
State Water Resources Control Board **Notice of Cancellation of Public Meeting**

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

The Public Meeting **will not occur** on
Wednesday, September 2, 2026, 6:00p - 8:00p

New location, date, and time to be announced soon.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The public meeting for the potential appointment of Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) as an Administrator for Plainview MWC and Plainview MWC – Central Water will not occur on September 2, 2026.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will provide further notification when the public meeting is rescheduled.

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

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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.

MORE INFORMATION

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