

**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY  
LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE AND  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OCTOBER 14, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M.**

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*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.*

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**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**

None.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
PRESENT**

Chris Lancaster, Civic Publications; Brian Bowcock, Three Valleys Municipal Water District; Ken Manning, WQA Consultant

***Discussion Regarding Next  
Advertorial***

Mr. Lancaster reported that the next ad would be the Sustainable Living publication that would come out in late November or early December. He noted that once the annual report was completed that would run as a stand-alone ad by the end of the year. He indicated that there would not be a Rose Magazine this year since the Rose Parade has been cancelled. He noted that to replace the Rose he would bring back the Civic Leadership publication and the WQA could highlight their goals for the coming year.

Mr. Kuhn asked if there could be some discussion for a future advertorial that would show some support for the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) goals. He knew that other agencies in the valley were doing one and thought it would be appropriate to have all the agencies with the same

message since the MWD is a large participant in the San Gabriel Valley.

Mr. Schoellerman indicated that staff would take that into consideration when working on the next advertorial.

### ***Legislative Activities/Reports***

#### **State**

Mr. Schoellerman noted that the state would be focused on budget issues when transitioning to the new term.

#### **Federal**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff continues to monitor and inquire about the \$10M in the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's FY20 budget. He indicated that they are reportedly focused on end of the fiscal year items and the renewal of the Water Infrastructure Investment for the Nation Act renewal. He noted that it appears the funding remains available. He also reported that the Senate is holding off on making their FY21 appropriation bills public until after the election. He lastly noted that he would be setting up a meeting with the committee and Kadesh & Associates in early December to plan for the coming year.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff along with Mr. Marquez, Ms. Munoz and Gabriel Monares met with Congresswoman Napolitano and members of her staff via Zoom. He indicated that staff thanked her for the \$10M in the FY20 USBR budget and the \$15M in the FY21 House Energy and Water Appropriations bill she helped with. He noted that she offered to help in any way that she could and would like a tour once the restrictions from COVID-19 are lifted. He reported that he had a Zoom meeting with Senator Archuleta along with Mr. Marquez and Mr. Monares to discuss WQA activities. He lastly reported that staff along with Mr. Marquez and Ms. Munoz held a webinar for the San Gabriel Basin cities on October 1, 2020 that covered WQA history, Prop 68 funding and PFAS. He indicated that the webinar was the first of its kind for WQA and had about nine attendees. He also noted that staff has received some helpful feedback from the participants that will be used when planning for future events. He also thanked Ms. Moreno for her work to coordinate the outreach.

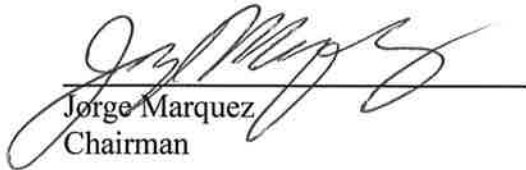
Both Mr. Marquez and Ms. Munoz commended staff on their work putting the webinar together. Ms. Munoz noted that Congresswoman Napolitano agreed to a speaker on a future WQA webinar.

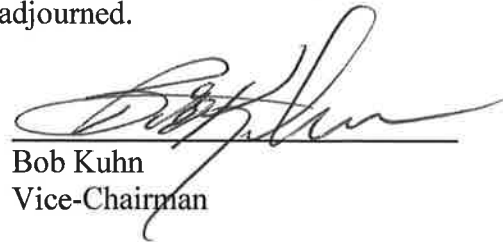
Mr. Kuhn commented that he would like Mr. Schoellerman to have Mr. Monares get more involved with reaching out to the cities so that we can increase the number of participants

for future webinars. He also noted that Three Valleys MWD had a similar meeting with Congresswoman Napolitano and indicated that she was interested in the status of the Whittier Narrows Operable Unit. He lastly commented that it would be beneficial to the WQA to continue to have these types of meeting with our Congressional delegates to assist our efforts when we go to Washington, D.C.

**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.

  
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Jorge Marquez  
Chairman

  
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Bob Kuhn  
Vice-Chairman