

**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE AND
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 11, 2021 AT 10:00 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 Administrative/Finance Committee and Special meeting of the Board took place online and teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Whitehead 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**

Mike Whitehead, Lynda Noriega and Mark Paulson

WATERMASTER LIASON

Absent

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
ABSENT**

None

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Bob Kuhn

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**

Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District, Brian Bowcock, Three Valleys MWD, Tara Robinson, Valley County Water District; Javier Vargas, Valley County Water District; Richard Gonzales, City of Monterey Park

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

***Discussion Regarding Proposition
68 Subrecipient Grant Agreement
template***

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the WQA's Proposition 68 Operations and Maintenance Grants-San Gabriel Basin Regional Groundwater Remediation Program will require individual agreements with grant subrecipients. He indicated that the Subrecipient Grant Agreement will outline the process in which subrecipients are reimbursed for eligible costs under the WQA's Proposition 68 grants. He noted that to facilitate and streamline the required subrecipient grants between WQA and subrecipients, staff and WQA legal counsel have developed a Proposition 68 Subrecipient Grant Agreement template for use with each of the nine subrecipients. He reported that staff is recommending approval of the agreement

template and authorization for the Executive Director to execute the required agreements with each subrecipient subject to final legal counsel review.

Mr. Whitehead asked if legal counsel assisted with production of the template.

Mr. Schoellerman commented that legal counsel worked with the WQA staff to develop the template and incorporated many terms from WQA's agreement with the state.

Ms. Noriega asked if these recipients are aware of the new fee policy that WQA recently adopted.

Mr. Schoellerman commented that all recipients of this grant have been made aware of the new fee policy.

After some discussion, the committee recommended that the Proposition 68 Subrecipient Grant Agreement Template go to the full Board for approval.

***Update on Budget Draft for FY
21/22***

Ms. Saenz reported that no comments have been received on the draft budget since its first review back on April 13, 2021. She indicated that this item was placed on the agenda to provide one more opportunity to receive comments. She noted that the budget reflects a \$12/acre-foot assessment. She reported that there will be a public hearing on the draft budget at the May board meeting and that it also be on the agenda for adoption.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

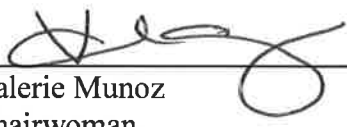
Mr. Schoellerman reported that WQA had submitted funding Community Project Funding requests and that WQA's project is listed on Rep. Napolitano and Rep. Chu's lists for \$10M. He noted that WQA also submitted a \$10M request to Senator Feinstein's office. He reported that staff met with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding their current budget. He indicated that their attorneys have determined that they cannot transfer any funding into the SGB Restoration Fund without direct language from Congress. He noted that there is disagreement in that area. He reported that staff was looking into possible funding opportunities for groundwater cleanup in recent funding announcements by the Governor. He also reported that he had set up a meeting with new Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Board members and the Executive Officer for May 20th to discuss our collaboration investigating sites in the South El Monte Operable Unit.

Ms. Noriega asked if there could be any money in the Biden Infrastructure Package for the WQA.


Mr. Schoellerman commented that staff was looking at the infrastructure package and inquiring with EPA for the additional funding they have received for superfund areas.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Valerie Munoz
Chairwoman



Bob Kuhn
Secretary