

**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE AND
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JUNE 9, 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; Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group

***Discussion Regarding Next
Advertorial***

Ms. Moreno reported that the next advertorial would be included in the Community Profiles publication. She explained that in the past this publication came out earlier in the year but has now been moved back a few months to allow for more accurate information relating to any changes that may have occurred with recent elections. She indicated that typically this ad would be a summary of the current annual report and determined that it made more sense to change the focus of this ad since the new annual report would be out in the next few months. She noted that the Community Profiles publication does have a good shelf life and is often used a reference too. She reported that the ad could be an information fact sheet about the WQA which would list all of the important agency information and remind the readers why the WQA was created, and the benefit to the public that

the WQA provides.

Mr. Kuhn suggested that the ad highlight the partnership that WQA has with cities and legislators, and emphasize the importance of the partnership with them for the WQA to fulfill its mission.

Ms. Moreno commented that the partnerships are vital to the WQA's mission, and that staff will look at including those items in the story of the ad.

Legislative Activities/Reports

State

Mr. Monares reported that AB1195 (Garcia) had been amended and was in the Senate Rules Committee for assignment.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the Governor's budget May revise has come out. He indicated that the two water bonds that were in the works might be put on hold for now due to the amount of funding being made available. He noted that some of the funding under consideration would increase the amount of funding available for Proposition 1.

Federal

Mr. Monares reported that negotiations on the infrastructure bill had failed and that it appears the infrastructure funding could be provided via a budget reconciliation process.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that he met with the staff from Senator Feinstein's office and Senator Padilla's office along with Chris Kierig and Gabriel Monares. He indicated that they discussed the WQA's appropriations requests and provided a presentation about WQA. He also reported that staff was looking into amending WQA's San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund law to provide additional flexibility for how sources of federal funding can be placed in the fund and may include increasing the time projects can be funded beyond the current 10-year limitation.

Mr. Kuhn asked if the WQA's sunset date would be an issue when discussing modifications to the Restoration Fund.

Mr. Monares indicated that he didn't think the sunset date would be an issue and that a previous attempt to increase it by 5 years was only limited by a committee's request.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff is waiting for the new COVID-19 guidelines that the Governor is to announce as well as guidelines that CAL OSHA is reviewing. He reported that he would keep the Board updated as new information is received. He also reported that staff received a

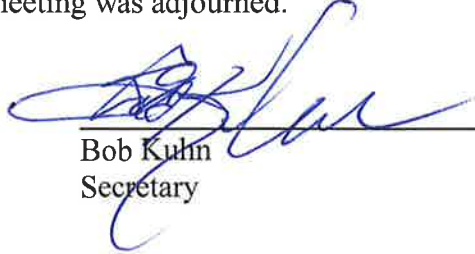
public records request regarding WQA's last advertorial that was published in the Los Angeles Times. He indicated that the request was for the cost of the ad and the information was provided accordingly.

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