

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
NOVEMBER 20, 2019 AT 12:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER Mr. Kuhn 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 Bob Kuhn, Valerie Munoz, Mark Paulson, Tim Miller, Michael Whitehead, and Al Contreras (alternate)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Jorge Marquez and Ed Chavez

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 James L'Esperance, Northrup Grumman; Jazmine Lopez, Valley County Water District, Marty Zvirbulis, San Gabriel Valley Water Company, Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED None.

CONSENT CALENDAR Ms. Munoz moved to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Contreras seconded the motion and it was approved. Mr. Whitehead abstained from Project Demand E90706.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

OTHER ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Discussion/Action Regarding ACWA Election for President and Vice-President for the 2020/2021 Term. Mr. Manning reported that it was time to elect a President and Vice-President for ACWA for the 2020/2021 term. He noted that this year there will be some nominations made from the floor that day of the election.

After some discussion the Board agreed to let WQA's voting

delegate decide on the vote once they have heard from all of the candidates.

Ms. Munoz moved to appoint Mr. Kuhn as the WQA's voting delegate at the ACWA Fall Conference. Mr. Paulson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that a draft Site Conceptual Model Report was submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) and the Department of Toxic Substances Control for review per the Whitmore Street Facility Expanded Site Investigation Prop 1 planning grant agreement. The report, which is the focus of the grant, summarizes the results of the Hydropunch investigation conducted earlier in the year and makes recommendations for further work.

Mr. Schoellerman announced that WQA had been awarded a \$2.5M Prop 1 planning grant to conduct site investigations on up to 11 high priority sites within the South El Monte Operable Unit. He noted that the grant requires a 20% match and that the work would be conducted in coordination with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board staff.

Mr. Schoellerman indicated that the solicitation period for Prop 68 had opened and that staff was preparing to submit an application for treatment and remediation costs for all eligible projects in the basin. He noted there would only be one round of funding and that a \$20M cap per applicant would apply. The grant also requires a 50% match which could include eligible costs expended since the passage of Prop 68 in June 2018. He explained that due to the volume of information required in the application and the relatively short application deadline of January 24, 2020 staff was anticipating hiring a consultant to assist with the application. Finally, he noted that staff was preparing an announcement for the water purveyors.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Padilla reported that his law firm was hosting a dinner for their clients, including WQA Board Members and staff, attending the ACWA Fall Conference in San Diego.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Manning reported that the WQA would be closed for the holidays from December 23rd to January 3rd. The office would re-open on January 6, 2020. He reminded everyone about the ACWA and NGWA Conferences taking place the first week of December. He noted that the next San Gabriel Valley Water Forum was scheduled for April 16, 2020. He lastly reported that staff was working on scheduling a workshop on PFAS and PFOA and has requested that Senator Rubio sponsor it. He would let the Board know the date of this event as soon as it was scheduled.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

**FUTURE BOARD AND
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Board decided to cancel all committee meetings for the month of December.

The next WQA Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 12:00 P.M. at WQA.

**BOARD MEMBERS'
COMMENTS/
REPORTS**

Mr. Miller announced that he was resigning from the WQA Board and that this would be his last meeting as a WQA Board Member. He explained that his work at Cal Am is taking him in a different direction and he would not be available to participate any longer. He commented that it was a pleasure working with the Board and staff.

Ms. Munoz reported that she attended the West Covina City Council meeting and congratulated Tony Wu on behalf of the WQA, for his new term as Mayor of West Covina.

Mr. Contreras reported on his trip to Argentina.

Mr. Kuhn thanked Mr. Miller for his many contributions while working on the WQA Board and noted that he will be missed.

CLOSED SESSION

*Pursuant to Government Code
Section 54957(b)(1) – Public
Employment*

Mr. Padilla reported that a closed session was held and noted that Mr. Miller was not present. He indicated that an update was given and there was no final action taken.

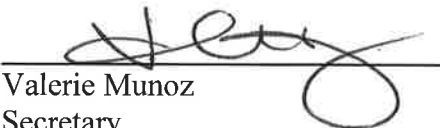
Title: Executive Director

ADJOURNMENT

The Vice-Chairman asked if there were any other items of business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned to December 18, 2019.



Jorge Marquez
Chairman



Valerie Munoz
Secretary