

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
MAY 22, 2019 AT 12:00 P.M.**

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, Ed Chavez and Margaret Clark (alternate)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Valerie Munoz

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Manning, Executive Director; 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

Jazmin Lopez, Valley County Water District; Tom Love, Upper District; Anteneh Tesfaye, City of South Pasadena; Chris Lancaster, Civic Publications; Ben Tansey, City of South Pasadena News

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Ms. Saenz briefly reviewed the draft budget. She explained the new budget format and how one column contained costs making up the current \$10 assessment and the newly added column contained only costs attributed to the proposed \$2 increase. She described in detail the rationale of costs in the new column and how they related to the \$2 increase.

Mr. Kuhn asked how soon the money generated from the \$2 increase would be used.

Mr. Manning indicated that it would be used immediately.

Mr. Kuhn questioned the amount of money that was being spent for lobbyists in Washington, D.C. when it is obvious nothing is going to change anytime soon.

Mr. Manning responded that WQA's new federal lobbyist was working on language for a bill with Senator Feinstein and Congresswoman Napolitano that would go to the Senate Energy and Water Development Appropriations subcommittee. He indicated that he was somewhat optimistic that this strategy could work and could pay off sometime in the future.

Mr. Miller asked for clarification on the separation of the \$2 increase and how it was allocated.

Ms. Saenz explained that it was largely allocated based on the 50 % matches required for Prop 1 funding.

Mr. Monares noted that Congresswoman Torres also submitted language for the WQA regarding the earmark issue.

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 no. E90628 and Mr. Kuhn voted "No" on Admin check No. 007006.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee Report

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

Discussion/Action Regarding Draft Budget for FY 2019/2020

Mr. Kuhn moved to adopt the proposed budget for FY 2019/2020. Mr. Paulson seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Legislative/Public Information Committee Report

Mr. Manning reported that the minutes for the committee meeting were enclosed for review. He also noted that the committee discussed submitting an application for the National Groundwater Association's Groundwater Awareness Award that would recognize the Eco Voices program. He indicated that staff was working on the application and would submit it prior to the June 1, 2019 deadline.

OTHER ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Discussion/Action Regarding Assessment for FY 2019/2020

Mr. Manning reported that these two resolutions that are adopted every year for the proposed annual assessment. He noted that Resolution 19-005 was a resolution to set the date and time of the assessment hearing and that resolution no. 19-006 was to set the schedule for collection of the assessment.

Resolution Nos. 19-005 and 19-006 Mr. Kuhn made the motion to adopt both Resolutions 19-005 and 19-006. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and they were adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: MARQUEZ, KUHN, MILLER, CLARK,
WHITEHEAD, PAULSON, CHAVEZ

NO: NONE

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Colby reported on the Whitmore Treatment Facility. He also reported that a Whitter Narrows Operable Unit technical meeting was held the prior day.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Padilla reported that a closed session was needed today.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Manning reported that the Prop 68 guidelines were finally released. He noted that SB 413 was assigned to committee in the Assembly. He presented the Board with a copy of the La Opinion that published the WQA's Earth Day advertorial translated into Spanish. He lastly reported that Dave Bolland from ACWA would be the speaker at the Three Valleys MWD Leadership breakfast on Thursday.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at WQA

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

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at WQA

The next WQA Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at WQA

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/ REPORTS

Mr. Whitehead thanked the staff for providing a good explanation of the need to increase the assessment within the budget.

Mr. Miller reported that he was encouraged with the release of the Prop 68 guidelines.

Mr. Paulson thanked Ms. Saenz for her work on the budget.

Mr. Kuhn reported that he would not be able to attend the June Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting.

Ms. Clark asked if the WQA has taken a position on the proposed water tax bill.

Mr. Manning responded that no position has been taken at this time.

Mr. Marquez thanked Ms. Saenz for her work on the budget. He also noted that he has scheduled a WQA briefing and tour for the City of Covina on July 11, 2019 at 10 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

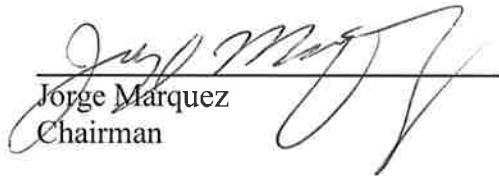
***Public Employee Performance
Evaluation/Goals (G.C. Section
54957(b)(1))***

A closed session was held and no action was taken.

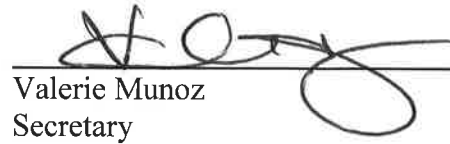
Title: Executive Director

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 June 19, 2019.



Jorge Marquez
Chairman



Valerie Munoz
Secretary