
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Public Meeting

Identification of an Administrator for Plainview MWC and Plainview MWC – Central Water

September 2, 2026

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Sunnyside Union School District

21644 Avenue 196 Strathmore, Ca 93267

In-person participation only

PURPOSE

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) invites you to attend a meeting to learn about the selection of Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) as a potential Administrator for the Plainview Mutual Water Company (Plainview Mutual) and the Plainview MWC – Central Water (Plainview Central) public water systems.

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 in order to provide an adequate supply of safe and affordable drinking water.

This public meeting is a requirement of the administrator appointment process. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the following:

- Current status of drinking water in the Plainview Mutual and Plainview Central
- Purpose and role of an Administrator
- Administrator qualifications, conflicts of interest, and scope of work

The meeting will also include an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide comments. The public can submit questions and comments

now through September 9, 2026.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

This meeting will be held in English. To request translation of a written document, interpretation services for the meeting, or sign language services please use one of the following options at least ten (10) business days before the meeting, if possible:

- Submit an online request: bit.ly/LanguageAccessForm
- Call (916) 341-5254
- Email languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

Contact us to request information in your language.

Contáctenos para solicitar información en su idioma.

Liên hệ chúng tôi để yêu cầu thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị.

귀하의 언어로 작성된 정보를 요청하려면 저희에게 문의하십시오.

ਆਪਣੇ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸਭ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।

Makipag-ugnayan sa amin para humiling ng impormasyon sa iyong wika.

请联系我们，以您的语言获取相关信息。

ACCESSIBILITY

Users of a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or the teletype (TTY) voice line at (800) 735-2922.

MEETING MATERIALS

Meeting materials and details are available at bit.ly/DDW_AdminWebsite

HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mail: Caitlin Masters
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Email: DDW-Administrator@waterboards.ca.gov

BACKGROUND

CA5400682 Plainview MWC – Central Water

Plainview Central is out of compliance with the nitrate maximum contaminant level (MCL). Compliance Order No. 03-12-14R-001 was issued to Plainview Central on March 21, 2014, and directed Plainview Central to return to compliance by April 1, 2017. Plainview Central has not implemented a solution to mitigate the nitrate exceedance.

CA5410039 Plainview Mutual Water Company

Plainview Mutual does not have a reliable drinking water source. Plainview Mutual implemented use of inactive South Well on April 7, 2026, without approval from the

Division, due to unreliable supply from Well 03. The South Well was previously taken offline due to high nitrates and insufficient supply.

Well 03 has experienced intermediate outages since April 2026. Emergency support is ongoing by Self Help Enterprises (SHE). SHE is supplying bottled water deliveries and has installed two 10,000-gallon storage tanks for hauled water use during well repairs. Plainview Mutual was issued a “Do Not Drink” notice on June 3, 2026, and the notice remains in place.

The State Water Board proposes appointing an administrator, Tulare County RMA, to manage Plainview Mutual and Plainview Central water systems. All actions taken by an administrator are required to be in the best interest of the community served by the water systems and include the following:

- Developing access to an adequate supply of safe and affordable drinking water; and
- Holding public meetings at least every three months.

Any ratepayer, renter, or property owner who receives 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.

Information on Proposed Administrator

NAME OF ADMINISTRATOR

Tulare County RMA has been identified as a viable candidate to be appointed as an administrator because of the following qualifications:

- Engineering experience of over 30 years in Tulare County
- Water system operational and administrative staff management experience of over 30 years
- Experience administering grant and loan programs for water systems

SCOPE OF APPOINTMENT & SERVICES PROVIDED

This administrator will be a Full-Scope Administrator as defined in the Administrator Policy Handbook available online at:

https://bit.ly/AdminPolicy_Handbook

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

To date, no conflict of interest has been found by the State Water Board or reported by Tulare County RMA. 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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Water Board website: **[bit.ly/DDW AdminWebsite](http://bit.ly/DDW_AdminWebsite)**