

**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE AND
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 14, 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; Brian Bowcock, Three Valleys MWD; Ralph Galvan, Valley County Water District

***Discussion Regarding Next
Advertorial***

Ms. Moreno reviewed the Earth Day ad that was just completed. She indicated that it covered WQA's city webinars and would be included in the L.A. Times and SGV Tribune on Earth Day April 22nd. She reported that the next ad would be in May. She indicated that May is Water Awareness Month and staff discussed the idea of highlighting our collaboration with the state for Prop 68 funding in the Basin.

Mr. Lancaster reported that the Earth Day ad will also be emailed out electronically to residents in the San Gabriel Valley.

Mr. Kuhn asked if we could somehow show some of the other areas such as the City of Pomona that still benefit from

the WQA even though they are not a prescriptive pumping rights holder in the San Gabriel Basin.

Ms. Moreno commented that she would consider that for a future advertorial.

***Discussion Regarding Proposals
from Civic Publications***

- ***Proposal for Public Outreach Services***
- ***Proposal for the Production of the WQA Annual Report***

Mr. Schoellerman reported that Civic Publications, Inc. provides the public outreach advertorials that are published in special inserts within the Los Angeles Time and the San Gabriel Valley Newspaper Group for the WQA. He indicated that these advertorials are useful tools for the WQA to educate the public on the progress that is being made with the groundwater cleanup with the San Gabriel Basin. This proposed cost is consistent with previous years at \$115,174.

He also reported that Civic Publications has submitted a proposal to produce the WQA's annual report. Civic Publications works with staff all year long to produce the advertorials where much of that content would be included in the annual report. He noted that the amount of the proposal is \$13,275 and includes the cost of printing and is consistent with the prior year.

After brief discussion, the committee recommended that both proposals go to the full Board for approval.

Legislative Activities/Reports

State

Mr. Schoellerman reported staff is monitoring AB 1195 (Garcia). He indicated that this bill would appoint a commissioner with broad powers to oversee groundwater cleanup, among other things, in the Water Replenishment District service area as well as the Central Basin Municipal Water District. He noted that he did not think this bill would affect any of the WQA activities but would continue to watch the progress of the bill.

Federal

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff will be setting up a meeting with the acting Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss funding for the WQA out of the current budget. He reported that Community Project Funding Requests have been sent to Congresswomen Torres and Roybal-Allard. He noted that staff was finalizing a requested to be sent to Congresswoman Napolitano later that day. He reported that the Senate has not agreed on earmarks yet, so right now all of the work is focused on the House of Representatives. He reported that staff continues to receive support letters from the community for our appropriations request. He noted that these letters are important to show substantial community support since there will be some competition for these funds.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff is currently working on the budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 and will have a budget workshop at the WQA Board meeting next week. He reported that the Administrative/Finance Committee reviewed a draft fee policy and recommended it to the Board for approval. The fee would allow WQA to recover its costs to pursue and obtain a variety of funding. He noted that the fee would only apply to those that receive funding from the WQA. It does not apply to producers that do not receive funding from WQA. He noted that it would allow WQA to align certain costs related to the acquisition of funding with those producers that receive the most benefit.

Mr. Kuhn asked how much the fee would generate.

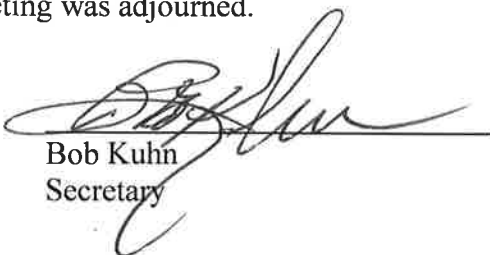
Mr. Schoellerman commented that the policy allows for a fee of up to 5% of the amount that a water producer received from WQA in a given calendar year.

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