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**March Winds and April Showers
Bring Forth May Flowers**



MARCH 2021

VSWCD Regular Meeting*
via Video/Teleconference
Mar-20th, 2021 9:00 AM-Noon
MTG ID: 715 099 196#
See website &/or Page Two
for Video Conference Links, or
CALL-IN DIRECTLY:
+1 469-965-2602,,715099196#
VSWCD District Office:
2424 Hwy 47, Belen, NM
PO Box #170, Belen NM 87002

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Public Comment Policy (please
send comments through USPS
mail or via email at [public-
input@valenciaswcd.org](mailto:public-input@valenciaswcd.org))--
Address & Name required**

AGENDA for 3/20/21 Regular Board Mtg. (as published)

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 A.M.

- 9:00—Verify quorum, pledge of allegiance, agenda review with changes & approval.....Chair**
- 9:05—Approval of Feb. 20th, 2021 Reg. Mtg. Min's.....Chair**
- 9:15—Public Comments** (e.g., emails from public-input@valenciaswcd.org).....Chair
- 9:30—District Staff Monthly Rpt,: Highlights.....Director**
(to cover: Land & Water Summitt, Facebook, upcoming events, Willie Chavez Park update, Healthy Soils (Christina Allbondy-Day))
- 9:45—Special Guest: Eileen Everett (Director, Environmental Education NM):.....Chair**
- 10:15—Phase 2 Update:.....Director**
- 10:20—MRGCD RCPP & VSWCD as Cooperator:.....Director**
- 10:30—Butterflies at Whitfield:.....Supervisor Goodman**
- 10:45—Budget & Accounting: (Treasurer)**
 - February 2021 expenditures review & approval
 - Review of Board Meeting Stipends
 - Upcoming grants (e.g., NFWF WL due 4-6-21)
- 11:10—VSWCD Outreach Efforts: Update.....Director**
- 11:20—Updates/Partner Reports/Correspondence/Other:**
 - NMDA Mar.-2021 Report (Katie Mechenbier)
 - NRCS Mar.-2021 Report (Martin Meairs (DC))
 - Correspondence; MRGCD 2/22/21 Irrigation Outlook, and note from Marcel Reynolds on Dale Jones' 21JAN21 passing.
- 11:45--Supervisor Round Robin.....Board**
- 11:50—Executive Session (personnel matter).....Board**
- **Executive session may be held if needed in accordance with the OMA subsection H exception (section 2 for personnel matters).**
- NOON ADJOURNMENT.....Chair**

- VSWCD
STAFF**
- Andrew Hautzinger--District Director
 - Ruben Amador—Field Technician
 - Amanda Carrasco – Business Manager
 - Johnny Chavez – Operations
 - Lindsey Diaz—Conservation Program Manager
 - Allison Martin—Education Program Manager

NEXT VSWCD REG. BOARD MTG: April 17th, 2021



VALENCIA

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

***Please: If you are in need of special accommodations to attend, please contact the office at least 3 days prior to meeting ***

Acronyms/Abbreviations:

- BEMP = Bosque Environ. Monitoring Program
- CPM = Conservation Program Manager
- DD = District Director
- DFA = Department of Finance and Administration
- EE = Environmental Educator / EE Manager
- EVUGP = East Valencia Urban Gardens Program
- F.O.W. = Friends of Whitfield (501c3)
- GRGWA = Greater Rio Grande Watershed Assoc.
- HSP = Healthy Soils Program (NMDA)
- IRSA = Isleta Reach Stewardship Association
- NACD = Nat'l Association of Conservation Districts
- NMACD = NM Assoc. of Conservation Districts
- NMDA = New Mexico Department of Agriculture
- NRCS = Natural Resources Conservation Service
- OMA = Open Meetings Act
- WWCA = Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area
- RACA = Rio Abajo Conservation Area
- SWCC = NM Soil & Water Conserv. Commission

VSWCD HOSTED MONTHLY MEETING: INFORMATION TO

JOIN our MICROSOFT TEAMS virtual video and teleconference Board Meeting. Tips on JOINING:

- Make sure you have a good internet connection
- If you are joining by computer/laptop, you should be able to join by web or by Microsoft Teams app
- If you are joining by phone/tablet, you might have to download app to join. Or JUST USE ***AUDIO ONLY***
- Do a test run and join the meeting when you have a chance, even if it is days in advance, so you can make sure your settings are correct.

If you need help, Contact VSWCD's **Johnny Chavez:**
johnnychavez@valenciaswcd.org or phone : **505-917-0657**

Join our MS-TEAMS Mtg. via computer or mobile app:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3a23e8d50ea27743d9ab8449410e6737ce%40thread.tacv2/1610119701402?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2207b16c2a-d844-4b14-91ae-38859875f32f%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%223c0029d7-0c0d-4969-ae81-7ddec59e9711%22%7d>

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Public Comment Policy Statement:

Due to the need to minimize spread of COVID-19 across New Mexico, to keep our communities safe and well, there is a temporary policy for public comments to be read during the livestream remote regular Board meetings until further notice. All public comments for presentation at the meeting must be submitted in writing, with NAME & ADDRESS provided, by mail or email (send to public-input@valenciaswcd.org) UP TO ONE HOUR PRIOR to the start of the meeting. We will check USPS mail no later than 4:30 pm the day before the meeting. Provided comments will be read aloud by a District designate at the meeting. The Chair will keep with the three-minute comment policy per comment to ensure timely conductance of the meeting. The regular policy cited here is for your information when we return to regularly assembled meetings.

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 mtg.".

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

THEREFORE: In accordance with the Open Meetings Act

- *Persons who wish to give comment will so indicate on the sign in sheet prior to start of the meeting.*
- *Comments need to be received no later than one hour prior to the start of the meeting (either at public-input@valenciaswcd.org or via USPS Post).*
- *All comments will be limited to 3 minutes and compliance will be enforced to ensure timely conductance of District business.*
- *Board of Supervisors are under no legal obligation to accept, concur with or record any offered public comment(s).*
- *Appropriate action(s) will be taken as necessary by the ethe meeting.*

**While this policy pertains to conductance of VSWCD meetings, public comments may also be submitted at any time to the District Director, or public email, as shown below:*

Phone: 505-864-8914

Letters: VSWCD Attention District Director

PO Box 170, Belen, NM 87002

Email: andrewhautzinger@valenciaswcd.org

Public Input email: public-input@valenciaswcd.org