
State Water Resources Control Board

Video and Teleconference Meeting During COVID-19 Emergency

This meeting will occur via remote presence only as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing.

Notice of Public Meeting

Identification of a Potential Administrator for Keeler Community Service District

May 18, 2021

6:00pm - 8:00pm

https://bit.ly/Keeler_Administrator
Remote Participation Only

PURPOSE

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) invites you to attend a meeting to learn about Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group and its teaming partners (the Provost & Pritchard team) as a potential administrator to the Keeler Community Service District (Keeler CSD).

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 selection process. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the following:

- Current status of drinking water in Keeler Community Services District
- Purpose and role of an Administrator
- Administrator qualifications, conflicts of interest, and scope of work

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The meeting will also include an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide comments. The public can submit questions and comments through **May 25, 2021**.

MEETING LOGISTICS: If you wish to join the meeting by Zoom or phone:

Zoom: https://bit.ly/Keeler_Administrator

Phone: +1-669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 998 7384 7226

LANGUAGE SERVICES

To request language interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting by contacting Marina Perez at (916) 322-4265 or SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov.

ACCESSIBILITY

Telecommunications device for the 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 on remote participation are available at bit.ly/DDW_AdminWebsite. To receive meeting materials in advance, register at http://bit.ly/Keeler_updates. Meeting materials and details will be emailed to registered participants before the meeting.

HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS – DEADLINE MAY 25, 2021

Mail: Omid Rabbani

State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water
464 W 4th St, Room 437, San Bernardino, CA 92401

Email: DDW-Administrator@waterboards.ca.gov

BACKGROUND

On January 13, 2021, the State Water Board took the first step in designating Keeler CSD as a water system in need of an administrator because it has not consistently provided an adequate supply of affordable, safe drinking water to its customers. Keeler CSD has active compliance orders for violation of the Maximum Contaminant Level for arsenic. Keeler CSD has been providing bottled water to its customers until a long-term solution is in place.

The State Water Board proposes appointing an administrator for Keeler CSD to manage the water system. All actions taken by an administrator are required to be in the best interest of the community served by the water system 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

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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 https://bit.ly/SAFER_Administrator_Handbook.

Information on Proposed Administrator

NAME OF ADMINISTRATOR

The Provost & Pritchard team has been identified as a viable candidate to be appointed as an administrator for Keeler CSD. Their qualifications include:

- Managed all aspects of dozens of water systems and special districts, including all necessary technical, managerial, and administrative needs.
- Specialized public outreach capability to help facilitate stakeholder discussions.
- Certified Treatment and Distribution operators on staff ready to provide operational support.
- Team of engineers, planners, and technicians with extensive experience in water resource management, planning, and implementing solutions.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

To date, no conflict of interest has been found by the State Water Board or reported by the Provost & Pritchard team. 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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