

**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY  
LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE AND  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FEBRUARY 10, 2021 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 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**

Valerie Munoz, Bob Kuhn and Jorge Marquez

**WATERMASTER LIASON**

Marty Zvirbulis

**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; Michelle Sanchez, Administrative/Accounting Assistant

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
PRESENT**

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

***Discussion Regarding Next  
Advertorial***

Ms. Moreno reviewed a draft of the next advertorial with the committee. She indicated that this ad would be published in the Civic Leadership publication that would come out March 1<sup>st</sup>. She noted that the focus of the ad was the goals of the WQA for 2021. She also noted that there would be a quote from the new WQA Chairwoman, Valerie Munoz.

***Discussion Regarding Webinar  
Update for City Officials***

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff has tentatively scheduled the next city update for March 4, 2021 at 12pm. He indicated that the topics would include earmark funding, update on the contamination in the Basin and an update on Prop 68 funding.

Ms. Munoz thanked staff for their work on setting these webinars up and will assist with getting the word out to the other city councils.

Mr. Schoellerman also reported that staff sent letters to city council members and city managers requesting that their cities pass resolutions in support of limited earmarks similar to WQA's own resolution. The request also included a resolution template. In addition, he noted that letters were sent to each of the SGV federal representatives requesting their support for earmarks as it would improve WQA's opportunities to funding from the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund.

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

#### **State**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff was watching SB 230 (Portantino) which would create a science panel that would make recommendations to the State Water Board on various issues regarding emerging contaminants. He also noted SB45 (Portantino), the \$5.5B Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022.

#### **Federal**

Mr. Monares reported that he was looking into a congressional PFAS task force that might lead to some possible appropriations for water utilities to deal with PFAS-contaminated water supplies.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff was monitoring the appointment of the new Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner. He indicated that Camille Calimlim-Touton was appointed as Deputy Commissioner and is the Acting-Commissioner during this time of transition. He noted that Kadesh & Associates (Kadesh) has worked with her in the past and has been in contact with her. He reported that Kadesh was scheduling virtual meetings with Congressional members to discuss WQA's current budget request in lieu of the normal travel to D.C. for the meetings.

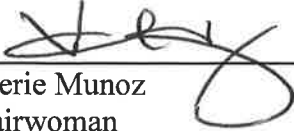
Mr. Kuhn asked if any of the Biden Administration holds and reviews of Trump Administration environmental regulations would have an impact on WQA issues.

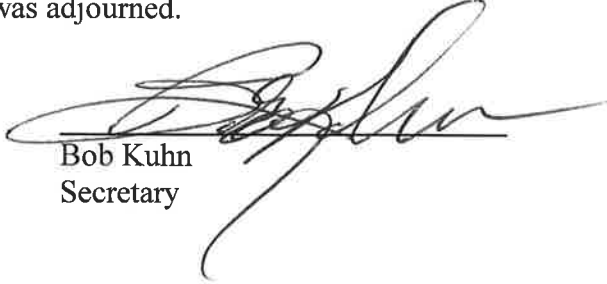
Mr. Schoellerman noted that a July 2020 decision for the federal government not to regulate perchlorate was under review.

is experienced with PFAS issues.

**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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Valerie Munoz  
Chairwoman

  
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Bob Kuhn  
Secretary