## A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY JULY 30, 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 (via phone), Tim Miller, Mike Whitehead, and Mark Paulson

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** 

Ed Chavez and 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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Margarita Vargas, Valley County Water District; Dave Ramey, Kadesh & Associates; Mark Kadesh, Kadesh & Associates; Chris Kierig, Kadesh & Associates

**PUBLIC COMMENT** 

None.

**ACTION ITEMS** 

Discussion Regarding Federal Lobbying Strategy

Mr. Manning introduced Mr. Kadesh and his associates to the Board. He provided a brief background on the lobbying firm.

Mr. Kadesh introduced himself to the Board. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with them and to represent them in Washington, D.C. He gave a brief background on his lobbying firm and their experience that they have.

Mr. Kierig reviewed with the Board the earmark issue and the proposed plan that could hopefully get passed this obstacle. He indicated that they have worked with WQA staff on language that would provide funding to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for groundwater quality and groundwater cleanup. They have been successful in working with the local Congressional delegation to have the language inserted in the current House Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill. They are also working on similar language with members of the Senate.

Mr. Kadesh was optimistic this process could be successful and

noted they have other alternatives if needed.

Mr. Ramey provided a brief update on the appropriations bills.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/ REPORTS None.

**ADJOURNMENT** 

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

Jorge Marquez

Chairman

Valerie Munoz

Secretary