

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD WORKSHOP

DATE: Wednesday, April 1, 2026
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Zone 7 Administration Building
100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore
LIVE STREAMING: Comcast Channel 29
AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 (Livermore)
Streaming Live at tv29live.org

Any member of the public wishing to address the Board on an item under discussion may do so upon receiving recognition from the President. If a member of the public wishes to provide comment before the meeting, please email publiccomment@zone7water.com by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the Board meeting.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the meeting room is wheelchair accessible and disabled parking is available at the Zone 7 Administrative Building lot. If you are a person with a disability and you need disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact the Executive Assistant, Donna Fabian, at (925) 454-5000. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable Zone 7 to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. {28 CFR 35.102-35, 104 ADA Title II}.

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Directors
4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
The Public Comment section provides an opportunity to address the Board of Directors on items that are not listed on the agenda, or informational items pertinent to the Agency's business. The Board welcomes your comments and requests that speakers present their remarks in a respectful manner, within established time limits, and focus on issues which directly affect the agency or are within the jurisdiction of the Agency. The Board will not be able to act on matters brought to its attention under this item until a future Board meeting.
5. Chain of Lakes Conveyance System Workshop
Recommended Action: Information Only
6. Adjournment
7. Upcoming Board Schedule: (All meeting locations are in the Boardroom at 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, unless otherwise noted.)
 - a. Regular Board Meeting: April 15, 2026, 7:00 pm

ORIGINATING SECTION: Integrated Planning
CONTACT: Ken Minn/Valerie Pryor

AGENDA DATE: April 1, 2026

SUBJECT: Chain of Lakes Conveyance System Board Workshop

SUMMARY:

- To support its mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water, Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) endeavors to expand its water supply portfolio. This action supports Strategic Plan Goal B – Reliable Water Supply and Infrastructure, Goal C – Safe Water, and Goal D – Groundwater Management, and advances Strategic Plan Initiative #5 – Develop a diversified water supply plan and implement supported projects and programs, Initiative #8 – Continue evaluating the Chain of Lakes Conveyance System Project, and Initiative #11 – Manage the Groundwater Sustainability Agency and implement the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
- The objectives of the Chain of Lakes Conveyance System (COLCS) project are to enhance Zone 7's water supply reliability, improve operational flexibility, increase emergency and drought resilience, and develop a locally controlled water supply. The project will allow imported and local watershed water to be conveyed via the South Bay Aqueduct to the Chain of Lakes for storage and recovery. Stored water would then be pumped back to the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant for treatment and distribution to meet the water supply needs of the Tri-Valley area.
- This project consists of planning, designing, and constructing: (1) a 7-mile-long, 42-inch pipeline between the Zone 7-owned Chain of Lakes (Lake I and Cope Lake) and the South Bay Aqueduct at the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant; (2) a pump station to convey water back to the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant; (3) a perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) removal system; and (4) other improvements necessary to enable Zone 7 to fill, store, and recover water as needed.
- The estimated total project cost is \$240 million (2026), with an approximately 10-year implementation timeline.
- Zone 7 has studied the COLCS for over a decade. In 2014, Zone 7 conducted a "Preliminary Lake Use Evaluation for the Chain of Lakes" to assess the potential use of the Chain of Lakes for development of the COLCS. In 2022, Zone 7 selected a route for the COLCS pipeline in the "Alternative Route Evaluation and Conceptual Design Report" and presented it to the Water Resources Committee on March 30, 2022. In 2025, the "Alternatives Comparison and Operational Modes" study was completed to analyze possible project

modes. Zone 7 held three internal workshops in April 2025, May 2025, and January 2026 to determine the project mode and assess technical and financial feasibility.

- Proposed future project activities include project planning and environmental review in the coming years. The costs for these activities are included in Zone 7's current 10-year Capital Improvement Program and will be included in the 2-year budget request.
- The goal of this workshop is to describe how the COLCS project works, summarize the project studies to date, discuss the project timeline and next steps, establish funding needs, and obtain Board direction.

FUNDING:

No funding is requested at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information only.