Plainview MWC – Central Water
Plainview Mutual Water Company

Public Meeting
6:00 pm

We will begin soon

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October 28, 2026

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CALIFORNIA Water Boards



Water Board's Mission Statement

Preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations.

Meeting Agenda

- Background of Plainview MWCs
- Overview of Administrator Appointment
- Potential Administrator and Scope of Work
- Community Involvement
- Next Steps
- Public Comments/Questions



5400682

Plainview Central

42 connections

5410039

Plainview Mutual

187 connections

Both systems are managed by the same board.



Background of Plainview MWC – Central Water

- Plainview Central's facilities consist of one active groundwater Well 01, continuous chlorination, a pressure tank, and the associated distribution system.
- Open Enforcement Action: Compliance Order No. 03_12_14R_001 issued in 2014 for Well 01 for violation of the nitrate maximum contaminant level (MCL).
- Plainview Central was granted funding assistance to complete a construction project. The project includes drilling a new well, a 250,000-gallon storage tank, new distribution system and connecting Plainview Mutual.
- Funding was paused due to lack of board to make decisions.
- Assigned TA provider: Self Help Enterprises

Background of Plainview Mutual Water Company

- Plainview Mutual's facilities consist of one active groundwater Well 03, continuous chlorination, two pressure tanks, and the associated distribution system.
- Well 03 has experienced several water outages since April 2026.
- The inactive South Well was put into use due to Well 03 outages. The South Well was previously taken offline due to high nitrates and insufficient supply.
- Self Help Enterprises delivered bottled water to residents and installed two 10,000-gallon storage tanks for hauled water during well repairs.
- Plainview Mutual was issued a "Do No Drink" advisory notice on June 3, 2026 until August 10, 2026.
- Preferred Alternative: Physical consolidation with Plainview Central

Administrator for Plainview Central & Plainview Mutual

Why is the State Board Taking This Action?

- Physical Deficiencies
- Emergency Repair Costs
- Water Quality Issues
- Managerial Issues



- **State Board has determined that Plainview Central and Plainview Mutual cannot reliably provide safe and affordable water to its customers.**



What is an Administrator?

- A person or entity who is appointed and/or authorized to exercise total and complete managerial control (Full-Scope) or for a specific purpose (Limited-Scope) over a designated water system
    - Shall have all necessary licenses and certifications for scope of appointment
    - Shall have sufficient experience for scope of appointment
    - Shall be subject to a background check



ADMINISTRATORS



Administrator Authority

- Applicability:
  - A public water system or state small water system that serves a disadvantaged community and that the state board finds consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of affordable, safe drinking water.

- Policy Handbook:
  - https://bit.ly/Admin_Policy_Handbook_2025

Administrator Appointment Process



Proposed Administrator for Plainview Central and Plainview Mutual

Provost & Pritchard

Qualifications:

- 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.

Administrator: Scope of Work and Ultimate Goals



- Accept full administrative and managerial control of the water systems
- Address financial limitations and manage the State Water Board for funding project to resolve operations and maintenance deficiencies
- Address regulatory compliance issues and maintain short-term system sustainability
- Keep customers regularly informed of the status of the consolidation and improvement project

Community Accountability and Engagement Plan

- Administrator develops within 120 days
- Public meetings at least once every three (3) months
  - Provide 10-day notice
  - Opportunity for public comment
- Community involvement
- Public access to records



Post-Administrator Drinking Water Service Plan

1. **Identify** and evaluate technical, managerial, and financial issues
2. **Plan** to address technical, managerial, and financial issues
3. **Identify** and evaluate potential significant future issues
4. **Identify** needed resources
5. **Evaluate** governance feasibility
6. **Evaluate** feasibility of connecting to or consolidating with another system



Administrator Funding

State Water Board will be responsible for:

- Salary and benefits for Administrator
- Administrative costs attributed solely to Administrator
- Cost associated with administrator scope of work

Funding may be available for:

- Construction and planning projects
- Ongoing operation and maintenance costs

Stakeholder and Community Input



Any ratepayer, renter, or property owner who receives water from a designated system that receives services from an Administrator may submit a petition to the State Water Board for the reversal or modification of a decision of an Administrator or substitution of the Administrator.



A petition seeking modification or reversal of an Administrator decision must be received by the State Water Board within 30 days of the date of the Administrator's decision. A petition seeking substitution of an Administrator may be submitted at any time.



State Board will review and act on the petition

Goals



- Safe and reliable drinking water for both systems
- Maintain public engagement
- Oversee implementation of construction funding project and consolidation

Plainview Central & Plainview Mutual

Public Comments/Questions

Next Steps and Closing



Next Steps

- Public Comment Deadline – November 4, 2026
- Written comments and questions can be mailed or emailed to:

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State Water Resources Control Board
265 W. Bullard, Suite 101
Fresno, CA 93704

OR

DDW-Administrator@waterboards.ca.gov

OR (559) 447-3395

- Administrator FAQ – visit the Water Board website at: waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/administrator.html

Thank you!

Contact us!

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