



# San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

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## **WQA LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021 AT 11:00 A.M. AT**

**1720 W. CAMERON AVE., SUITE 100 IN WEST COVINA, CA**

**Register in advance for this meeting at:**

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_jjDhAoE2R96xWsyUhYoTqg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jjDhAoE2R96xWsyUhYoTqg)

**A confirmation email will be sent to you with instructions on how to join the meeting.**

*In light of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 dated March 12, 2020 and N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020 (collectively, the "Executive Order") issued in response to the Covid-19 outbreak, the WQA Board Has Suspended Application of Certain Public Meeting Requirements otherwise required under 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 will take place via online and teleconference. Copies of Executive Order will be made available to members of the public upon request.  
Public Comments can be emailed prior to the meeting to [Stephanie@wqa.com](mailto:Stephanie@wqa.com)*

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*\*The Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting is noticed as a joint committee meeting with the Board of Directors for the purpose of compliance with the Brown Act. Members of the Board that are not assigned to the Legislative/Public Information Committee may attend and participate as members of the Board, whether or not a quorum of the Board is present. In order to preserve the function of the Committee as advisory to the Board, members of the Board who are not assigned to the Legislative/Public Information Committee will not vote on matters before the Committee*

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### **AGENDA**

**Committee Members:** **Jorge Marquez, Valerie Munoz and Bob Kuhn**

**Liaison Member:** **Marty Zvirbulis**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Discussion Regarding Next Advertorial
- IV. Discussion Regarding EcoVoices Institute Educational Programs [enc]
- V. Legislative Activities/Reports
  - a. State
  - b. Federal
- VI. Executive Director's Report
- VII. Adjournment



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## AGENDA SUBMITTAL

**To:** Legislative/Public Information Committee  
**From:** Randy Schoellerman, Executive Director  
**Date:** May 12, 2021  
**Subject:** Eco Voices Institute Educational Programs

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### Discussion

The past five years WQA has participated in a Summer Youth Outreach Program with EcoVoices to target a segment of the community that are difficult to reach, the youth of our communities. EcoVoices is a STEM's rich hands-on program that provides young people lessons on the San Gabriel River watershed that includes: groundwater quality, drought preparedness, mitigation measures for the prevention of pollution and restorative biodiversity. It is delivered in a dynamic and theatrical way that helps students remember and retain what they hear. This year the program has expanded to include at least 15 K-8 schools within the area of the WQA.

Staff recommends continuing our partnership with EcoVoices for the summer program for the budgeted \$15,000. The program reaches an estimated 1,000 youth within the region.

### Recommendation

Approve proposal for participation in the EcoVoices Institute Educational Programs for \$15,000.

# EcoVoices for EcoRangers



## Water Quality Authority

### AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This Agreement is made and entered into this 11th day of May 2021 by and between the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA) and EcoVoices, a Project of the Founders of the World Space Foundation (World Space). The purpose of EcoVoices to create and sustain innovative, effective, and outstanding educational programs for ecological research and stewardship.

SCOPE OF WORK: World Space agrees to perform the professional services and tasks set forth as follows:

1. Create, design, and produce, as part of the larger EcoVoices community outreach curriculum, courses, inquiry stations, science journals, mimewrighting scenarios, EcoRangers, and other associated components on the theme of WATER QUALITY, specifically: GROUNDWATER POLLUTION and GROUNDWATER CLEANUP, with the guidance of WQA expertise.
2. Implement the WATER QUALITY curriculum as part of the SUMMER 2021 and School Year 2021-2022 community outreach, *adapting to the conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic*, within the service area of the WQA, by producing a series of *mini-productions* for online distribution.
3. Implement the WATER QUALITY stewardship curriculum as part of the School Year 2021-2022 community outreach to at least 5 K-8 schools within the service area of the WQA.
4. Provide photographs and write-ups to enable the WQA to publicize its participation as an EcoVoices partner. Include the WQA logo where appropriate (letterhead, banners, science journals, etc.), to indicate its status as an EcoVoices partner.

COMPENSATION: EcoVoices, a project of World Space, shall perform the Professional Services at a total cost of \$15,000, payable to the "World Space Foundation".

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: World Space enthusiastically embraces the task of creating a suite of educational products for EcoVoices that communicate WQA community outreach themes. World Space reserves the intellectual property rights to benefit the authors of those efforts, to be shared as revenue-producing work, on a case by case basis, with its collaborative partners.

GENERAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT: This Agreement funds activities carried out in concert with several collaborative entities, including but not limited to: the L.A. County Department of Parks & Recreation, the La Puente Valley County Water District, the San Gabriel Valley Water Company, the National Ground Water Foundation, and various school districts within the San Gabriel Basin WQA service area.

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Randy Schoellerman, Executive Director  
San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

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Richard Shope, President  
Founders of the World Space Foundation



EcoVoices Institute: A Project of the Founders of the World Space Foundation  
Contact: Dr. Richard Shope, 15835 East Main Street, Studio Q, La Puente, CA 91744

## **Progress Report**

JUNE- JULY 2020: Summer EcoVoices Academy, Mountain View School District  
Carried out Summer EcoVoices Academy for 30 GATE students, June 24th-JULY 21, via Zoom  
Co-Sponsored by the Mountain View School District.

AUGUST 2020: Produced several educational EcoVoices videos.  
Integrated into the online curriculum at [worldspacefoundation.org](http://worldspacefoundation.org).

SEPTEMBER- DECEMBER 2020: Autumn EcoVoices Academy, Mountain View School District  
Carried out Autumn EcoVoices Academy for 30 GATE students, Sept 14th-Dec 7th, via Zoom  
Co-Sponsored by the Mountain View School District.

DECEMBER 2020: Presented a 1-hour talk regarding EcoVoices at the National Ground Water Association Conference, via Zoom, with 50 attendees. Followed up to create a collaborative relationship with the National Ground Water Association.

JAN-JUNE 2020: Winter/Spring EcoVoices Academy, Mountain View School District  
Carried out and currently carrying out Winter/Spring EcoVoices Academy for 30 GATE students, Jan 7th-June 3rd, via Zoom. Co-Sponsored by the Mountain View School District.

# Seven Inquiry Adventures

Science, Literature, and the Performing Arts



***SpaceFaring for Astronauts-To-Be***  
Ivor Dawson



***EcoVoices at the Farm***  
Deb Woolford



***Aviation & other High Elevation Adventures***  
Wandi Steward



***So Ya Wanna Be an Actor!!!***  
Gaby de Luna



***Be a Wandering Scholar! Writing, Science, and Acting!!***  
Dr. Richard Shope



***Photography of Nature & the Nature of Photography***

Geoff Hartmann.

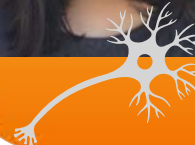
Jamie Moore



***Neuroscience & Basic Coding***  
Casandra Avila



***Exploring the World of Senses***  
Annie Liu



## ***World Space Expeditions: Spring 2021!!!***

EXPLORE, DISCOVER, UNDERSTAND...and TELL THE WORLD