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## State Water Resources Control Board Notice of Public Meeting

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### **Consolidation of Lake Morena Views Mutual Water Company with Lake Morena's Oak Shores Mutual Water Company and designation of Lake Morena Views Mutual Water Company as a public water system in need of an Administrator**

**April 18, 2023, 6:00pm**  
**Lake Morena Community Church**  
**29765 Oak Dr, Campo, CA 91906**  
**In-person participation only**

#### **PURPOSE**

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) invites you to attend a meeting to learn about the process to combine Lake Morena Views Mutual Water Company (Lake Morena Views MWC) with Lake Morena's Oak Shores Mutual Water Co., Inc. (Lake Morena's Oak Shores MWC). The two water systems have been working diligently with the State Water Board in the last few years to secure funding to combine the two water systems. At this meeting we will discuss the consolidation process which includes the 6-month voluntary consolidation period and the potential for mandatory consolidation. Lake Morena's Oak Shores MWC and Lake Morena Views MWC will no longer act as independent water systems once the consolidation is complete. A new, consolidated water company will provide clean drinking water to the combined service area that includes the previous service areas of Lake Morena Views MWC and Lake Morena's Oak Shores MWC. The new company will be named Lake Morena Village Mutual Water Co.

This meeting will also discuss the designation of Lake Morena Views MWC as a public water system in need of an administrator. An administrator is a person or entity that is appointed and/or authorized to exercise total and complete managerial control over a designated water system while a sustainable solution is being sought.

This public meeting is a requirement of both the mandatory consolidation and administrator appointment processes. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the following:

- Status of drinking water in Lake Morena Views MWC

- Information on the mandatory consolidation process
- Purpose and role of an Administrator

The meeting will also include an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide comments. The public can submit questions and comments through **April 25, 2023**.

### **LANGUAGE SERVICES**

This meeting will be held in English. If you would like to request interpretation services in Spanish or in another language, please contact Marina Perez at (916) 322-4265 or SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov by April 4, 2023.

### **ACCESSIBILITY**

Telecommunications device for deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at: (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

### **MEETING MATERIALS**

Meeting materials and details are available at [bit.ly/DDW\\_AdminWebsite](https://bit.ly/DDW_AdminWebsite).

### **HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS – DEADLINE APRIL 25, 2023**

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### **BACKGROUND**

In December 2020, the State Water Board issued a compliance order to Lake Morena Views MWC for the violation of the nitrate maximum contaminant level, failure to comply with domestic water supply permit provisions and certified operator requirements, as well as failure to submit the 2019 electronic annual report. A 2022 Lake Morena Views MWC preliminary engineering report recommended the consolidation of Lake Morena Views MWC with Lake Morena's Oak Shores MWC as the most feasible solution to nitrate violations. On March 10, 2023, the State Water Board issued Voluntary Consolidation Negotiation Letters to Lake Morena Views MWC and Lake Morena's Oak Shores MWC regarding consolidation. This public meeting is required as the first step in the mandatory consolidation process.

Lake Morena Views MWC has demonstrated limited technical, managerial, and financial capacity needed to maintain a water system. To address this, the State Water Board proposes appointing an administrator to manage Lake Morena Views MWC during the mandatory consolidation process. All actions taken by an administrator are required to be in the best interest of the community served by the water system and require the administrator to hold public meetings at least every three months.

Ratepayers, renters, or property owners who receive water from a designated water system can submit a petition to the State Water Board to reverse or modify an administrator decision or to replace an administrator. A description of this process and

the administrator authority is contained in Health and Safety Code Section 116686 and in the State Water Board's Administrator Policy Handbook (Sept. 2019) at [bit.ly/SAFER\\_Administrator](http://bit.ly/SAFER_Administrator).

## **INFORMATION ON IDENTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATOR**

**NAME OF ADMINISTRATOR:** The Stantec team has been identified as a viable candidate to be appointed as an administrator for Lake Morena Views MWC. Their qualifications include:

- Multidisciplinary team of experts in community engagement, water resources planning, financing, groundwater management, drinking water treatment, and well design and construction.
- Specialized experience working with economically distressed communities to address water resources challenges.
- Understanding of the unique water resources challenges experienced by communities in the Eastern San Joaquin Valley.
- Dedication to implementing an inclusive planning process that ensures communities have a voice while meeting the goals of the State Water Board and Lake Morena Views MWC.

## **SCOPE OF APPOINTMENT & SERVICES PROVIDED**

This administrator will be a Full-Scope Administrator as defined in the Administrator Policy Handbook available online at: [bit.ly/SAFER\\_Administrator\\_Handbook](http://bit.ly/SAFER_Administrator_Handbook)

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

If at any time a proposed action would create a conflict of interest, an administrator is required to provide written notice to the State Water Board in addition to all ratepayers, renters and property owners, who receive water service from the designated water system 30 days prior to taking the action.

## **MORE INFORMATION**

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State Water Board Administrator website: [bit.ly/DDW\\_AdminWebsite](http://bit.ly/DDW_AdminWebsite).