

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 19, 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 and Ed Chavez
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Mark Paulson
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; 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.
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	
<i>Administrative/Finance Committee Report</i>	Mr. Manning reported that the minutes for the committee meeting were enclosed for review.
<i>Discussion/Action Regarding San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Membership Renewal</i>	Mr. Manning reported that the WQA holds a Leader Level Membership with the annual renewal amount of \$20,000 which is discounted from the regular price of \$25,000. He indicated that the WQA's membership has been beneficial in putting the WQA's issues out in front of the community by allowing the WQA to participate in local events with local and state legislators. Lastly, he noted that it also gives the WQA a seat on the Board of the Directors. After brief discussion, Ms. Noriega moved to approve the annual renewal of the WQA's membership to the San Gabriel

Valley Economic Partnership. Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Legislative/Public Information
Committee Report***

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

**OTHER
ACTION/INFORMATION
ITEMS**

Ms. Munoz enters the meeting.

***Draft San Gabriel Basin
Groundwater Quality
Management and Remediation
Plan “§406 Plan” for 2020***

Ms. Schoellerman described how the 406 Plan changed as a result of SB413 and that it now includes elements from the discontinued 404 Update reports.

***Open of 25-day Public Comment
Period***

After some discussion, Ms. Munoz moved to open a 25-day public comment period for the 2020 Draft 406 Plan. Ms. Noriega seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Discussion/Action Regarding
Operation and Maintenance Task
Order for Avocet, Inc.***

Mr. Manning reported that staff was recommending WQA continue to retain Avocet, Inc. for an additional year of operation and maintenance of the Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility.

Ms. Noriega moved to approve the operation and maintenance task order for Avocet, Inc. Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Discussion/Action Regarding
Stetson Engineers Amended Task
Order to Provide Support for Prop
68 Applications***

Mr. Manning reported that Stetson’s original scope of work for this effort included one application and one set of submittals that included all 20+ eligible projects in our basin. He noted that Stetson compiled project information from the numerous water purveyors and prepared several grant deliverables including the project background, scope of work and budgets. However, in the course of reviewing project data it was determined that the City of El Monte’s service area qualified as a Disadvantaged Community (lower match requirement) and would require the preparation of a second application with separate deliverables for their four projects. He also noted that based on input from the State Water Board Division of Financial Assistance staff, Stetson’s scope of work was modified to include a cost benefit analysis for each project in both applications. He recommended adding an additional \$10,000 to Stetson’s previous \$40,000 task order to cover the unexpected work items.

After brief discussion, Mr. Kuhn moved to approve an amended task order to Stetson Engineers not to exceed \$50,000 to provide support for Prop 68 applications. Ms. Munoz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the Prop 68 applications were

filed last month, which included \$4.4M for City of El Monte and \$16.8M for all of the other projects.

Mr. Whitehead questioned if any of the applications included treatment for PFAS. Mr. Schoellerman reported that Prop 68 funding was intended for existing treatment systems and that capital costs for new PFAS treatment systems could be included in Prop 1 Round 3 applications later in the year.

He also reported that the final Prop 1 report for the Whitmore project was completed. He noted that staff was in the process of negotiating the grant agreement for the South El Monte Prop 1 site investigation award. He lastly noted that there was still ongoing negotiations for the agreement with ALR for access to MW5-13.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Manning reported on his trip to Washington, D.C. with Mr. Marquez, Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Monares, and indicated that everyone they met with really enjoyed WQA's animation of contaminant movements in the basin. He noted that USBR funding had not yet been allocated. Congresswoman Napolitano's office would be following up with the USBR Commissioner. He reminded everyone that the ACWA Conference was scheduled for May 5-7, the CGC Legislative Symposium was scheduled for March 11th and the San Gabriel Water Forum was scheduled for April 16th. He lastly noted that he went to an event at the Claremont University where Char Miller spoke on water history.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 10am.

The next Engineering Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 11am.

The next Legislative/Public Information meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 11:00am.

The next WQA Board Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 12:00pm.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/ REPORTS

Mr. Whitehead commended staff on the updated 406 Plan.

Mr. Chavez reported that Upper District was in the process of purchasing a new building and noted that he was elected as President for the fourth year in a row.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code

Mr. Padilla reported that a closed session was held. He

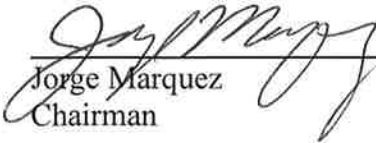
**Section 54957(b)(1) – Public
Employment**

Title: Executive Director

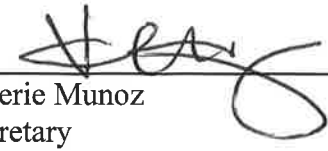
ADJOURNMENT

indicated that an update was given and there was no final action taken.

The Chairman asked if there were any other items of business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned to March 18, 2020.



Jorge Marquez
Chairman



Valerie Munoz
Secretary