

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
NOVEMBER 17, 2021 AT 12:00 P.M.**

With passage and signing of AB 361 and in light of the ongoing Statewide State of Emergency originally declared by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, WQA Board Meetings will continue to be conducted via remote teleconferencing, subject to the requirements of Government Code Section 54953(e). Due to the essential nature of the WQA Board Meetings in conducting Authority business, this WQA Board meeting took place online and teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER The Chairwoman 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.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS Valerie Munoz, Jorge Marquez, Bob Kuhn, Lynda Noriega, Michael Whitehead, Mark Paulson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Ed Chavez

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT Randy Schoellerman, Executive Director; Stephanie Moreno, Executive Assistant/Outreach Coordinator; Dan Colby, Assistant Executive Director/Senior Project Manager; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance; Michelle Sanchez, Admin/Accounting Assistant; Richard Padilla, Legal Counsel

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT None.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT PARTICIPATED VIA ONLINE/TELECONFERENCE Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group; Ralph Galvan, Valley County Water District; Jennifer Santana, Upper District; Brian Bowcock, Three Valleys MWD; Brianne Logasa, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments; Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District; Robert DiPrimio, San Gabriel Valley Water Company

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED None.

CONSENT CALENDAR Mr. Marquez moved to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following roll call vote.

AYES: MUNOZ, PAULSON, MARQUEZ, KUHN, NORIEGA, WHITEHEAD

NO: NONE

ABSENT: CHAVEZ

ABSTENTIONS:

Mr. Whitehead abstained from Project Demand No: E91354.

Ms. Noriega abstained from Project Demand Nos. E91355.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Administrative/Finance
Committee Report*

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the minutes for the committee meeting were enclosed for review. He noted that the committee reviewed budget projections for the next five years and that staff does not anticipate the need to raise the assessment for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Kuhn asked if inflation was considered in the budget projections.

Mr. Schoellerman confirmed that inflation was considered when preparing the projections.

*Legislative/Public Information
Committee Report*

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the minutes for the committee meeting were enclosed for review. He noted that the committee discussed the next advertorial and the annual report.

Ms. Munoz commented that she would like to put together an ADHOC committee for strategic legislative planning and goals for the next year. She requested that herself, Mr. Marquez, Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Schoellerman and Mr. Monares be appointed to the committee.

After some discussion, Ms. Noriega moved to approve the appointments of Ms. Munoz, Mr. Marquez, Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Schoellerman and Mr. Monares to a Legislative ADHOC committee for the period of 6 months. Mr. Paulson seconded the motion and it was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: MUNOZ, PAULSON, MARQUEZ, KUHN,
NORIEGA, WHITEHEAD

NO: NONE

ABSENT: CHAVEZ

**OTHER
ACTION/INFORMATION
ITEMS**

None.

PROJECT REPORTS

Mr. Colby reported that work began today at the Astro Seal site for their site investigation. He indicated that four more sub recipient agreements are coming for the Prop 68 grants which leaves two left to complete. He also reported that draft 406 Plan would be presented to the Board in December to open a 30-day public comment period.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Monares reported that the appropriation bills have been passed and now we are waiting for the Senate to go into conference committee with the House. He noted that the infrastructure package contains PFAS funding and that it is being reviewed for funding opportunities. He indicated that if the WQA needs any legislative work done it would be beneficial to work with the senior members of Congress now before the districts shift next year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reminded everyone that the ballots for the WQA election for the representative of cities with pumping rights are due on December 14th at 12pm. He noted that he continues to speak to stakeholders regarding the possible extension of WQA’s sunset date and also announced it at the October San Gabriel Valley Water Association meeting. He reported that the ACWA Conference is December 1-2 and is currently sold out and is only available to attend virtually. He noted that the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 audit will be presented to the Board at the December Board meeting. He also noted that he would be providing the Upper District Board Members a presentation at their December 8th Board meeting. He suggested that the Board adjourn today’s Board meeting in memory of former WQA Board Members Bryan Urias and Roger Chandler. He lastly wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was cancelled for the month of December.

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 11:00am.

The next WQA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 12:00pm.

BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mr. Kuhn thanked everyone that reached out to him regarding his surgery. He indicated that it went well and he is now focusing on his recovery.

Ms. Noriega commented that she was glad to hear that Mr. Kuhn is doing well and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.


Ms. Whitehead wished Mr. Kuhn well.

Ms. Munoz wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other items of

business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned in the memory of Bryan Urias and Roger Chandler to December 15, 2021.



Valerie Munoz
Chairwoman



Jorge Marquez
Treasurer