

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
JANUARY 15, 2020 AT 12:00 P.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.
ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS	Jorge Marquez, Bob Kuhn, Lynda Noriega (alternate), Valerie Munoz, Michael Whitehead, Mark Paulson, and Ed Chavez
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	None.
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	Dan Arrighi, San Gabriel Valley Water Company; Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District; Jennifer Santone, Upper District; Al Contreras, Upper District; David Muse, Valley County Water District
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED	None.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS	<p>Ms. Munoz moved to elect Mr. Jorge as Chairman. Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.</p> <p>Ms. Munoz moved to elect Mr. Kuhn as Vice-Chairman. Ms. Noriega seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.</p> <p>Mr. Marquez moved to elect Mr. Paulson as Treasurer. Ms. Munoz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.</p> <p>Ms. Noriega moved to elect Ms. Munoz as Secretary. Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.</p>
APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS	<p>The Chairman kept the committee assignments the same as the previous year.</p> <p>Administrative/Finance: Whitehead, Kuhn, Paulson</p>

Engineering: Kuhn, Munoz, Paulson

Legislative/Public Information: Marquez, Munoz, Kuhn

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the consent calendar. Ms. Munoz seconded the motion and it was approved. Mr. Whitehead abstained from Project Demand E90739 and Ms. Noriega abstained from Project Demand E90738.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

OTHER ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Discussion/Action Regarding Authorization to Contract Services with the Bank of the West

Adopt Resolution No. 20-001

Mr. Manning reported that WQA currently has its banking relationship with Bank of the West (“Bank”). The Bank requires that WQA adopt a resolution each time Board Officers are elected, authorizing the Board Officers to contract for service and establish accounts with the Bank, including checking signing authorization. He indicated that last year at the January 22, 2019 board meeting Resolution 19-001 was passed and adopted, authorizing the newly elected Board Officers to contract for service with the Bank.

Mr. Manning indicated that since new officers were elected at today’s regular board meeting, WQA needed to rescind Resolution 19-001 and adopt Resolution 20-001 authorizing the newly elected Board Officers to contract for service with the Bank.

After brief discussion, Ms. Noriega moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-001. Ms. Munoz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: MARQUEZ, KUHN, NORIEGA, MUNOZ,
WHITEHEAD, PAULSON, CHAZE

NO: NONE.

Report on Cash Investments for 4th Quarter 2019

Mr. Manning reported that enclosed for review was the quarterly report on cash and investments as of December 31, 2019.

He noted that the average monthly effective yields for the Pooled Money Investment Account for October, November and December 2019 are 2.190%, 2.103% and 2.043%, respectively. The Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) quarterly rate for October to December has not yet been issued.

Discussion/Action Regarding

Mr. Padilla gave an update on the discussions regarding the

Monitoring Well MW5-13 License Agreement with Azusa Land Reclamation, Inc. (ALR)

amended language in the agreement. He indicated that ALR still had some reservations regarding the agreement and he was working to with them to come to a resolution.

Mr. Kuhn questioned how this delay was affecting the project.

Mr. Schoellerman responded that one scheduled sampling event had been already missed and the next deadline was several weeks away.

After some discussion, Mr. Manning reported that staff would bring the agreement back to the next Administrative/Finance Committee for review in February.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman gave an update on the Prop 68 applications that would provide treatment and remediation funding for many basin projects. He noted that based on conversations with State Water Board Division of Financial Assistance staff, WQA was preparing one application to cover City of El Monte projects, which may qualify as serving Disadvantaged Communities, and a separate application for all other eligible basin projects. He indicated that the deadline to submit the applications was extended to January 29, 2020.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Manning reported that the WQA trip to Washington, D.C. was scheduled for February 10th-12th. He indicated that staff has spoken to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation regarding a possible process for allocating WQA's funding request. He explained that the first year \$10M would be requested and then \$5M every year after that. He also noted that staff received a phone call from Congresswoman Napolitano's office notifying him that \$6.1M in EPA cooperative agreement funds for projects in the South El Monte Operable Unit had been allocated to WQA. The funds came from prior settlements with PRPs. He also noted that he gave a presentation for Senator Archuleta at the Water Replenishment District. Lastly, he reported that he would be leaving the following Monday for vacation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Board decided to make the following changes to the meeting schedule:

The Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was moved to Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 10am.

The Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was moved to Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 11am.

The Engineering Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday,

February 11, 2020 was cancelled.

**BOARD MEMBERS'
COMMENTS/
REPORTS**

Ms. Munoz thanked the WQA staff for their hard work.

Mr. Whitehead commended staff on their continued work to get some funding from the continuing resolution and was encouraged to hear the update regarding the Bureau of Reclamation.

CLOSED SESSION

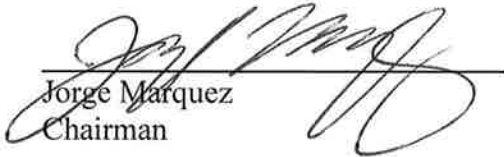
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Employment*

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

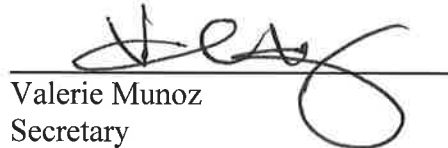
Title: Executive Director

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 February 19, 2020.



Jorge Marquez
Chairman



Valerie Munoz
Secretary