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"In the depth of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer." Albert Camus

DECEMBER-2021



VSWCD Regular Meeting*
via Video/Teleconference
Dec.18th, 2021 9:00 AM-Noon
MTG ID:947 334 101#
See website &/or Page Two
for Video Conference Links, or
CALL-IN DIRECTLY:
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VSWCD District Office:
2424 Hwy 47, Belen, NM
PO Box #170, Belen NM 87002

*Plz See Page Two for VSWCD's **Public Comment Policy** (please send comments through USPS mail or via email at public-input@valenciaswcd.org)-- Address & Name required

FINAL AGENDA for December 18th, 2021 Reg. Board Mtg.

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 A.M.

- (1) **9:00—Verify quorum, pledge of allegiance, agenda review with changes & approval.....Chair**
- (2) **9:05—Approval of Nov.20th, 2021 Reg. Mtg. Min's:.....Chair**
- (3) **9:10—Public Comments (e.g., letters received and emails from public-input@valenciaswcd.org).....Chair**
- (4) **9:20—District Staff Monthly Report.....Director & Staff**
- (5) **9:40—EVUGP Updates: 1-29-22 Community Networking with Sheet Mulching EventDirector and CPM**
- (6) **9:50— Whitfield Committee UpdateChair**
 - RACA Fire Mitigation / Site planning /Outreach
 - Entering into an MOA with State Forestry
 - Pursue FAWRA Grants and Capital Outlay
 - Holiday Hours: Closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec.31-Jan.1
- (7) **10:20—NM EnvironThon Update.....Director**
- (8) **10:30—Budget & Accounting: (Treasurer)**
 - Month of Nov. 2021 expenditures review & approval
 - 1/13/2022 Due date for Capital Outlay / ICIP requests (e.g., WWCA Admin. Bldg., RACA)
 - VSWCD Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Summer 2022 application (due 12/13/21)
 - Letter of Support for Val. Cnty. Fire Dept.'s YCC Grant
- (9) **10:45—Updates/Partner Reports/Correspondence/Other:**
 - NMDA November-2021 Report (Katie Mechenbier)
 - NRCS November-2021 Report (Martin Meairs)
 - MRGCD November-2021 Report (Gabby Coughlin)
 - Friends of Whitfield Monthly Report (Linda Frazer)
 - + **HAPPY 12TH BIRTHDAY WHITFIELD!!**
 - Correspondence
- (10) **11:00--Supervisor Round Robin.....Board**

PRE-NOON ADJOURNMENT—HAPPY HOLIDAYS to ALL!.....Chair

VSWCD STAFF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Hautzinger--District Director • Madeline Miller – Business Manager (Interim) • Johnny Chavez – Conservation Program Manager • Allison Martin—Education Program Manager • Natalie Duncan—Education Assistant
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NEXT VSWCD REG. BOARD MTG: NEW YEAR & NEW DAY TUESDAY January 25th, 2022 at NEW TIME 4 pm to 7 pm

**** All Agenda Items may be acted upon by the Board ****
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***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
FWWCA = Friends of Whitfield (501c3)
GRGWA = Greater Rio Grande Watershed Assoc.
HSP = Healthy Soils Program (NMDA)
IRSA = Isleta Reach Stewardship Association
MRGCD = Middle Rio Grande Conservation District
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%3ameeting_MWQ3NTZjNzUtMDY4YS00NjdjLWlxZTEtY2JhZTFmYzU0Mzdj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2207b16c2a-d844-4b14-91ae-38859875f32f%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227a67d841-8679-44dd-be61-c46b1d221d32%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