

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

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; Mike Ti, Three Valleys Municipal Water District; Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group

***Discussion Regarding Next
Advertorial***

Mr. Lancaster reported that Civic Leadership Publication that took place of the Rose Magazine has been published. He indicated that the next advertorial would be in the Earth Day publication that would come out the week of April 14th. He noted that the focus of the ad would be how the WQA is engaging with the community by providing updates to the city officials and use the last city update as an example. He also noted that a social media campaign would go along with this ad during the week of April 14th.

Report on State Bills

Mr. Monares reviewed a list of State bills that staff would watch: AB1(Garcia) Hazardous Waste

AB 1195 (Garcia) To create the Southern Los Angeles

County Regional Water Agency

AB 1500 (Eduardo Garcia) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022

SB 42 (Wieckowski) Department of Toxic Substances Control: Board of Environmental Safety

SB 45 (Portantino) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022

Mr. Monares noted that if anyone has questions regarding any bill to contact him and he would provide assistance.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff has received some background information on AB 703 (Rubio) that would enhance public access through teleconferencing. He noted that Three Valleys Municipal Water District was requesting support for this bill.

Mr. Kuhn commented that the intention of this bill was to provide another layer of transparency and option for public participation.

The committee recommended that a letter of support for AB 703 go to the full Board for discussion.

Legislative Activities/Reports

State

Mr. Schoellerman reported that Bob Gore from The Gualco Group was setting up meetings with members of the State Water Board to discuss WQA activities.

Federal

Mr. Monares reported that the WQA staff met with Kadash & Associates and Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP to discuss PFAS legislation. He also noted that it looked like limited earmarks would be coming back.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that WQA would be scheduling meetings with the Bureau of Reclamation in the next few weeks to discuss WQA's funding request.


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that WQA held its special update for city officials webinar on March 4th. He noted that attendance had increased from the previous webinar and the topics included Prop 68, the SGV cleanup, and the benefit of earmarks for the cleanup. Staff received good feedback with topic suggestions, and another webinar would be scheduled

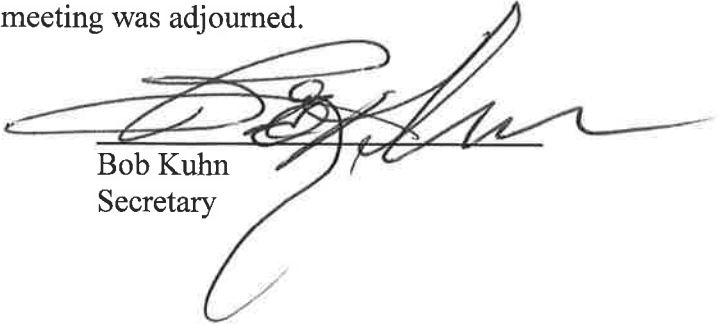
in a few months.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other items of business to come before the Board. There being none, the Board meeting was adjourned.



Valerie Munoz
Chairwoman



Bob Kuhn
Secretary