

**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE AND
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 15, 2019 AT 11:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER	The Chairman 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.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	Jorge Marquez and Valerie Munoz
WATERMASTER LIASON	Absent.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT	Bob Kuhn
OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	None.
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Ken Manning, Executive Director; Stephanie Moreno, Executive Assistant/Public Outreach Coordinator; Michelle Sanchez, Accounting Assistant; Dan Colby, Project Resource Manager; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance; Randy Schoellerman, Assistant Executive Director/Sr. Engineer
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT	Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District; Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
<i>Discussion Regarding Next Advertorial</i>	<p>Mr. Manning reported that staff was discussing the idea of using the next advertorial to provide some project updates and to emphasize the successful coordination of partnerships within these projects.</p> <p>Mr. Marquez commented that he would like to see staff look into doing some videos that can be shared online and used as an educational tool. He noted that providing the alternative media could reach an audience that prefers to get their information in that way.</p>
<i>Discussion Regarding National Groundwater Association(NGWA) Award</i>	Mr. Manning reported that staff was working on a submission for the NGWA Groundwater Awareness Award that would highlight the Eco Voices program. He indicated that the winners of the awards would be announced and spotlighted at the NGWA conference in December.

Ms. Moreno reported that she was working on the application packet for the award and would be submitting it prior to the deadline of June 1st.

Legislative Activities/Reports

State

Mr. Manning gave a brief report on the water tax bills and noted an effort to use part of sales tax revenue collected from out of state purchases to fund the trust fund that ACWA is supporting.

Mr. Monares reported that SB 413 was voted out of the Senate 38-0 and was now waiting at the Assembly to be assigned to committee.

Federal

Mr. Monares reported that he met with WQA's federal lobbyist Kadesh & Associates (Kadesh) regarding federal funding and reported that Congresswoman Norma Torres submitted language for a USBR appropriations bill to make funds available for cleanup projects like ones in our area. He noted that Senator Feinstein was also supportive of WQA's effort to get funding.

Mr. Manning reported that Kadesh would be in town July 29th and 30th and would like to meet with the WQA Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Manning reported that he did not attend the ACWA conference due to his mother having a health issue.

Mr. Manning also reported that the speaker at the next Three Valleys breakfast meeting was Dave Bolland, Director of State Relations for ACWA, and encouraged everyone to attend.

Ms. Munoz reported that she met with the City of Duarte and they would like a briefing and tour. Additionally, she noted that Councilman Wu from the city of West Covina would also like a briefing and tour for their city council. She lastly noted that she would not be able to attend the WQA's May 22nd Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Chairman


Secretary