

**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE AND
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 11, 2020 AT 11:00 A.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 Legislative/Public Information Committee and Special meeting of the Board took place on Wednesday, August 11, 2020 at 11:00am online and teleconference.

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, Valerie Munoz and Bob Kuhn

WATERMASTER LIASON

Dan Arrighi

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
ABSENT**

None.

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Lynda Noriega and Ed Chavez

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Randy Schoellerman, Executive Director; Stephanie Moreno, Executive Assistant/Public Outreach Coordinator; Michelle Sanchez, Accounting Assistant; Dan Colby, Project Resource Manager; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
PRESENT**

Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District; Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group; Chris Lancaster, Civic Publications; Brian Bowcock, Three Valleys Municipal Water District

***Discussion Regarding Next
Advertorial***

Mr. Lancaster reported that the next ad would in the California Water section that would publish at the end of August. He noted that this advertorial would highlight the new leadership of the WQA. He also reported that the ad that follow would be in the Sustainable Living section that would publish sometime in the fall.

Ms. Munoz commented that she would like to see WQA work on an advertorial that would recognize what the legislators have done in these unprecedented times.

Ms. Moreno commented that an advertorial recognizing the legislative efforts could be done and suggested that it wait until after the November election to avoid any conflicts.

***Discussion Regarding PFAS
Education Outreach***

Mr. Schoellerman reported that Ms. Munoz requested that staff schedule a meeting to provide an update to the city councils on issues such as PFAS.

Mr. Marquez commented that he would like to see a meeting for all of the city councils to attend to get an update of the WQA activities.

Mr. Schoellerman commented that staff will work with Ms. Munoz and Mr. Marquez to schedule a meeting to provide the cities an update on the PFAS issue as well as any legislative updates.

Legislative Activities/Reports

Federal

Mr. Schoellerman reported that WQA was still monitoring the \$10M approved in the prior budget that has yet to be allocated by USBR. He noted that the current \$15M budget request in the House Energy and Water appropriations bill passed the full House. Meanwhile, the Senate had not taken up its Energy and Water appropriations bill and may not do so until September.

State

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the request for the State Water Board to waive the Prop 68 \$20M per applicant limitation is scheduled for their August 18th meeting. This would clear the way for Division of Financial Assistance staff to award \$35M to WQA. He indicated that Mr. Monares was working to get a support letter from the San Gabriel Valley Caucus. He lastly noted that the money would be dispersed in a similar manner to the SEMOU Cooperative Agreement.

Ms. Munoz requested that an ad hoc committee be put together to discuss education and outreach to the cities.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that he was considering sending out a press release to announce the funds that we receive from Prop 68. He reported that he attended the ACWA virtual conference. He noted that he was very impressed with the conference in the virtual environment and commented that it could be a good option for the next Water Forum. He reported that staff was continuing to work remotely and in the office. He also noted that staff was working on some social media campaigns that would come out in the future. Lastly, he reminded everyone that the assessment hearing will be held during the Board meeting next week.

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