and 1 is open to a combination. There are 25 full time employees excluding the General Manager, and 23 employees signed the petition in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Directors approves continuing the process of evaluating the potential consolidation of CWD with SSWD.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Employee Petition

ATTACHMENT 1

Letter to the Board of Directors from the employees of the Carmichael Water District (CWD).

We, the below signed employees of CWD would like it to be known that we are against and opposed to CWD combining with Sacramento Suburban Water District.

We would like this petition to be made public and entered into as an informational item in the March 26, 2024 Special Board Meeting Agenda.

Print Name

Cecilia Dodge
Tori Velasquez
Renee Cristoni
Heather Palmer
Sarah Lee
Marc Mathews
Stephen Repace
Scott Bair
Dorman Terry
Ryan Stinson
Bryce Watkins
Tristan Mohr
Cody W Brown
Matt Stacy
Clint Lorimer
Rob Crichton
Joe Chikwood
DS
Robert Good
Gabby Padilla
Greg Norris
Debbie Martin
David B. [unclear]
[unclear]

Sign Name

C Dodge
Vee Vee
Renee Cristoni
Heather Palmer
[unclear]
Stephen Repace
Scott Bair
Dorman Terry
Ryan Stinson
Bryce Watkins
Tristan Mohr
Cody W Brown
Matt Stacy
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Rob Crichton
Joe Chikwood
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Robert Good
Gabby Padilla
Greg Norris
Debbie Martin
David B. [unclear]
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