# A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY SEPTEMBER 18, 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, Valerie Munoz, Mark Paulson

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** 

Ed Chavez and Mike Whitehead

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Manning, Executive Director; Randy Schoellerman, Assistant Executive Director/Sr. 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

Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District; David Muse, Valley County Water District; Dan Arrighi, San Gabriel Valley Water Company; Marty Zvirbulis, San Gabriel Valley Water Company

**PUBLIC COMMENT** 

Mr. Arrighi introduced Mr. Zvirbulis as San Gabriel Valley Water Company's new Vice-President.

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

None.

**PRESENTATION** 

"Presentation of Animation of Groundwater Plume in the San Gabriel Basin"

Mr. Manning reported that staff has been working with Wildermuth Environmental to create animations to show the historical changes in the contaminant plumes within the San Gabriel Basin. He presented three animations which included basinwide contaminants of concern, Baldwin Park Operable (BPOU) Unit contaminants of concern, and BPOU perchlorate. He indicated that each of the slides shows the movement of the plume from the early 1990's thru 2018. He noted that the animations are useful tools when working with stakeholders and legislators. He reported that staff would begin to work on animations for each of the remaining operable units. Also, he explained that a future project would include projections of the plume's changes looking forward.

Appropriations Bill and was put on hold while Congress worked on a continuing resolution to continue to fund the government. He noted that SB 413 was on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature. He reminded everyone that the ACWA Fall Conference in San Diego is scheduled for December 3 – 5, 2019. He lastly reported that NBC4 recently did a news report regarding water contamination due to the homeless population near the valley river beds. He indicated that the San Gabriel Valley Tribune picked up on the story and called to get some information and he was able to clarify that the local water supply was not in danger. He also noted that KNX radio also called to get his comments on the same issue after reading the article by the Tribune.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** 

None.

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

None.

BOARD MEMBERS'
COMMENTS/
REPORTS

Members of the Board congratulated staff on the NGWA Award and welcomed Mr. Zvirbulis to the San Gabriel Basin.

**CLOSED SESSION** 

A closed session was not held.

**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 October 16, 2019.

Jorge Marquez

Valerie Munoz

Secretary

After the presentation members of the Board expressed appreciation that the animations were created and noted how useful they will be.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mr. Miller moved to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Paulson seconded the motion and it was approved.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## Administrative/Finance Committee Report

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

Discussion/Action Regarding Draft 404 Status Report for September 2019

Mr. Manning presented the draft 404 Status Report for September 2019. He indicated that with the hopeful passage of SB413 this would be the last 404 Status Report presented.

After brief discussion, Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the 404 Status Report for September 2019. Ms. Munoz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion/Action Regarding Monitoring Well MW5-19 Access Agreement with County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Manning reported that agreement allows WQA access to an existing monitoring well located on County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation property for the purposes of sampling and maintaining the well. The term is effectively one year and will have to be renewed.

After some discussion, Mr. Paulson moved to approve the monitoring well MW5-19 access agreement with the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

#### Legislative Committee Report

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

## OTHER ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff was gathering a list of projects to submit applications for Prop 68 funding. He also reported that staff is awaiting final laboratory results to complete the project report for the Prop 1 Whitmore Planning Grant. He lastly noted that staff continues to work on the 97-005 Guidance Manual.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Padilla reported that a closed session was not needed.

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Manning reported that the WQA was the recipient of the 2019 National Groundwater Association (NGWA), Groundwater Awareness Award for the WQA-supported Eco Voices program. He indicated that the award would be presented on December 4, 2019 during the NGWA Conference in Las Vegas. He reported that work on the Energy and Water