

**A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY  
APRIL 17, 2019 AT 12:00 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Marquez called the regular meeting of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority to order and reviewed the actions anticipated on the agenda for the meeting.

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Jorge Marquez, Bob Kuhn, Tim Miller, Mike Whitehead, Mark Paulson and Ed Chavez

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Valerie Munoz

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ken Manning, Executive Director; Randy Schoellerman, Assistant Executive Director/Senior Engineer; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance; Stephanie Moreno, Executive Assistant/Outreach Coordinator; Michelle Sanchez, Admin/Accounting Assistant; Dan Colby; Project Resource Manager; Richard Padilla, Legal Counsel

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

David Muse, Valley County Water District; Richard Gonzales, City of Monterey Park; Amy Ho, City of Monterey Park; Richard Shope, World Space Foundation; Lynda Noriega, California Domestic Water Company; Jared Macias, Azusa Light and Water; Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District; Al Contreras, Upper District

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED**

None.

**WORKSHOP**

***Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020***

Ms. Saenz reported that as discussed at the March 20, 2019 Board Meeting and the April 9, 2019 Budget Workshop, WQA is proposing an increase to the assessment from \$10 per acre foot to \$12 per acre foot of prescriptive pumping rights. She indicated that there are a total of 197,610 acre feet of prescriptive pumping rights in the Basin, so the assessment increase would raise annual assessment funding by \$395,220 for FY 19/20. She noted that the need for the increase is largely driven by the availability of Proposition 1 funding grants which require 10 percent to 50 percent in matching funds from the WQA. She reviewed the budget and highlighted the costs that are funded by assessments and the project cost allocations. She noted that if there were any

changes or comments received, they would be incorporated into the draft budget and presented at the May 14, Administrative/Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Kuhn asked if staff could add a column to the budget to show how the \$2 increase in assessment dollars will be used. He also noted that he would like to see staff educate all the water agencies on the increase and the reason for it.

Mr. Paulson commented that using an annual CPI increase may be easier on the cities to manage.

Mr. Whitehead thanked staff for their good explanation for the need of the increase and indicated that a gradual increase would be best.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### ***Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020***

The Chairman opened the public hearing to receive comments on the draft budget for fiscal year 2019/2020. There being no comments the public hearing was closed.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mr. Miller moved to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Paulson seconded the motion and it was approved. Mr. Whitehead abstained from project demand nos. E90617, E90619, E90620

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***Administrative/Finance Committee Report***

Mr. Manning reported that the minutes for the committee meeting were enclosed for review.

### ***Report on Cash and Investments***

Mr. Manning reported that the report on cash and investments was enclosed for review. He noted that the LAIF average monthly yields for January and February 2019 are 2.355% and 2.392%, respectively.

### ***Legislative/Public Information Committee Report***

Mr. Manning reported that the minutes for the committee meeting were enclosed for review.

### ***Discussion/Action Regarding \$15,000 Grant for Eco Voices Institute Educational Programs***

Mr. Manning reported that last year the WQA participated in a Summer Youth Outreach Program with EcoVoices to target a segment of the community that we are currently not reaching, the youth of our communities. He indicated that EcoVoices is a STEM's rich hands-on program that provides young people lessons on the San Gabriel River watershed that includes: groundwater quality, drought preparedness, mitigation measures for the prevention of pollution and restorative biodiversity. It is delivered in a dynamic and theatrical way that helps students remember and retain what they hear. This year the program would be expanding to include at least 15 K-8 schools within the area of the WQA. He noted that staff

would like to consider participating in this program again and the cost to the WQA for the summer program is \$15,000, which is currently available within the WQA budget, and would reach an estimated 1,000 youth within the region.

Mr. Shope thanked the Board for their support and asked if there was any specific message that they would like him to present in his program.

Mr. Manning suggested that Mr. Shope talk to the kids about the job opportunities within the water industry.

After some discussion, Mr. Paulson moved to approve the \$15,000 grant for the Eco Voices Institute Educational Programs. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

## **OTHER ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

### ***Discussion/Action Regarding WQA Meeting Schedule for May 2019***

The Board decided to move the next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting to May 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. and to move the WQA Board meeting to May 22, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that there would be a pre-construction meeting for the Whitmore project the following week. He also noted that a South El Monte Operable Unit technical meeting was held the previous day.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Manning reported that he had a great vacation to South East Asia. He noted that he attended a legislative event for Assemblyman Ian Calderon the day before he left. He reported that SB 413 was scheduled for a Senate appropriations committee then would go on to the Assembly. He also reported that Senator Feinstein's representative would be at the WQA on April 24<sup>th</sup> for a briefing and tour. He noted that he would be presenting at the next SGV Water Association meeting to discuss the assessment increase. Lastly, he reported that the ACWA Spring Conference would be May 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> in Monterey.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at WQA

The next Engineering Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 11A.M.

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at WQA

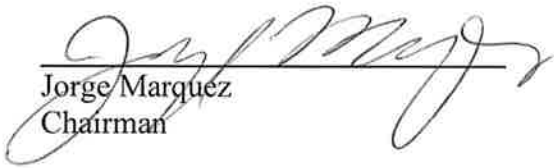
The next WQA Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at WQA

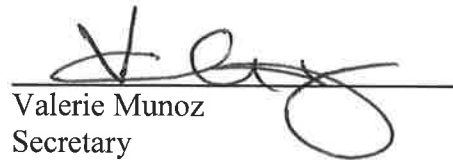
**BOARD MEMBERS'  
COMMENTS/  
REPORTS**

Mr. Marquez reported that he is continuing his outreach to cities he represents by attending Monterey Park's council meeting that evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman asked if there were any other items of business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned to May 22, 2019.

  
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Jorge Marquez  
Chairman

  
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Valerie Munoz  
Secretary