

Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Special Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, December 18, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Oroville City Council Chamber,

1735 Montgomery St, Oroville, CA 95965

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WYANDOTTE CREEK GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

December 18, 2025

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call:

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. *Approval of the 11-20-25 Wyandotte Creek GSA Board Meeting Minutes

Requested Action: Approve the 11-20-25 Wyandotte Creek GSA Board meeting minutes.

3.2. *Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Butte County Public Works

The Board will consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Butte County Department of Public Works to support implementation of the Palermo Surface Water Irrigation and Flood Flow Recharge Pilot Project. The MOU establishes roles and responsibilities for using the County's existing Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), allowing the GSA to prepare and submit required permitting documents under the RMA for project activities. Under the MOU, the GSA will be responsible for all costs associated with its use of the RMA, as well as costs related to vegetation and debris removal from stormwater drainage ditches and associated mitigation monitoring and reporting. This project is funded by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program. **(Report – Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager)**

Requested Action: Approve the MOU between Wyandotte Creek GSA and Butte County Public Works and authorize the Chair to sign.

4. Regular Agenda

4.1. *Consideration of the 2026 Board and Advisory Committee (WAC) Meeting Calendar

The Board will review and consider the recommended meeting calendars for the Board and Advisory Committee (WAC) for 2026. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Requested Action: Adopt the 2026 Board and WAC meeting calendar or provide direction to Staff.

5. Reports and Correspondence

5.1. GSA Program Manager Update *(Verbal Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)*

6. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

This is the time for the public to address the Board on items not listed on the agenda. The WC GSA Board is prohibited by State law from taking action on any item presented if it is not listed on the agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person.

7. Adjourn The Meeting

The meeting will be adjourned. A special meeting of the Wyandotte Creek GSA Board will be scheduled on **January 15, 2026 at 2:00 pm.**

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Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Oroville City Council Chamber,
1735 Montgomery St, Oroville, CA 95965

WYANDOTTE CREEK GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2025

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

Board Members Absent: Directors Goodson & Wristen

Staff Present: Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager; Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Projects Manager; Kamie Loeser, Butte County; Chris Heindell, Thermalito Water & Sewer District.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. *Approval of the 10-23-25 Wyandotte Creek GSA Special Board Meeting Minutes

Requested Action: Approve the 10-23-25 Wyandotte Creek GSA meeting minutes.

3.2. *Consideration for Approval of Contract Amendment No. 2 with Larry Walker Associates

The Board considered approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Contract between the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Larry Walker Associates. The proposed amendment reallocates funding within Component 2 and adds available grant funds to support completion of the Component 4 pilot project, consistent with the SGM Grant Agreement 4600015879 Amendment 3. The amendment results in a contract increase of \$605,000 and updates the Cost Breakdown Tables to reflect the revised budgets. All other terms of the Contract remain unchanged. **(Report – Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager)**

Requested Action: Approve Contract Amendment No. 2 with Larry Walker Associates.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Vice Chair Bynum made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Daley seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

ABSENT: Directors Goodson & Wristen

4. Regular Agenda

4.1. *Fee Study Update and Consideration of Fee Structure Approach

Consultants provided an update on the Fee Study. The presentation summarized recent Advisory Committee (WAC) and stakeholder outreach, reviewed the proposed fee mechanism, and highlighted adjustments to the potential new fee structure made in response to feedback received. The Board discussed the preferred approach for moving forward with the updated fee adoption process and provided direction on whether to proceed with a new fee structure that is similar to Vina GSA or further evaluate potential modifications to the existing fee structure. **(Report – Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting & Schaelene Rollins, Rollins PR Consulting)**

Public Comment: Tod Kimmelshue

Motion: Director Daley made a motion to move forward with a regulatory Fee. Vice Chair Bynum seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

ABSENT: Directors Goodson & Wristen

Motion: Vice Chair Bynum made a motion to proceed with Part 1 and Part 2 fees with Part 1 being a parcel fee. Director Daley seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

ABSENT: Directors Goodson & Wristen

4.2. *Groundwater Levels Sustainable Management Criteria

The Board received an update on groundwater levels in the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin, including the updated domestic well inventory, domestic well risk assessment results, and proposed refinements to the groundwater level Representative Monitoring Site (RMS) network. The presentation also outlined options to address the Department of Water Resources' Recommended Corrective Actions for revising Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) to better protect domestic wells while maintaining operational flexibility. This item followed the discussion held with the Wyandotte Creek Advisory Committee (WAC) and was presented for Board consideration and direction. **(Report – Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager & Laura Foglia, Larry Walker Associates)**

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Director Daley made a motion to amend the definition of Undesirable Results to remove the non-dry year condition so that two (or 25%, whichever is greater) RMS wells within a management area reaching their Minimum Threshold for two consecutive years constitutes an undesirable result. Vice Chair Bynum seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

ABSENT: Directors Goodson & Wristen

Motion: Chair Connelly made a motion to approve the updated groundwater level RMS network map. Director Daley seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

ABSENT: Directors Goodson & Wristen

Motion: Vice Chair Bynum made a motion to set the Minimum Thresholds (MT) so that 5% of domestic wells could potentially be impacted if the MT was reached. Director Daley seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

ABSENT: Directors Goodson & Wristen

4.3. *Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Periodic Evaluation and Amendments Schedule Update

The Board received an update on the schedule for completing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Periodic Evaluation and associated amendments. The current schedule targets completion by March 1, 2026, using existing Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) grant funds. Staff and the consulting team are evaluating whether to extend the schedule to December 2026 to allow for incorporation of additional data through Water Year 2026, conduct additional stakeholder engagement, integrate stakeholder feedback, and ensure alignment between the 2026 Annual Water Year Report, the Periodic Evaluation, and the Plan Amendments.

If the schedule is extended, a supplemental agreement with Larry Walker Associates (LWA) would be needed to complete work after the grant term. Staff will present estimated cost implications at the meeting. **(Report – Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager)**

Motion: Vice Chair Bynum made a motion to extend the schedule and finalize the Periodic Evaluation and GSP amendments by December 2026 to incorporate additional data and forthcoming guidance, acknowledging that a supplemental agreement with LWA will be needed to complete the work after the grant period. Director Daley seconded that motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Director Daley, Vice Chair Bynum, & Chair Connelly

ABSENT: Directors Goodson & Wristen

4.4. *Presentation on Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Projects

The Board received a presentation on the progress of the SGM Grant Projects. This update covered the status of ongoing projects, key milestones achieved, and any challenges or adjustments that have arisen. The presentation aimed to keep the Board informed on the implementation and management of these projects, ensuring they align with the goals and objectives of the Wyandotte Creek GSA. **(Report – Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Project Manager)**

Requested Action: Accept as information.

5. Reports and Correspondence

5.1. GSA Program Manager Update (*Verbal Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager*)

The program manager updated the board on the additional special board meeting scheduled for December 18th and that the Ad Hoc would most likely be convening in early 2026.

5.2. *Permit Summary Update - Quarter 4 Water Year 2025 Well

6. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

Public Comments: None

7. Adjourn The Meeting

The meeting adjourned to the next scheduled special meeting of the Wyandotte Creek GSA Board on **December 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm.**

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Agenda Transmittal

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding with Butte County

Contact: Becky Fairbanks | **Phone:** (530) 552-3587 | **Meeting Date:** December 18, 2025 | **Agenda Item:** 3.2

Summary

The Board will consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Butte County Public Works to support implementation of the Palermo Surface Water Irrigation and Flood Flow Recharge Pilot Project. The MOU enables the GSA to utilize the County's existing Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for project-related permitting needs.

Under the MOU, the GSA will prepare and submit all required documentation through the County's RMA and will be responsible for all costs associated with its use—including vegetation and debris removal from stormwater drainage ditches and applicable mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements. The County agrees to make its RMA available for this purpose, while maintaining its own responsibilities for county-wide routine maintenance conducted under the agreement.

This MOU provides a coordinated approach that allows the GSA to move forward with pilot project tasks efficiently while ensuring compliance with environmental permitting requirements.

Requested Action

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Wyandotte Creek GSA and Butte County Public Works and authorize the Chair to sign the MOU.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SURFACE WATER IRRIGATION AND FLOOD FLOW RECHARGE PILOT PROJECT BETWEEN WYANDOTTE CREEK GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AND BUTTE COUNTY

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made and entered into as of September 15, 2025 (the “Effective Date”), by and between Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”), a joint powers authority organized under California law, and the Butte County (“County”), a political subdivision of the state of California, collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party.”

1. Purpose and Background

The GSA is conducting a pilot project on surface water irrigation and flood flow recharge (“Project”) in Palermo, a census-designated place in the County of Butte, to identify landowners who are candidates for the supplementation of ground water usage with surface water irrigation. GSA staff believes that the Project may result in the prevention of flooding in Palermo and encourage landowners to divert high flood flows for groundwater recharge. In the furtherance of the Project, the GSA intends on clearing vegetation and debris from stormwater drainage ditches, more particularly described in Exhibit A, in the Palermo Master Drainage Project.

In 2024, County executed a Routine Maintenance Agreement (“RMA”) with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (“CDFW”), attached as Exhibit B, for ongoing routine maintenance activities within improved and unimproved stream channels and drainage facilities within the County’s jurisdiction. County agrees to allow the GSA to complete the necessary submittals for the Project on behalf of County using the County’s existing RMA. The purpose of this MOU is to establish the roles and responsibilities in completing such submittals.

2. Authority and Limitations

County agrees to allow GSA, or its designee, to complete the necessary submittals for the Project on behalf of County using the County’s existing RMA. GSA, or its designee, shall work directly with Galloway to complete all activities necessary to prepare such submittals for the Project. All submittals completed by GSA, or its designee, shall comply with the RMA and RMA Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan. GSA shall be responsible for all costs associated with the GSA’s use of the RMA, as further discussed in section 4 of this MOU, as well as all costs of clearing vegetation and debris from stormwater drainage ditches and performing mitigation monitoring and reporting relating to this work for five years.

3. Communication and Reporting

Parties shall at all times maintain regular communication, including regular status meetings on the progress of the actions contemplated under this MOU. Parties shall have a duty to

communicate any information that is relevant to the actions contemplated under this MOU to the other Party.

4. Payment

The GSA shall reimburse the County for all costs incurred by the County that are associated with the GSA's use of the RMA. Such costs may include, but are not limited to, the following: fees due to CDFW, biologist fees for preliminary studies, project and mitigation monitoring fees, closeout documentation fees, and any applicable mitigation fees related to permanent impacts.

The County receives annual invoices from CDFW for all projects submitted under the RMA. Within 30 days of receipt of the applicable invoices from CDFW, the County shall submit to the GSA an invoice for all costs incurred by the County that are associated with the GSA's use of the RMA during the preceding year. The invoice shall include a brief description of each expense, the dates of such expense, payment due, and an itemization of any reimbursable expenditures. If GSA determines that the invoice is accurately computed, GSA shall pay the invoice within 30 days of its receipt.

5. Compliance with Laws

All actions contemplated in this MOU shall be performed in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

6. Confidentiality

Each Party shall treat any confidential information disclosed by the other Party during the course of this MOU as strictly confidential and shall not disclose such information without prior written consent, except as may be required by applicable law, including, but not limited to, the Public Records Act. If a third party demands disclosure of any confidential information from Parties, the party receiving the demand shall promptly inform the other party of it and Parties shall consult and mutually determine a response to the demand.

7. Indemnification

GSA shall indemnify, protect, and hold harmless County, and its officers, employees and agents ("Indemnitees") from and against any claims, liability, losses, damages and expenses (including attorney, expert witness, and litigation costs) (collectively a "Claim") arising out of or incidental to the performance of any of the provisions of this MOU. However, this indemnity provision will not apply to any Claim arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of County or its employees or agents. GSA's obligations under this indemnification provision shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

8. Severability

If any provision of this MOU is found by any court or other legal authority, or is agreed upon by the Parties, to be in conflict with any law or regulation, then the conflicting provision shall be considered null and void but the remainder of this MOU shall be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

9. Term and Termination

This MOU shall become effective on the Effective Date and shall remain in effect until the terminated by the Parties. Either party may terminate this MOU earlier upon 15 days' written notice to the other party. If the MOU is terminated early, County shall cooperate with GSA to complete any pending submittals contemplated within this MOU.

10. Entire Agreement

This MOU and any amendments to it constitute the entire MOU between the Parties concerning the subject matter hereof.

11. Amendments

This MOU may only be amended by a written document signed by the parties.

12. Counterparts

Parties agree that this MOU may be executed and delivered in counterparts which, when taken together, shall constitute a fully-executed document. In addition, this MOU may be executed via electronic pdf transmission, and any such pdf signature shall be deemed to be an original signature.

Wyandotte Creek GSA:

County of Butte:

Bill Connelly
Chair, Wyandotte Creek GSA

Name
Director of Public Works

Date

Date

Exhibit A

Project Description

The Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) is developing an implementation plan for a pilot project on surface water irrigation and flood flow recharge. The GSA is conducting a feasibility study identifying potential landowners who could use surface water for irrigation and identify available surface water supplies through coordination with local water suppliers (i.e., SFWPA) and with the Palermo Master Drainage Project. Flood flows could benefit rice growers, particularly those with riparian water rights along Wyman Ravine who may be able to use surface water instead of pumping groundwater.

The GSA's objective is to:

- Identify landowners interested in participating and
- Outline the pilot project plan including lessons learned and next steps for permitting.

The pilot program will prevent flooding in Palermo and encourage landowners downstream along Wyman Ravine to divert high flood flows for recharge. The GSA has identified landowners along Wyman Ravine. Next, the GSA wants to increase capacity of the stormwater drainage ditches by removing bottlenecks (e.g., vegetation) along stormwater drainage ditches per the Palermo Master Drainage Project. The drainage ditch section to be cleared spans approximately 1.7 miles immediately north of Messina Avenue to west of Occidental Avenue (identified by the red highlighted segment in Figure 1).

The GSA is currently working with Butte County Public Works and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to identify permit requirements. The GSA will request access from landowners as needed.

The goal is to clear out the ditches by October 31, 2025, ahead of the rainy season. The GSA has budgeted up to \$80,000 to complete the work.

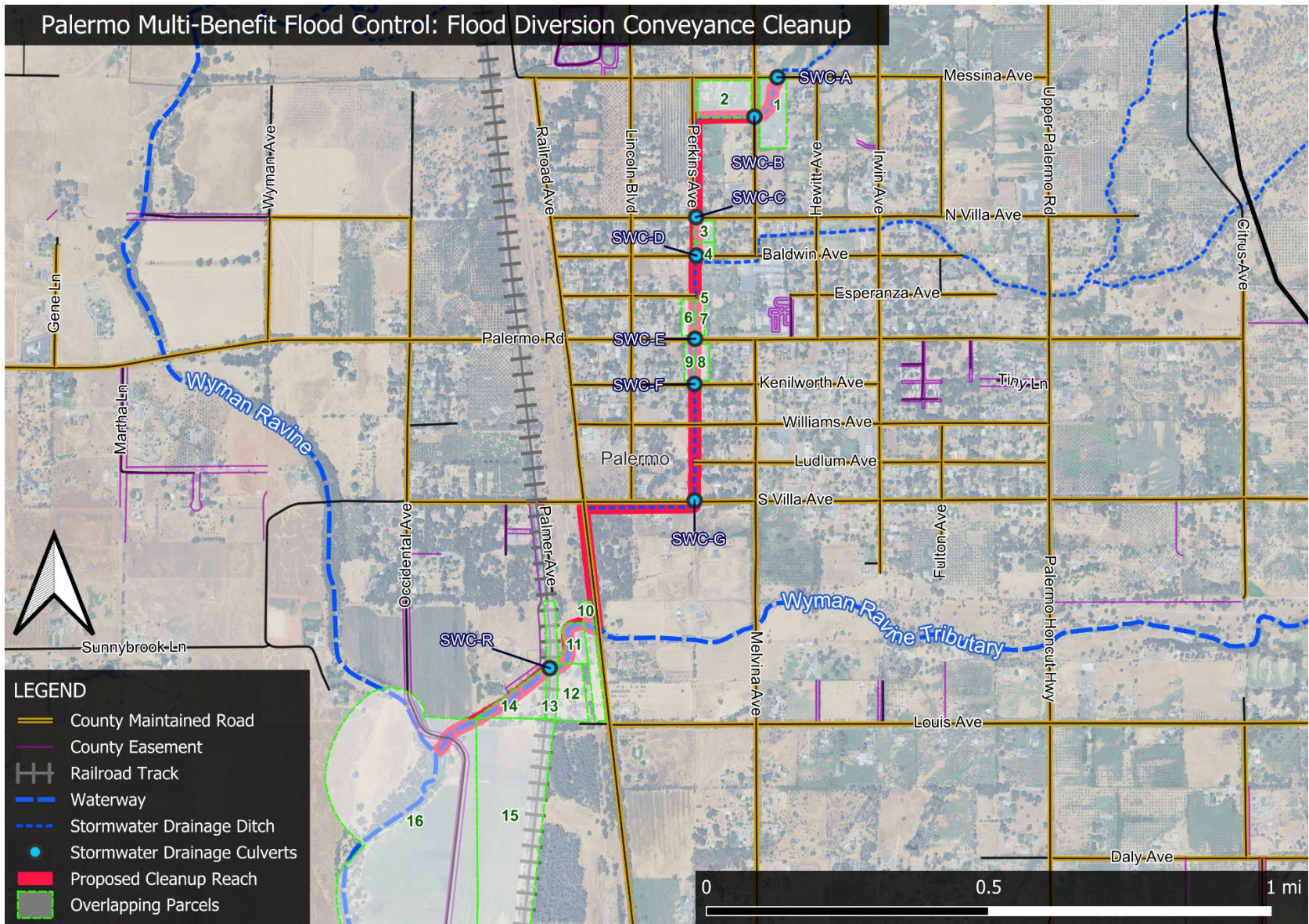


Figure 1. Ditch Clearing Location Map.

Exhibit B



Agenda Transmittal

Subject: Consideration of the 2026 Board and Advisory Committee (WAC) Meeting Calendar

Contact: Dillon McGregor | **Phone:** (530) 552-3589 | **Meeting Date:** December 18, 2026 | **Agenda Item:** 4.1

Summary

Staff has prepared a proposed 2026 meeting calendar for the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Board and Advisory Committee (WAC). The schedules are designed to support ongoing GSA operations, Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant project timelines, and anticipated work for the upcoming year.

The Wyandotte Creek GSA Board meetings typically occur on the third Thursday of the month at 2:30 PM. The proposed 2026 dates follow this pattern. The recommended Board meeting dates are: January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, September 17, October 15, and November 19.

WAC meetings typically occur on the first Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM. The proposed 2026 calendar follows this pattern. The recommended WAC meeting dates are: February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, September 3, and November 5.

Additional meetings for both the Board and WAC may be scheduled based on project milestones or other requirements during the year.

Requested Action: Adopt the 2026 Board and WAC meeting calendar or provide direction to Staff.

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