

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 18, 2019 AT 12:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Paulson 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 (entered late), Valerie Munoz (entered late), Mark Paulson, Lynda Noriega (alternate), 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

Maria Contreras, City of Baldwin Park; Dan Arrighi, San Gabriel Valley Water Company; Jazmine Lopez, Valley County Water District, Marty Zvirbulis, San Gabriel Valley Water Company; Margarita Vargas, Valley County Water District; Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District; Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

Mr. Manning reported that there was one item to add the agenda regarding the renewal of a site access agreement with Azusa Land Reclamation, Inc. (ALR) for the Baldwin Park Operable Unit (BPOU) monitoring well MW5-13.

Ms. Noriega moved to add this to the agenda as item VIII(b). Mr. Contreras seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Contreras moved to approve the consent calendar. Ms. Noriega seconded the motion and it was approved. Mr. Whitehead abstained from Project Demand E90722.

Mr. Kuhn entered the meeting and took over as Vice-Chairman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

**OTHER
ACTION/INFORMATION
ITEMS**

***Discussion/Action Regarding
Proposition 68 Application for the
San Gabriel Basin Regional
Groundwater Remediation
Program***

Ms. Munoz entered the meeting.

*Approve Stetson Task Order to
Provide Support for Proposition 68
Application*

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff is recommending board approval for an amended task order not to exceed \$40K to Stetson Engineers, Inc. (Stetson) to provide support for the preparation of a Proposition 68 grant application. The proposed application will cover more than a dozen eligible projects in the San Gabriel Basin that have existing treatment systems. With a relatively short application period and deadline of January 24, 2020, staff feels Stetson's assistance is beneficial to application process.

*Approve FY 19/20 Administrative
Budget Line Item Transfer for
Engineering/Technical*

Mr. Schoellerman reported that as discussed earlier, staff was proposing to issue an amended task order to Stetson for \$40,000 for their assistance in the preparation of a Proposition 68 grant application. This would increase the projected costs in the Engineering/Technical cost category to \$40,000, which exceeds the budget by \$25,000. Therefore, staff is submitting a request for a budget line item transfer to increase the budget for Engineering/Technical activities by \$25,000 (from \$15,000 to \$40,000), and to decrease the budget for Database and Mapping by \$25,000 (from \$70,000 to \$45,000.)

*Adopt Resolution No. 19-008, A
Resolution of the Board of
Directors of the San Gabriel Basin
Water Quality Authority
Authorizing Entering into a
Funding Agreement with the State
Water Resources Control Board
and Authorizing and Designating
Representatives for the San Gabriel
Basin Regional Groundwater
Remediation Program*

Mr. Schoellerman reported that Resolution No. 19-008 is required to be included in the Proposition 68 grant application package that is currently being prepared by staff. He noted that it was similar to resolutions the board adopted for WQA's Proposition 1 applications and it authorizes the Executive Director or designee to execute agreements with the State Water Resources Control Board pertaining to an eventual grant agreement.

*Adopt Resolution No. 19-009, A
Resolution of the San Gabriel
Basin Water Quality Authority
Concerning a Notice of Exemption
and Approval for the San Gabriel
Basin Regional Groundwater
Remediation Program*

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff is preparing a Proposition 68 application entitled San Gabriel Basin Regional Groundwater Remediation Program. He indicated that the project involves the operation, maintenance and repair of existing groundwater treatment facilities in the San Gabriel Basin. He noted that The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) allows a Class 1 exemption for operation, repair,

maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use at the time of lead agency determination. Therefore, the proposed project qualifies for an exemption under CEQA. He reported that staff is recommending the board adopt Resolution 19-009 and approve the attached Notice of Exemption (NOE). He also noted that following this board action staff will file the NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse.

After brief discussion, the board decided to take all four action items listed above into one vote.

Ms. Munoz moved to approve the following:

1. Approve \$40K amended task order for Stetson to provide support for WQA's Proposition 68 application.
2. Approve FY 19-20 Administrative Budget Line Item Transfer for Engineering/Technical.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 19-008.
4. Adopt Resolution No. 19-009.

Mr. Paulson seconded the motion and it was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: KUHN, NORIEGA, MUNOZ, WHITEHEAD, PAULSON, CONTRERAS

NO: NONE.

*Discussion/Action Regarding
Monitoring Well MW5-13 License
Agreement with Azusa Land
Reclamation, Inc.*

Mr. Manning reported that Staff is recommending the renewal of a site access license agreement with Azusa Land Reclamation, Inc. (ALR) for Baldwin Park Operable Unit (BPOU) monitoring well MW5-13.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that some comments were just received from ALR prior to the Board meeting.

After some discussion, the Board requested that this agreement come back to the Board at the next meeting after further review by legal counsel.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff was working to complete the final project reports for the Prop 1 Whitmore grant and had an initial conference call to begin the process of securing a grant agreement for the SEMOU site investigation Prop 1 grant award.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Padilla indicated that there was a need for a closed session.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Mr. Manning reported that Three Valleys Board Member Joe Ruzicka had passed away and noted he would be greatly missed. He also reported that he spoke at the San Gabriel Valley Job Training Graduation. He noted that he was also asked to speak at the WELL Conference in January. He presented the award that was given to the WQA at the NGWA Conference in Las Vegas. He also reported that he along with Mr. Schoellerman, Mr. Arrighi and Mr. Zvirbulis traveled to Sacramento to meet with the Darrin Polhemus, Division of Drinking Water Director, to discuss ways to speed up the permitting process. He reported that there would be two advertorials coming out by the end of this month. He lastly gave an update on the work being done in Washington, D.C. He indicated that the House passed a new funding bill and was expected to pass the Senate. He noted that there was money in that bill but was not specific to WQA. He lastly noted that staff is working on scheduling a trip to Washington, D.C. in February to meet with legislators regarding this funding.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

**FUTURE BOARD AND
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

The next WQA Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. at WQA.

**BOARD MEMBERS'
COMMENTS/
REPORTS**

Many members of the Board commended staff on the NGWA award and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ms. Noriega commented that she was happy to fill in for Tim Miller and excited to get to work with the WQA.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Mr. Padilla reported that a closed session was held. He indicated that an update was given and there was no final action taken.

Title: Executive Director

Mr. Padilla noted that the vote on the consent calendar needed to be amended.

Mr. Contreras moved to approve the consent calendar with the following abstentions:


Ms. Noriega reported that she would abstain from project demand no. E90721 and Mr. Whitehead would abstain from project demand no. E90722.

Ms. Munoz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

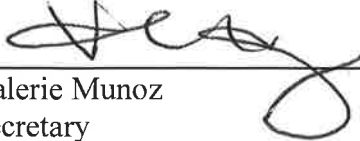
ADJOURNMENT

The Vice-Chairman asked if there were any other items of business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned in honor of Joe Ruzicka to January 15,

2019.



Jorge Marquez
Chairman



Valerie Munoz
Secretary