

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
MARCH 18, 2020 AT 12:00 P.M.**

To the extent authorized by the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 dated March 12, 2020 ("Executive Order") issued in response to the Covid-19 outbreak, the WQA Board Reserved the Right to Suspend Application of Certain Public Meeting Requirements Under the Brown Act during the term of the Executive Order, Including Restrictions and Noticing Requirements Relating to the Conduct of Teleconferenced Board Meetings.

Due to the essential nature of the WQA Board Meetings in conducting Authority business, the WQA Board meeting took place on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 12:00pm at the WQA office and was made available online and teleconference. Those that were in attendance in person practiced social distancing. Although members of the public were strongly encouraged to view the meeting remotely online the WQA Board room was open to members of the public consistent with the requirements of the Executive Order.

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 (online), Valerie Munoz (online), Mark Paulson (online) and Ed Chavez

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Whitehead

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

None.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT PARTICIPATED VIA ONLINE/TELECONFERENCE

Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group; Jennifer Santana, Upper District; Javier Vargas, Valley County Water District

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Munoz moved to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion and it was approved. Ms. Noriega abstained from Project Demand E90773.

PRESENTATION

Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

Jonathon Agot from Vasquez and Company, LLC provided a presentation on the audited financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. He indicated that a report of the independent auditor provided an unmodified opinion and the

report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance found no deficiencies or noncompliance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

OTHER ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Discussion/Action Regarding Draft of Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

Ms. Munoz moved to approve the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. Mr. Paulson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion/Action Regarding Draft San Gabriel Basin Groundwater Quality Management and Remediation Plan "Plan" for 2020

Mr. Schoellerman reviewed the changes that were made to the Plan. He noted that this was the first version following the passage of SB413 and includes additional sections previously included the 404 Status Updates. He indicated that staff received one set of comments from the San Gabriel Valley Water Company and noted that their comments were addressed in the summary that was enclosed with the agenda. Finally, he noted of the comments that were made regarding the human right to water. This discussion was added to the Plan as a new requirement under SB413.

After brief discussion, Mr. Kuhn moved to adopt the plan for 2020. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion/Action Regarding COVID-19 Virus Precautions

Mr. Manning reported that staff has been instructed to practice social distancing and has altered the meeting room set up to allow more space between participants. He also noted that the WQA office will be open Mondays thru Thursdays and closed on Fridays until further notice.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that all treatment plants are operating as usual. He gave a brief update on the proposed Prop 1 Whitmore planning grant amendment. He lastly noted that quarterly project committee meetings have been postponed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Manning reviewed the draft budget schedule and indicated that the budget would be presented at the next board meeting during a budget workshop. He noted that the schedule may change if needed. He reported that the San Gabriel Valley Water Forum and the ACWA Spring Conference have been postponed.

He indicated that he and Mr. Monares went to Sacramento to meet with the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance staff and Jack Gualco to discuss how to

improve disadvantaged community funding in the future. He noted that as of now Sacramento is basically shut down and most are working from home.

Mr. Manning reported that WQA has asked San Gabriel Valley House Representatives to submit language for a \$20M appropriation in the current federal budget. He noted that most of the activities in D.C. are bills that are focused on the COVID-19 virus. He also noted that the House was in recess.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mr. Marquez moved to cancel all committee meetings for the month of April. Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The next WQA Board Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 12:00pm.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/ REPORTS

Many members of the Board commented for everyone to stay safe.

Ms. Noriega thanked Mr. Manning and staff for the precautions that they are taking and wished everyone the best.

CLOSED SESSION

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

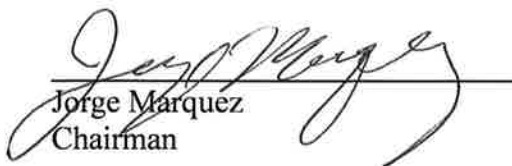
The Board reconvened to open session.

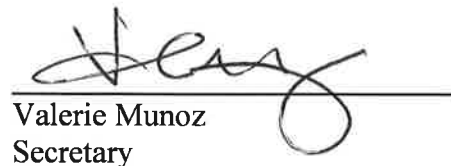
Title: Executive Director

Mr. Padilla reported that the Board met in closed session and selected Mr. Schoellerman as the new Executive Director of the WQA to succeed Mr. Manning. He indicated that he would be working on a draft contract for Mr. Schoellerman and it would go to the full Board for approval in April.

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 April 15, 2020.


Jorge Marquez
Chairman


Valerie Munoz
Secretary