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**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
AT
1720 W. CAMERON AVENUE, SUITE 100
WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022 AT 12:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER MUNOZ**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS MORENO**
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| Valerie Munoz, Chairwoman | _____ | _____ | (alt) |
| Mark Paulson, Vice-Chairman | _____ | _____ | (alt) |
| Bob Kuhn, Secretary | _____ | _____ | (alt) |
| Lynda Noriega | _____ | _____ | (alt) |
| Mike Whitehead | _____ | _____ | (alt) |
| Ed Chavez | _____ | _____ | (alt) |
| Robert Gonzales | _____ | _____ | (alt) |
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agendized Matters Only): MUNOZ**
As provided under Government Code Section 54954.3, this time has been set aside for persons in the audience to provide comment or make inquiries on matters appearing on this Special Meeting agenda only. Please complete the appropriate request card and submit it to the Secretary, prior to the item being heard. A five-minute time limit on remarks is requested.
- V. ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED - Recommended Action: MUNOZ**
Approve motion determining need to take action on item(s) which arose subsequent to posting of the Agenda (ROLL CALL VOTE: Adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds vote of the Board or, if less than two-thirds of Board members are present, a unanimous vote)

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

MUNOZ

(Consent items may all be approved by single motion) [enc]

- (a) Minutes for 2/16/22 Regular Board Meeting
- (b) Minutes for 3/8/22 Administrative/Finance Committee – Special Joint Meeting
- (c) Minutes for 3/9/22 Legislative/Public Information Committee – Special Joint Meeting
- (d) Demands on Administrative Fund
- (e) Demands on Project Fund
- (f) Resolution No. 22-004 (AB 361)

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(These items may require action)

- (a) Administrative/Finance Committee Report [enc]
 - 1. Discussion/Action Regarding Board of Directors Cost of Living Adjustment (“COLA”) for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 [enc]
- (b) Legislative/Public Information Committee Report [enc]
 - 1. Discussion/Action Regarding AB 2449 (Rubio) – Enhancing Public Access Through Teleconferencing [enc]

VIII. OTHER ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

MUNOZ

(These items may require action)

None.

IX. PROJECT REPORTS

COLBY

(a) Treatment Plants:

1.	Baldwin Park Operable Unit	<u>Status</u>
	• Arrow/Lante Well (Subarea 1)	Operational
	• Monrovia Wells	Operational
	• SGVWC B6 Plant	Operational
	• SGVWC B5 Plant	Operational
	• CDWC Well No. 14	Operational
	• La Puente Valley County Water District	Operational
	• VCWD Nixon	Operational
	• VCWD Maine	Operational
2.	El Monte Operable Unit	
	• Eastern Shallow Zone	Operational
	• Eastern Deep Zone	Operational
	• GSWC Encinita Plant	Operational
	• Western Shallow Zone	Operational
3.	South El Monte Operable Unit	
	• Whitmore Street. Ground Water Remediation Treatment Facility	Operational
	• City of M.P. Well No. 5 VOC Treatment Facility	Operational
	• City of M.P. Well No. 12 VOC Treatment	Operational

	Facility	
	• City of M.P. Well No. 15	Operational
	• City of M.P. Well Nos. 1, 3, 10 VOC Treatment Facility	Operational
	• GSWC Wells SG-1 & SG-2	Operational
	• GSWC Garvey	Operational
	• SGVWC Plant No. 8	Operational
	• SGVWC Plant G4	Operational
4.	Puente Valley Operable Unit	
	• Intermediate Zone	Construction
	• SGVWC Plant B11	Operational
5.	Area 3 Operable Unit	
	• City of Alhambra Phase 1	Operational
	• City of Alhambra Phase 2	Operational
	• City of South Pasadena Wilson	Operational
6.	Non-Operable Unit	
	• City of Arcadia Longden	Operational
	• City of Arcadia Live Oak	Operational
	• City of Monrovia Tower 1&2	Operational
	• City of Monrovia Tower 3&4	Operational
	• SGVWC Plant 11	Operational

X. ATTORNEY'S REPORT **PADILLA**

XI. LEGISLATIVE REPORT **MONARES**

XII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT **SCHOELLERMAN**

XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS **MUNOZ**

XIV. INFORMATION ITEMS [enc] **MUNOZ**

(a) San Gabriel Basin Water Calendar

XV. FUTURE BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS **MUNOZ**

(a) The next Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

(b) The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

(c) The next WQA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

XVI. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/REPORTS **MUNOZ**

XVII. ADJOURNMENT **MUNOZ**

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DRAFT

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 12:00 P.M.

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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, Mark Paulson, Bob Kuhn, Lynda Noriega, Michael Whitehead, Ed Chavez, and Robert Gonzales

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None.

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

Brian Bowcock, Three Valleys MWD; Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group; Lenet Pacheco; Valley County Water District; Paul DiMaggio, Suburban Water Systems; Andy Bullington, City of Covina; Chisom Obegolu, City of Glendora; Alejandro Reyes, San Gabriel Valley Water Company; Ben Lewis, Golden Stat Water Company; Christopher Castruita, City of Monrovia; Sylvie Lee, Three Valleys MWD; Steve Kiggins, San Gabriel Valley MWD; Lewis Rudnick, City of El Monte; Cameron Griffin, Office of Assemblywoman Rubio; Jared Macias, Azusa, Light & Water; Dave Michalko, Valencia Heights Water Company; Martin Zvirbulis, San Gabriel Valley Water Company; Oscar Ramos, San Gabriel Valley Water Company; Roy Frausto, La Puente Valley County Water District; Hai-Van Nguyen, San Gabriel Valley Water Company; Jose Martinez, Valley County Water District; Patty Cortez, Upper District; Tara Robinson, Valley County Water District; Kristan Lloyd, City El Monte; Casey Feilen, San Gabriel County Water District; Irma Cooper, Interested Party; Jennifer Santana, Upper District; Paul Cranmer, City of Arcadia; Tony Zampiendo, Watermaster; Melissa Barbosa, Azusa, Light & Water; Richard Gonzales, City of Monterey

Park; George Cambero, City of El Monte

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

None.

WORKSHOP

“Proposed San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Act Extension and Review of Options for Pumping Right Assessment Limitation Adjustment”

Mr. Schoellerman provided a presentation the proposed WQA Act extension and the options for the pumping right assessment adjustment limitation adjustment. He reported that the current WQA sunset date was July 1, 2030. He indicated there were basin cleanup projects that would require funding beyond July 1, 2030. He reported that Assemblywoman Rubio has introduced AB 2163 to extend the WQA’s sunset date from July 1, 2030 to July 1, 2050. He explained that with the extension to July 1, 2050 it would be appropriate to review the \$10/acre foot assessment limit. He noted that the discussion of the limit should not be confused with the actual assessment the Board adopts annually. And that it is not a discuss about raising the current assessment of \$12/acre-foot. He noted that the actual assessment is determined by the WQA Board and is subject to a public hearing each year.

He reported that the assessment limit was established in 2003 and has not increased in almost 20 years. He indicated that an adjustment would provide additional clarity going forward and the increase of the limitation would be phased in over time. He noted that the methodology used to established the proposed adjustments were inflationary adjustments of 3% coupled with a 3% adjustment for emerging issues. He reported that the proposed adjustments to the limit would take place in three increments: July 1, 2025 - \$20/AF (proposed assessment limit), July 1, 2030 - \$26/AF (proposed assessment limit) and July 1, 2035 - \$33/AF (proposed assessment limit).

Mr. Kuhn asked what the numbers would be if only the 3% inflation number were used. Mr. Colby responded at 2025 it would be \$17.89, and at 2030 it would be \$20.74.

Mr. Kuhn asked Ms. Noriega and Mr. Whitehead if there will be push back from the producers about the 3% for emerging contaminants.

Ms. Noriega explained that it is important to note that these numbers are proposed for the cap, but the numbers are not going to have any impact on the producers until this board sits and decides what it is going to set its assessment at on an annual basis. She noted that we are looking at a period of 28 years and leaving the cap at \$10 is not reasonable, and now is the time to address it with the extension legislation. She stated that everyone needs to understand that regulations are going to

change and there is going to be emerging contaminants, it's a constant in our world. She explained that there is going to continue to be a need for WQA to get funding to help with a lot of this, and there won't be a guarantee that there will be responsible parties or other agencies that can contribute to that. Therefore, you have to set a cap to address a period of 28 years and what is being proposed is reasonable. She noted that 3% for inflation is standard, with the exception of this year, and 3% for emerging contaminants is reasonable. She stated that just because you are setting the cap at \$20/AF in 2025 doesn't necessarily mean that the board will set the assessment at \$20/AF. She pointed out that the board would evaluate, and, based on fiscal position, determine what the assessment will be.

Ms. Noriega also explained that Mr. Schoellerman and Ms. Saenz have put together certain management items with respect to reserve policies and goals for WQA to consider. She noted that as we have discussed during previous committee and board meetings, if there is a need to increase the actual assessment, Mr. Schoellerman would need to get out in front of the producer community early on and let them know if we are looking to increase the actual assessment that is invoiced to them.

Ms. Noriega continued saying that it is also helpful for producers to understand that WQA's assessments are based on prescriptive pumping rights in the basin, which is a fixed number. She explained that the number does not adjust and is based on the basin adjudication back in the 1970's so the only way to generate additional assessment revenue is by increasing the assessment. She indicated that it comes down to fiscal policy and managing expenses against what they generate in revenue and against what funding they bring in.

Mr. Whitehead commented that he agrees with Ms. Noriega's observations and explanations and that they were right on point. He noted a compelling point that the cap would be stated in the legislation as an amount not to be exceeded and in the history of the assessment it has rarely, if ever, been at the maximum. He explained that it is because the board has applied fiscal responsibility and the staff has done an outstanding job of keeping costs under the cap and as it has risen by law. He indicated that there is reason for confidence for the board's commitment to respecting the impact of these assessments and the impact of the costs that we incur. He noted that there is a continual assessment and reassessment of the benefits that are derived from these expenditures and assessments. He explained that the board always invites the producers to join in its deliberations and wants to make sure everyone understands that the board doesn't just move up automatically to the cap. He noted that it has not happened at all and we would expect that to continue and that we would

reach the cap only in unforeseen circumstances. He concluded saying that he has confidence in Mr. Schoellerman and his team's ability to manage our costs in a way that keeps us below that cap.

Mr. Kuhn stated that he agreed with Mr. Whitehead and Ms. Noriega and emphasized that producers, city councils and other elected officials need to understand what they just said and to support it. He noted that he appreciates Assemblywoman Rubio for considering this for her bill.

Mr. Paulson asked if the proposed language would allow us an increase of 3% each year and what the impact would be if the board acted to not increase for two or three years then all of a sudden tried to increase it.

Mr. Schoellerman responded that it would be difficult to make up for the increase at one time.

Mr. Kuhn noted that Mr. Paulson was pointing out that we've been limited by the inflation number and that the proposed number would allow for more flexibility if it became necessary.

Mr. Schoellerman responded that under this proposal the board would have the discretion to assess up to \$20 on July 1, 2025.

Ms. Noriega asked if the \$20 amount between 2025 and 2030 could be adjusted for inflation also.

Mr. Schoellerman indicated that the number may be adjusted for inflation.

Mr. Kuhn commented that he appreciated the input from the water producers and agreed that the WQA needs to be out in front of this.

Ms. Munoz asked if there were any producer comments.

Mr. DiMaggio asked what the current inflation rate is and to confirm that WQA was proposing 6%.

Mr. Schoellerman responded that the most recent reading from January was about 7%. He noted that this rate was expected to be temporary, and that economist expect the rate to return to a 3% long term average. He confirmed that the proposal includes 3% for inflation and 3% for emerging concerns.

Mr. Ruddick asked if this would require 218 public hearing.

Mr. Padilla indicated that this adjustment in the assessment limitation is not subject to a Prop 218 process because it isn't setting an actual assessment rate.

Ms. Noriega asked Mr. Schoellerman to describe the assessment approval process for the producers.

Mr. Schoellerman explained that WQA starts the budget process each March and that staff and the board receive input from the public at several committee and board meetings until May when the budget is adopted after a final public hearing. He noted that the actual assessment to pay for the proposed budget is then typically approved each August by the board only after publishing required notices of the proposed assessment and public hearing prior to the action.

Paul Dimaggio: Asked if the proposed assessment adjustment would be put into AB2163 (Rubio).

Mr. Schoellerman responded that the final decision to add this language to the bill would be up to Assemblywoman Rubio. He explained that the WQA is gathering input about the proposal from stakeholders.

Mr. Frausto asked if staff foresees the assessment going up in the future to the proposed limits at some future point.

Mr. Schoellerman commented that under the current conditions, there are no plans to raise the assessment to the future limits.

Mr. Kuhn commented that the WQA's role is to also find money for cleanup and that WQA is not just here to do the cleanup.

Mr. Whitehead commented that he agrees mission of the WQA includes raising funds from a variety of sources, state or federal or private, and the history of the WQA has been remarkably successful in doing that. He noted that the funding was to offset our costs as well as to maintain effective advocacy in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Ms. Munoz commented that an ADHOC committee was formed to address the producer's concerns.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

**AYES: MUNOZ, PAULSON, KUHN, NORIEGA,
WHITEHEAD, GONZALES**

NO: NONE

ABSENT FOR VOTE: CHAVEZ

ABSTENTIONS:

Ms. Noriega abstained from Project Demand No. E91440 and Mr. Whitehead abstained from Project Demand No. E91441.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

***Legislative/Public Information
Committee Report***

Mr. Schoellerman reported the minutes for the committee meeting were enclosed for review.

**OTHER
ACTION/INFORMATION
ITEMS**

***Discussion/Action Regarding San
Gabriel Valley Economic
Partnership Membership Renewal***

Ms. Moreno reported that a correction needed to be made on the demand number for this item and that the correct Demand No. should read E91442.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the WQA has a Leader Level Membership with San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership and the annual renewal amount of \$20,000 is discounted from the regular price of \$25,000. WQA's membership has been beneficial in putting the WQA's issues out in front of the community by allowing the WQA to participate in local events with local and state legislators. He noted that it also gives the WQA a seat on the Board of the Directors.

- 1. Approve Renewal for 2022***
- 2. Approve Demand No.
E91442***

Mr. Gonzales moved to approve the renewal for 2022 and to approve Demand No. E91442. Ms. Munoz seconded the motion and it was approved by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: MUNOZ, PAULSON, KUHN, NORIEGA,
WHITEHEAD, GONZALES**

NO: NONE

ABSENT FOR VOTE: CHAVEZ

PROJECT REPORTS

Mr. Colby reported that the site investigations continue in the SEMOU. He also reported that the first Prop 68 grant payment request submittal to the state was postponed to until May to allow more time for the grant recipients to assemble their cost documentation.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Monares reported that with AB 2163 Assemblywoman Rubio has the final decision on adding any new language to the bill and that the first bill hearing was expected be in April. He reported that staff has been working on a caucus letter to the State Water Board clarifying the intended use of the remaining Prop 68 funds for groundwater treatment and remediation and that former Assemblyman Ed Hernandez and Speaker Anthony Rendon have agreed to provide clarifications as well since they

were part of the bond's development. He lastly reported that extension of a federal continuing budget resolution was expected to be approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported thanked Mr. Gualco and Mr. Monares on their work with Prop 68. He reported that a legislative ADHOC meeting was scheduled for the following week. He indicated that the Division of Financial Assistance held a meeting on recycled and drinking water funding for stakeholders where he participated as a panelist on February 2nd. He noted that there was some discussion of providing additional funds for Proposition 1. He noted that a webinar for city officials was held on February 2, 2022. He lastly reported the policy 97-005 training workshop with the Coalition for Environmental Protection Restoration and Development and the Division of Drinking Water was held in January for regulators and there would now be training session on April 7th for all interested parties.

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 10am.

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 11:00am.

The next WQA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 12:00pm.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mr. Kuhn commented it might be a good idea to have a workshop for the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Legislative Committee on AB 2163 if ready. He also thanked staff for the workshop and thought it was very informative.

Mr. Whitehead thanked staff for the workshop and for all that attended today and made helpful comments. He also commended Mr. Schoellerman on his work on the policy 97-005 training workshop. He noted that it is one of the most significant and consequential matters in the basin because it is the process that allows us to use highly impaired sources for drinking water.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other items of business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned to March 16, 2022.

Valerie Munoz
Chairwoman

Bob Kuhn
Secretary

DRAFT

SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 8, 2022 AT 10:00 A.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, 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

Dave Michalko

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None.

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Kuhn

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Randy Schoellerman, Executive Director; Dan Colby, Assistant Executive Director/Senior Project Manager; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance; Michelle Sanchez, Admin/Accounting Assistant

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Brian Bowcock, Three Valleys MWD; Joe Martinez, Valley County Water District; Ralph Galvan, Valley County Water District; Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Discussion Regarding Board of Directors Cost of Living Adjustment ("COLA") for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Ms. Saenz reported each year at this time the Board considers a cost-of-living (CPI) adjustment for the daily stipend per WQA procedures. She reviewed with the Committee the relevant cost of living indicators and applicable CA Water Code requirements. She indicated that the CPI increases in Board Member stipends need to comply with the requirements of WQA Procedure No. 23 and the CA Water Code. She reviewed the CPI-U Table 4 that indicated that the CPI for January 2022 is 7.5%. Per Water Code Section 2022, the annual increase to Board compensation may not exceed 5% in a given year, therefore the CPI increase is limited to 5.0%.

She noted that if the Board elects to increase the daily stipend compensation by 5.00%, the rate will increase from \$149.43 to \$156.90.

She also reported that the Board has the option to increase compensation based on cumulative increases in the CPI from 2015 to 2022, which could be an increase of up to 20.80%, and could increase the daily stipend from \$149.43 to \$180.51.

Mr. Whitehead commented that he did not think it would be appropriate for the committee to make a recommendation to the Board and a discussion with the full Board should be had. He also commented that he did not think that now was a time for an increase.

Ms. Noriega agreed with Mr. Whitehead's comments and that the full Board should discuss this item. She also agreed that taking an increase would not be appropriate.

Mr. Paulson commented that he didn't think a \$10-\$15 would be scrutinized but did understand the concerns of fellow Committee members that were expressed.

Mr. Kuhn commented as a non-committee member that he would like to have the stipend rounded off to an even number to make for easier math, if changed.

After some discussion, the committee recommended that this item go to the full Board for discussion without a committee recommendation.

***Discussion Regarding Draft
Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023***

Ms. Saenz reported that the budget summary of the draft budget for FY 22/23 was being reviewed today. She indicated that the budgeted assessment is \$2,371,320, which is \$12/acre foot of prescriptive pumping rights. She reviewed various charts to show projections over the next few years.

Ms. Noriega asked what projects were referred to when estimating the increase in the use of assessments in the 23-24 fiscal year.

Ms. Saenz commented that the increase included the anticipated up to 50% match requirements for future Proposition 1 funding and the BPOU negotiations. She also noted that these costs were spread out over multiple years.

Mr. Whitehead asked if WQA would be sharing some of the legal costs with Watermaster for the BPOU negotiations.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the staff did anticipate sharing the BPOU negotiation legal costs with Watermaster.

Mr. Schoellerman indicated that should the WQA receive the

\$10M from the Restoration Fund the budget projections would be modified. He also noted that the Federal Funding Program Administration procedures would be updated and that staff would prepared recommendations about administering any funds received.

Mr. Whitehead commented that we can't anticipate what will happen, but the projections are helpful.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that discussions regarding the assessment cap adjustment continue. He noted that he met with the Water Association and indicated that they support AB 2163 if amended. Their position allows for support for the sunset date extension but to further the discussion on the assessment cap adjustment. He reported that the Water Association facilitated a workshop about the WQA for its members. The workshop was scheduled for the following day and would include a discussion about the proposed assessment cap adjustment and additional background on the WQA and its assessment approval process for the newer members in the basin.

He reported that AB 2163 was scheduled to be heard in committee on March 22, 2022, with only the extension language.

He reported that a Policy 97-005 training course has been scheduled for April 7, 2022. He indicated that anyone may attend, and the course will be hosted by the WQA along with the Department of Drinking Water. He noted that continuing education and legal education credits would be available.

He reported that the WQA office lease was up in June. He indicated that staff is working with its broker to look available office space as well as renewing the current lease.

Mr. Michalko thanked staff for the presentation and asked that the use of assessment projection charts be available for the workshop with the Water Association tomorrow. He also asked if the use of assessment projections with the anticipated \$10M in Restoration Funds be available as well.

Mr. Schoellerman commented that staff would be able to have the projections, but they would not include the anticipated Restoration Funds.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairwoman

Secretary

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SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 9, 2022 AT 11:00 A.M.

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CALL TO ORDER

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Kuhn and Robert Gonzales

WATERMASTER LIASON

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Valerie Munoz

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

None.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Randy Schoellerman, Executive Director; Dan Colby, Assistant Executive Director/Senior Project Manager; Stephanie Moreno, Executive Assistant/Public Outreach Coordinator; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance; Michelle Sanchez, Admin/Accounting Assistant

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Chris Lancaster, Civic Publications; Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group; Brian Bowcock, Three Valleys MWD; Brianne Logasa, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments; Irma Cooper, Interested Party; Steve Kiggins, San Gabriel Valley MWD

Public Comment

None.

Discussion Regarding Next Advertorial

Mr. Lancaster reported that the next advertorial would be in the Earth Day section in April followed by the Civic Leadership that would publish in mid-May. He indicated that he was working with Ms. Moreno to develop the message for the Earth Day ad. He noted that the ad in the Civic Leadership is typically a summary of the WQA's annual report.

Discussion Regarding AB 2163

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the bill was scheduled for a

(Rubio)- San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Act

committee hearing on March 22, 2022, and he will be available to testify if needed. He also noted that Three Valleys MWD and the San Gabriel Valley MWD have requested a sample letter of support.

Mr. Monares reported that a sample letter was currently being drafted and should have it ready to send out later in the day.

Mr. Kuhn commented that it might be good to have an elected Board Member attend the hearing along with staff.

Mr. Monares commented that the committee hearing will probably be done virtually.

Mr. Kuhn commented that he wanted to make sure that Assemblywoman Rubio knows she has all of our support.

Discussion Regarding AB 2449 (Rubio) – Enhancing Public Access Through Teleconferencing

Mr. Schoellerman reported that Three Valleys MWD has requested support for their bill AB 2449. He indicated that this was the same bill that they submitted the prior year.

Mr. Kuhn reported that the intention of the bill was to create more transparency and to allow for more people to be involved in public meetings.

After brief discussion, the committee recommended that a letter of support go to the full Board for approval.

Legislative Activities/Reports

Federal

Mr. Monares reported that there was \$10M in the current spending bill and staff would have to go through the process to ask for similar earmark for the following fiscal year. He also reported that staff was still working with local congressional leaders on getting the language amended in the Restoration Fund to extend the eligibility of treatment and remediation reimbursement for an additional 10 years for a total of 20 years.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that he presented a workshop to water association members earlier in the day that provided additional detail about proposed assessment cap modifications and information about WQA's assessment approval process.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kuhn 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

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The following demands on the Administration Fund Account at Bank of the West are hereby submitted for payment.

Check No.	Payable to	Description	Amount	
D01970	Bob Kuhn	Board Member Compensation for February 2022		
		5 Days WQA Business	747.15	
		Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other	15.21	
		Less Deferred Compensation	0.00	
		Less Taxes Withheld	(57.15)	705.21
D01971	Michael Whitehead	Board Member Compensation for February 2022		
		3 Days WQA Business	448.29	
		Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other	0.00	
		Less Deferred Compensation	0.00	
		Less Taxes Withheld	(34.29)	414.00
D01972	Ed Chavez	Board Member Compensation for February 2022		
		6 Days WQA Business	896.58	
		Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other	0.00	
		Less Deferred Compensation	0.00	
		Less Taxes Withheld	(68.59)	827.99
D01973	Valerie Munoz	Board Member Compensation for February 2022		
		6 Days WQA Business	896.58	
		Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other	0.00	
		Less Deferred Compensation	0.00	
		Less Taxes Withheld	(68.59)	827.99
D01974	Mark Paulson	Board Member Compensation for February 2022		
		1 Day WQA Business	149.43	
		Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other	0.00	
		Less Deferred Compensation	0.00	
		Less Taxes Withheld	(11.43)	138.00
D01975	Lynda Noriega	Board Member Compensation for February 2022		
		2 Days WQA Business	298.86	
		Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other	0.00	
		Less Deferred Compensation	0.00	
		Less Taxes Withheld	(22.86)	276.00
D01976	Robert Gonzales	Board Member Compensation for February 2022		
		6 Days WQA Business	896.58	
		Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other	0.00	
		Less Deferred Compensation	0.00	
		Less Taxes Withheld	(68.59)	827.99
EFT/ACH	SGBWQA - Payroll Fund	Replenish payroll fund		
		Staff Payroll - for February 2022	69,239.47	
		Board Payroll Taxes - Federal & State	663.00	69,902.47
		Total replenishment to payroll fund		73,919.65
EFT/ACH	SGBWQA - Revolving Fund	Replenish revolving fund for 2/01/22 to 2/28/22 disbursements		
		Group Insurance	1,482.59	
		Dues and Subscriptions	395.00	
		Office Supplies	301.51	
		Telephone Service	552.88	
		Plant & Water Service	248.08	
		Copier Machine	411.72	
		Computer Systems O&M	615.97	
		Project Costs	1,627.68	5,635.43

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The following demands on the Administration Fund Account at Bank of the West are hereby submitted for payment.

Check No.	Payable to	Description	Amount
E91448	ACWA/JPIA	Invoice No. 683033, Medical and life insurance premiums for April 1, 2022 to May 1, 2022	7,032.41
E91449	Accent Computer Solutions, Inc.	Invoice No. 150132, Professional IT services for March 2022	1,508.06
E91450	Bank of America	Invoice No. '22-02Feb-DC', Credit Card Expenses incurred for 2/01/22 to 2/28/22 Dues and Subscriptions - Software Sharefile 918.00 Meetings and Conferences 30.00	948.00
E91451	Bank of America	Invoice No. '22-02Feb-RS', Credit Card Expenses incurred for 2/01/22 to 2/28/22 Internet 29.95 Meetings & Conferences 1,550.00	1,579.95
E91452	Bank of America	Invoice No. '22-02Feb-SM', Credit card expenses incurred for 2/01/22 to 2/28/22 Dues and Subscriptions - Software Dropbox 600.00 Meetings and Conferences 30.00	630.00
E91453	CA Consulting Services, LLC	Invoice No. 2022-CA-WQA-02, Professional accounting services for February 2022 (Prop 68)	2,092.50
E91454	Civic Publications	Invoice No. 1703, Professional services for community outreach - Sustainable Living Publication	8,500.00
E91455	The Gualco Group	Invoice No '22-02Feb', Professional consulting services for February 2022	5,330.15
E91456	Kadesh & Associates, LLC	Invoice No. 3-22, Professional consulting services for February 2022	15,000.00
E91457	The Monares Group, LLC	Invoice No. '22-03Mar', Professional consulting services for March 2022	16,000.00
E91458	Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, LLP	Invoice No. 18558, Professional legal services for February 2022	950.00
E91459	Ruffle Properties, LLC	Office lease, CAM, and Storage for April 2022 Invoice No. '22-04Apr', Office lease 6,845.79 Invoice No. '22-04Apr-CAM', Electricity charges 643.20 Invoice No. '22-04Apr-Storage', Storage Room 150.00	7,638.99
E91460	Stetson Engineers Inc.	Professional services for Prop 68 grant implementation Invoice No. 1609-005-005, December 2021 2,386.50 Invoice No. 1609-005-006, January 2022 8,825.25	11,211.75
TOTAL			<u>157,976.89</u>



Water Quality Authority

EXPENSE SHEET

Board Member Per Diem
 \$149.43 per meeting, 6 meeting maximum per month
 Mileage Rate: \$0.585 per mile
 (as of 1/1/2002)

Per the requirements of AB1234, please attach back-up documentation (fliers, agendas, etc.) regarding meetings listed below. Alternatively, if no documentation is provided, AB1234 requires that a verbal report be provided at the next board meeting.

NAME: Bob Kuhn

Feb-22

DATE	MEETING	Roundtrip Mileage	# of Days (not to exceed 2)	\$149.43 PER DIEM
1 2/2/22	Workshop City Council Members / Go to WQA to sign bank cards and other	26.0	1	\$149.43
Meeting Description	Randy gave an update on the issues we are dealing with to different City Council Members. Go to the WQA to sign papers for the district.			
2 2/8/22	Finance Committee	0.0	1	\$149.43
Meeting Description	See the agenda for buisness discussed			
3 2/9/22	Legislative committee	0.0	1	\$149.43
Meeting Description				
4 2/16/22	Board meeting	0.0	1	\$149.43
Meeting Description	See the agenda for buisness discussed			
5 2/24/22	Meeting with Charlie Wilson	0.0	1	\$149.43
Meeting Description	Talked about the value of joining his group.			
6				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
Total Meetings			5	\$747.15
Total Mileage (at \$0.585 per mile)		26		\$15.21

DATE	Expense Reimbursement Description (receipts required)	Amount
	TOTAL Expenses	\$0.00

TOTAL MEETINGS, MILEAGE, EXPENSES **\$762.36**

TOTAL **\$762.36**

Please check box if AB1234 documentation is attached.

I hereby certify that I have attended all of the meetings listed above and I have incurred and paid all of the above expenses on behalf of the SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY



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EXPENSE SHEET

Board Member Per Diem
\$149.43 per meeting, 8 meeting maximum per month
Mileage Rate: \$0.585 per mile
Expires: January 2, 2022

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NAME: Michael Whitehead

MONTH/YEAR: Feb-22

DATE	MEETING	Roundtrip Mileage	# of Days (MAX PER MEETING)	\$149.43 PER DIEM
1 2/16/22	WQA Board Meeting	0.0	1	\$149.43
Meeting Description				
2 2/17/22	Meeting with Cong. Grace Napolitano and staff re: Status of SG Basin Restoration Fund appropriation	0.0	1	\$149.43
Meeting Description				
3 2/22/22	WQA Legislative AD HOC Committee Meeting	0.0	1	\$149.43
Meeting Description				
4				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
5				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
6				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
Total Meetings			3	\$448.29
Total Mileage (at \$0.585 per mile)		0		\$0.00

DATE	Expense Reimbursement Description (receipts required)	Amount
	TOTAL Expenses	\$0.00

TOTAL MEETINGS, MILEAGE, EXPENSES	\$448.29
TOTAL	\$448.29

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Board Member Per Diem
 \$149.43 per meeting, 6 meeting maximum per month
 Mileage Rate: \$0.585 per mile
 (updated January 2022)

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NAME: Edward L. Chavez

MONTH/YEAR: Feb-22

DATE	MEETING	Roundtrip Mileage	# of Days (not to exceed 6)	\$149.43 PER DIEM
1 2/1/22	City Council Meeting - City of San Gabriel		1	\$149.43
	Meeting Description			
2 2/2/22	Board of Directors' Meeting - Three Valleys Municipal Water District		1	\$149.43
	Meeting Description			
3 2/7/22	Finance & Insurance Committee - Metropolitan Water District of SC		1	\$149.43
	Meeting Description			
4 2/8/22	Legal & Claims Committee - Metropolitan Water District of SC		1	\$149.43
	Meeting Description			
5 2/14/22	Board of Directors' Meeting - San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water Dist		1	\$149.43
	Meeting Description			
6 2/16/22	Board Members' Meeting - San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		1	\$149.43
	Meeting Description			
Total Meetings			6	\$896.58
Total Mileage (at \$0.585 per mile)		0		\$0.00

DATE	Expense Reimbursement Description (receipts required)	Amount
TOTAL Expenses		\$0.00

TOTAL MEETINGS, MILEAGE, EXPENSES	\$896.58
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TOTAL	\$896.58
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EXPENSE SHEET

Board Member Per Diem
 \$148.43 per meeting, 6 meeting maximum per month
 Mileage Rate: \$0.56 per mile
 (updated July 2021)

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NAME: Valerie Munoz

MONTH/YEAR: Feb-22

DATE	MEETING	Roundtrip Mileage	# of Meetings	\$148.43 PER DIEM
1 2/2/22	WQA Special City Update Zoom		1	\$148.43
Meeting Description	Zoom WQA presentation and updates for local elected officials in the SGV			
2 2/3/22	WQA In office check signing and update		1	\$148.43
Meeting Description				
3 2/9/22	WQA Ledge and Pub Meeting		1	\$148.43
Meeting Description				
4 2/16/22	WQA Board Meeting		1	\$148.43
Meeting Description				
5 2/17/22	WQA Meeting with Congresswoman Grace Napolitano		1	\$148.43
Meeting Description	Zoom meeting with WQA staff, and Congresswoman Napolitano to discuss legislative agenda for the WQA			
6 2/24/22	SCWUA February 24th Meeting		1	\$148.43
Meeting Description	Leverage water sense for local water conservation and efficiency programs update			
Total Meetings			6	\$896.58
Total Mileage (at \$0.56 per mile)		0		\$0.00

DATE	Expense Reimbursement Description (receipts required)	Amount
	TOTAL Expenses	\$0.00

TOTAL MEETINGS, MILEAGE, EXPENSES	\$896.58
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TOTAL \$896.58

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Board Member Per Diem
 \$149.43 per meeting, 6 meeting maximum per month
 Mileage Rate: \$0.585 per mile
 (updated January 2022)

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NAME: Mark Paulson

MONTH/YEAR: Feb-22

DATE	MEETING	Roundtrip Mileage	# of Days	\$149.43 PER DIEM
1 2/16/22	Board Meeting		1	\$149.43
	Meeting Description			
2				\$0.00
	Meeting Description			
3				\$0.00
	Meeting Description			
4				\$0.00
	Meeting Description			
5				\$0.00
	Meeting Description			
6				\$0.00
	Meeting Description			
Total Meetings			1	\$149.43
Total Mileage (at \$0.585 per mile)		0		\$0.00

DATE	Expense Reimbursement Description (receipts required)	Amount
TOTAL Expenses		\$0.00

TOTAL MEETINGS, MILEAGE, EXPENSES	\$149.43
TOTAL	\$149.43

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Board Member Per Diem
 \$149.43 per meeting, 6 meeting maximum per month
 Mileage Rate: \$0.585 per mile
 (updated January 2022)

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NAME: Lynda Noriega MONTH/YEAR: Feb-22

DATE	MEETING	Roundtrip Mileage	# of Days <small>(not to exceed 5)</small>	\$149.43 PER DIEM
1 2/16/22	WQA Board of Directors Meeting		1	\$149.43
Meeting Description	Participate in workshop regarding WQA Act Extension and Review of Options for Pumping Right Assessment Limitation Adjustment, receive report from the Legislative/Public Information Committee, discuss and take action on membership renewal with the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership.			
2 2/22/22	WQA Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting		1	\$149.43
Meeting Description	Discuss current legislative strategies and initiatives at the Federal and State level.			
3				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
4				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
5				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
6				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
Total Meetings			2	\$298.86
Total Mileage (at \$0.585 per mile)		0		\$0.00

DATE	Expense Reimbursement Description (receipts required)	Amount
TOTAL Expenses		\$0.00

TOTAL MEETINGS, MILEAGE, EXPENSES	\$298.86
TOTAL	\$298.86

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Board Member Per Diem
 \$149.43 per meeting, 6 meeting maximum per month
 Mileage Rate: \$0.585 per mile
 (updated January 2022)

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TOUR OF BALDWIN PARK WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Per the requirements of AB1234, please attach back-up documentation (fliers, agendas, etc.) regarding meetings listed below. Alternatively, if no documentation is provided, AB1234 requires that a verbal report be provided at the next board meeting.

ROBERT GONZALES

Feb-22

DATE	MEETING	Roundtrip Mileage	# of Days (not to exceed 6)	\$149.43 PER DIEM
1 2/2/22	WQA- ELECTED OFFICIALS WEBINAR		1	\$149.43
	Meeting Description			
2 2/9/22	WQA- LEGISLATIVE MEETING		1	\$149.43
	Meeting Description			
3 2/15/22	CITY OF EL MONTE COUNCIL MEETING		1	\$149.43
	Meeting Description	Attended El Monte's council meeting, met with Mayor & councilmembers about setting up a presentation & introduce myself as new WQA Representative. CM wasn't not in attendance, so will look forward to doing future presentation in El Monte hopefully in next couple of months		
4 2/16/22	WQA- GENERAL MEETING		1	\$149.43
	Meeting Description			
5 2/17/22	MEETING WITH CONGRESSWOMAN NAPOLITANO'S OFFICE		1	\$149.43
	Meeting Description			
6 2/24/22	SCWUA FEB MEETING - EPA WATER SENSE		1	\$149.43
	Meeting Description			
Total Meetings			6	\$896.58
Total Mileage (at \$0.585 per mile)		0		\$0.00

DATE	Expense Reimbursement Description (receipts required)	Amount
TOTAL Expenses		\$0.00

TOTAL MEETINGS, MILEAGE, EXPENSES	\$896.58
TOTAL	\$896.58

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The following demands on the Project Fund Account and Trustee Account at Bank of the West are hereby submitted for payment.

Check No.	Payable to	Description	Amount	Funding Sources
<u>BALDWIN PARK OPERABLE UNIT</u>				
E91461	RC Foster Corporation	Invoice No. 02-22-007, Project costs for Spare parts for March 2022	755.02	CR's
<u>SOUTH EL MONTE OPERABLE UNIT</u>				
E91462	Avocet Environmental Inc.	Project costs for Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility and Site Investigation Project for February 2022		
		Invoice No. 6962 - Whitmore GW Treatment System	3,457.84	
		Invoice No. 6963 - Round 2 Prop 1 SGV Priority Sites	<u>30,320.06</u>	
			33,777.90	WQA/Prop 1
Total			<u><u>34,532.92</u></u>	

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The following demands on the Project Fund Account at Bank of the West are hereby submitted for payment. Pursuant to the BPOU Project Agreement Section 4.7 Payment of Invoices, the following invoices were approved by the BPOU Project Committee on March 3, 2022.

Check No.	Payable to	Description	Amount	Funding Sources
<u>BALDWIN PARK OPERABLE UNIT</u>				
E91463	La Puente Valley County WD	Invoice No. 4-2022-01 Project T&R costs for January 2022	158,671.96	CR's
E91464	Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster	Invoice No. 02-240, Administrative Project Costs for January 2022		
		Administrative costs	22,109.97	
		T&R costs	<u>18,124.29</u>	CR's
E91465	Suburban Water Systems	Invoice No. 59880122, Project T&R costs for January 2022	110,838.85	CR's
E91466	Valley County Water District	Project costs for January 2022		
		Invoice No. 457, T&R costs	310,690.15	
		Invoice No. 458, T&R costs	<u>60,668.86</u>	CR's
E91467	California Domestic Water Co.	Project costs for January 2022		
		Invoice No. 3533, T&R costs for Perchlorate	20,590.20	
		Invoice No. 3534, T&R costs for NDMA & VOC's	<u>60,403.60</u>	CR's
E91468	San Gabriel Valley Water Co.	Project costs for December 2021		
		Invoice No. 22043, B5 T&R costs	283,634.36	
		Invoice No. 22050, B5 T&R costs - Refurbish B5b Motor	11,281.88	
		Invoice No. 22051, B5 T&R costs - Refurbish 400hp Motor for B5E	3,129.73	
		Invoice No. 22044, B6 T&R costs	549,765.68	
		Invoice No. 22048, B6 Capital costs - UV Flex Treatment	5,723.96	
		Invoice No. 22049, B6 T&R costs - Install Dual Pressure Switches	11,173.02	
		Invoice No. 22052, B6 T&R costs - Purchase Spare Acid Pump	<u>1,947.96</u>	CRs
Total			<u>1,628,754.47</u>	

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-004

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY PROCLAIMING THE PERSISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY, AFFIRMING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATEWIDE STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM ON MARCH 4, 2020 AND AUTHORIZING, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E), THE ONGOING TELECONFERENCING OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND OTHER BODIES OF THE AUTHORITY SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS FROM MARCH 21, 2022

WHEREAS, the governing board (“Board”) of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (“Authority”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board and other bodies of the Authority subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950-54963) (“Brown Act”); and

WHEREAS, all meetings of bodies subject to the Brown Act must be open and public so that any member of the public may view the proceedings and be given an opportunity to offer public comment; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361 which allows members of public agency governing bodies to continue participating remotely for meetings under the relaxed teleconferencing procedures first established by Governor Newsom’s executive orders; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 amends Government Code section 54953 which sets forth the procedures that must be followed in order for public agencies to avail themselves of such relaxed teleconferencing procedures; and

WHEREAS, among the conditions is the requirement that a state of emergency be declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the Authority’s boundaries, caused by natural, technological or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in response to the rising cases of COVID-19 throughout the state of California; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (“LACDPH”) declared a local emergency and local public health emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19 throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, since the declaration of emergency by LACDPH, LACDPH has issued a series of Health Officer Orders containing mandates and recommendations for keeping individuals safe and preventing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the most recent Health Officer Order, issued by LACDPH on September 17, 2021, states that all individuals and businesses are strongly urged to follow the LACDPH Best Practice Guidance, containing health and safety recommendations for COVID-19; the LACDPH Best Practice Guidance for individuals titled “COVID-19: Reducing Risk, Keeping Safe & Preventing Spread,” in a section titled “How to Reduce the Risk of COVID-19,” states “Keep your distance. Use two arms lengths as your guide (about 6 feet) for social distancing with people outside your household when you are not sure they are fully vaccinated”; and the LACDPH Best Practices to Prevent COVID-19, Guidance for Businesses and Employers, in a section titled “Maintain healthy business operations,” recommends implementation of policies and practices that support physical distancing, stating, “Whenever possible, take steps to reduce crowding indoors and enable employees and customers to physically distance from each other. Generally, at least 6 feet of distance is recommended, although not a guarantee of safety, especially in enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces.”; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 requires legislative bodies that conduct teleconferenced meetings under its relaxed and abbreviated teleconferencing procedures to give notice of the meeting and post agendas, as described, to allow members of the public to access the meeting and address the legislative body, to give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment, including an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option, and to conduct the meeting in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 requires the legislative body take no further action on agenda items when there is a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency’s control which prevents members of the public from offering public comments, until public access is restored; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 prohibits the legislative body from requiring public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and specifies that the legislative body must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 prohibits the legislative body from closing the public comment period and the opportunity to register to provide public comment, until the public comment period has elapsed or until a reasonable amount of time has elapsed, as specified; and

WHEREAS, the Board meetings and meetings of certain other subordinate bodies of the Authority are open and public, as required by the Brown Act, so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the Board or such bodies conduct business; and

WHEREAS, the Authority finds that the continuing spread of COVID-19 and its variants throughout the nation and in the greater Los Angeles region justifies the ongoing implementation of social distancing and other infection control measures, including the conduct of remote meetings under the relaxed teleconferencing rules set forth under AB361;

WHEREAS, the Authority posts COVID-19 safety measures throughout its office and requires all staff and visitors to wear masks and maintain social distancing guidelines;

WHEREAS, in light of the continuing State declaration of emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the continuing recommendation by Los Angeles County Public Health officials of measures to promote social distancing, and the imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees at meetings conducted in person due to the spread of COVID-19, the Board desires to make the findings required by AB 361 to allow the Board and all other bodies of the Authority that are subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under AB 361's relaxed and abbreviated teleconferencing procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Incorporation and Adoption of Findings. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

SECTION 2. Affirmation that Local Emergency Persists. The Board hereby considers the conditions of the state of emergency in the County and the State and acknowledges and affirms the ongoing existence of a Statewide and local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and finds that local officials, specifically, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, has continued to recommend social distancing and other infection control measures.

SECTION 3. Re-ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby acknowledges and affirms the Governor's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

SECTION 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, continuing to conduct open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of

the Brown Act.

SECTION 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective for a period of thirty (30) calendar days from its effective date in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e).

SECTION 6. Severability. All portions of this Resolution are severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Board hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution, and each section, subsection, phrase or clause thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, phrases or clauses be declared unconstitutional on their face or as applied.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority at the regular meeting of this 16TH day of March 2022.

Valerie Munoz
Chairwoman

Bob Kuhn
Secretary



San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

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AGENDA SUBMITTAL

To: WQA Board of Directors
From: Randy Schoellerman, Executive Director
Date: March 16, 2022
Subject: **Board of Directors Cost-of-Living Adjustment (“COLA”) for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Summary

Each year at this time, the Board considers a cost-of-living (CPI) adjustment for the daily stipend per WQA procedures. Staff presented this on March 8 to the Administrative / Finance Committee, and the Committee referred it to the full Board for discussion.

Discussion

CPI increases in Board Member stipends need to comply with the requirements of WQA Procedure No. 23 and the CA Water Code. The attached CPI-U Table 4 indicates that the CPI for January 2022 is 7.5%. Per Water Code Section 20202, the annual increase to Board compensation may not exceed 5%, therefore the CPI increase is limited to 5.0%.

If the Board elects to increase the stipend by 5.00%, the rate will increase from \$149.43 to \$156.90.

The Board also has the option to increase the stipend based on cumulative increases from 2015 to 2022, which could be an increase of up to 20.80%, and could increase the board fees from \$149.43 to \$180.51.

For any proposed increase, the Board needs to approve an ordinance at a noticed public hearing pursuant to the CA Water Sections noted below.

Background

WQA Procedure No. 23 provides that each Board Member receive a daily stipend for services rendered for WQA. Under subsection H of the procedure, the Board may increase the Daily Stipend by an amount equal to the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the annual Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (“CPI-U”), Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim area.

CA Water Code Section 20202: Increases to the amount of compensation may not exceed 5 percent for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment of the compensation. The last increase to the daily stipend was \$1.19 (0.8%) and was effective 7/1/2014.

CA Water Code Section 20203: Requires that any ordinance to establish or increase the compensation rate for Board Members must be approved at a public hearing with prior published notice pursuant to Government Code Section 6066.

CA Water Code Section 20204: An ordinance adopted pursuant to Section 20201 shall only become effective after the passage of 60 days from the date of its final passage.

Recommendation

Discuss options for cost-of-living increase to Board compensation.

Attachments

Excerpt from Consumer Price Index for January 2022 – Table 4

Schedule of Board Fee Increases from September 1, 2006 to July 1, 2021

Excerpt from Administrative Procedures 23 –Part III, Section H “Increases to Daily Stipend”

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index, January 2022
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Area	Pricing Schedule ¹	Percent change to Jan. 2022 from:			Percent change to Dec. 2021 from:		
		Jan. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2020	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021
U.S. city average.....	M	7.5	1.2	0.8	7.0	0.8	0.3
Region and area size²							
Northeast.....	M	6.3	1.0	0.8	5.9	0.8	0.2
Northeast - Size Class A.....	M	5.7	1.1	1.0	5.0	0.5	0.1
Northeast - Size Class B/C ³	M	7.0	0.8	0.5	7.0	1.0	0.3
New England ⁴	M	6.6	1.3	0.9	6.2	1.3	0.4
Middle Atlantic ⁴	M	6.1	0.9	0.7	5.8	0.6	0.1
Midwest.....	M	7.9	1.1	0.8	7.5	0.7	0.3
Midwest - Size Class A.....	M	7.4	0.9	0.6	6.9	0.7	0.3
Midwest - Size Class B/C ³	M	8.2	1.1	0.9	7.9	0.7	0.2
East North Central ⁴	M	7.9	1.2	0.9	7.5	0.8	0.3
West North Central ⁴	M	7.9	0.8	0.6	7.7	0.6	0.2
South.....	M	7.8	1.2	0.9	7.4	0.8	0.3
South - Size Class A.....	M	7.7	1.5	0.9	7.3	1.1	0.6
South - Size Class B/C ³	M	7.8	1.1	0.9	7.4	0.6	0.2
South Atlantic ⁴	M	7.9	1.4	1.0	7.5	0.9	0.5
East South Central ⁴	M	6.9	0.5	0.7	7.1	0.2	-0.2
West South Central ⁴	M	7.8	1.1	0.8	7.4	0.8	0.3
West.....	M	7.7	1.3	0.9	7.1	0.9	0.4
West - Size Class A.....	M	7.4	1.3	0.9	6.8	1.0	0.4
West - Size Class B/C ³	M	8.1	1.2	0.9	7.4	0.9	0.3
Mountain ⁴	M	9.0	1.3	0.7	8.6	1.2	0.6
Pacific ⁴	M	7.3	1.2	0.9	6.5	0.8	0.3
Size classes							
Size Class A ⁵	M	7.1	1.2	0.9	6.5	0.9	0.4
Size Class B/C ³	M	7.8	1.1	0.8	7.5	0.8	0.3
Selected local areas							
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI.....	M	6.8	1.3	0.9	6.6	0.7	0.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA.....	M	7.5	1.5	1.1	6.6	1.0	0.4
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA.....	M	5.1	0.9	1.1	4.4	0.1	-0.2
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA.....	2				9.8	1.9	
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD ⁶	2				8.0	1.8	
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI.....	2				7.0	1.1	
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX.....	2				6.6	0.7	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL.....	2				7.1	1.2	
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD.....	2				6.6	0.9	
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ ⁷	2				9.7	1.7	
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA.....	2				4.2	0.8	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA.....	2				7.6	0.6	
St. Louis, MO-IL.....	2				8.3	0.8	
Urban Alaska.....	2				7.2	0.4	
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH.....	1	6.3	1.6				
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX.....	1	7.8	1.6				
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO.....	1	7.9	1.4				
Minneapolis-St.Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI.....	1	7.2	0.7				
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA ⁴	1	8.6	1.5				
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA.....	1	8.2	2.0				
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL ⁸	1	9.6	2.4				
Urban Hawaii.....	1	6.0	0.9				
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV ⁶	1	6.0	0.9				

¹ Foods, fuels, and several other items are priced every month in all areas. Most other goods and services are priced as indicated: M - Every month. 1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November. 2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

² Regions defined as the four Census regions.

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 2017=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ 1998 - 2017 indexes based on substantially smaller sample.

⁷ Indexes on a December 2001=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a 1987=100 base.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority
Schedule of Board Fee Increases to Date and Potential Increase for FY 22/23

<u>Options for Board Fee Increase</u>			
Current Board fee rate =	\$149.43		\$149.43
		with a range of	
		potential increases up	
		to	
Increase	5.00%		20.80%
Potential Board fees	\$156.90		\$180.51

Explanation of Options for Board Fee Increase

Board Members receive a fee for each meeting they attend, up to a maximum of six meetings per month, in accordance with WQA Policy No. 23. Board fees and increases were initially established by Ordinance 2006-1. The following is a schedule of board fees and the increases received since Ordinance 2006-1 was established. In the past 14 years, the Board has refused all but three increases - see below. Per CA Water Code Section 20200 " the increase may not exceed an amount equal to 5% for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment of the compensation which is received when the ordinance is adopted. WQA's Policy No. 23 further limits the increase to the January CPI-U or 5%, whichever is less. The last adjustment for compensation was 7/1/14; therefore any increase is limited to the cumulative CPI for FY 15/16 to FY 20/21.

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>JAN CPI</u>
09/01/06	\$138.26	<i>Rate set per Ordinance 2006-1</i>		
07/01/07	\$142.68	\$4.42	3.2%	3.2%
07/01/08	\$148.24	\$5.56	3.9%	3.9%
07/01/09	\$148.24			-0.6%
07/01/10	\$148.24			1.8%
07/01/11	\$148.24			1.8%
07/01/12	\$148.24			2.1%
07/01/13	\$148.24			2.0%
07/01/14	\$149.43	\$1.19	0.8%	0.8%
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07/01/15	\$149.43			-0.1%
07/01/16	\$149.43			3.1%
07/01/17	\$149.43			2.1%
07/01/18	\$149.43			3.5%
07/01/19	\$149.43			3.2%
07/01/20	\$149.43			3.1%
07/01/21	\$149.43			0.9%
Summary of CPI since last increase in 2014 =				15.8%
January 2022 CPI =		7.50%	Maximum allowed increase = 5.0%	
			Total Potential increase = 20.8%	

EXCERPT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE No. 23
BOARD MEMBER REIMBURSEMENT, COMPENSATION AND ETHICS TRAINING:
Last amended on June 2018

Excerpt from Part III, Section H

Increases to the Daily Stipend. Subject to the procedures and restrictions set forth under Water Code Sections 20200 through 20204* and Water Code Section 71255 as the same may be amended from time to time, the Board, no more than once each fiscal year, may take action to increase the Daily Stipend by an amount equal to the lesser of the following:

- (i) the annual percentage change in the January Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los-Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim CA area, Consumer Price Index, All Items, 1982-84=100 for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U); or
- (ii) five percent (5%) for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment.

Such increases shall not take effect until the later of the following: (i) July 1st of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in which the increase is finally adopted by the Board; or (ii) 60 calendar days from the date the increase is finally adopted by the Board. The foregoing notwithstanding and pursuant to Water Code Appendix Section 134-512, in no event may the amount of the Daily Stipend exceed the amount set for members of the governing boards of municipal water districts as the amount may be calculated pursuant to Water Code Sections 20202 and 71255.

*Water Code Section 20203 provides that no ordinance to increase compensation shall be adopted except following a public hearing. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Government Code Section 6066. Government Code Section 6066 provides that publication pursuant to its provisions shall be once a week for two successive weeks. Government Code Section 6066 also states that two publications in a newspaper published once a week or more often, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences upon the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the 14th day, including therein the first day.



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AGENDA SUBMITTAL

To: WQA Board of Directors
From: Randy Schoellerman, Executive Director
Date: March 16, 2022
Subject: **Letter of Support for AB 2449 (Rubio) – Enhanced Public Access Through Teleconferencing**

Background

As part of his response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued a series of Executive Orders to expand public access to meetings of local agencies by suspending some of the restrictions on teleconferencing. The effect was the expanded use of teleconferencing for meetings of a legislative body, resulting in enhanced meeting access and increased participation by the public.

Summary

The Three Valleys Municipal Water District sponsored AB 2449, which would eliminate the previously existing concept of teleconference locations and will revise notice requirements to allow for greater public participation in teleconference meetings of local agencies. The bill does not require teleconferencing, rather, it modernizes existing law to ensure greater public participation in meetings of the legislative bodies of local agencies who choose to utilize teleconferencing.

AB 2449 would require that a quorum of the governing body be physically present at a clearly identified meeting location for all public meetings. The bill also expresses legislative intent to improve and enhance public access to local agency meetings, consistent with the digital age, by allowing broader access through the teleconferencing options relevant to AB 361, on a consistent, ongoing basis outside of a declared emergency.

Recommendation / Proposed Action

The Legislative/Public Information Committee has reviewed the bill and recommended approval of a letter of support for AB 2449.

Attachment:

AB 2449 Background Sheet
Draft Letter of Support

Background Sheet

AB 2449 (Rubio, B)

Enhancing Public Access Through Teleconferencing

BACKGROUND

As part of his response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued a series of Executive Orders to expand public access to meetings of local agencies by suspending some of the restrictions on teleconferencing. The effect was the expanded use of teleconferencing for meetings of a legislative body, resulting in enhanced meeting access and increased participation by the public.

PROBLEM

Recently enacted AB 361 allows for the teleconference provisions detailed in the Executive Orders to continue during a period of emergency declaration. However, once an emergency declaration has ended, local agencies will again be required to comply with antiquated provisions of existing law, making it potentially more difficult to hold meetings of the legislative body by teleconference. While current law does allow for “teleconference locations” under normal circumstances, it requires various actions be taken at the teleconference locations and fails to recognize in the modern digital age that a teleconference location is wherever there is a person with a computer, a tablet, or even a mobile phone.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

AB 2449 will eliminate the previously existing concept of teleconference locations and will revise notice requirements to allow for greater public participation in teleconference meetings of local agencies. The bill does not require teleconferencing, rather, it modernizes existing law to ensure greater public participation in meetings of the legislative bodies of local agencies who choose to utilize teleconferencing.

AB 2449 would require that a quorum of the governing body be physically present at a clearly identified meeting location for all public meetings. The bill also expresses legislative intent to improve and enhance public access to local agency meetings, consistent with the digital age, by allowing broader access through the teleconferencing options relevant to AB 361, on a consistent, ongoing basis outside of a declared emergency.

SPONSOR

- Three Valleys Municipal Water District

SUPPORT

- Three Valleys Municipal Water District
- Public Water Agency Group
- San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
- Southern California Water Coalition

OPPOSITION

- None on File

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March 10, 2022

Assembly Member Blanca Rubio
California State Assembly
1021 O Street
State Capitol, Suite 5140
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0048

RE: Assembly Bill 2449 (Rubio) – Support [As Introduced]

Dear Assembly Member Rubio:

The San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority is pleased to support your Assembly Bill 2449, related to enhancing public access through teleconferencing in a public meeting setting.

As part of his response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom originally issued a series of Executive Orders to expand public access to meetings of local agencies by suspending some of the restrictions on teleconferencing. The effect was an expanded use of teleconferencing for meetings of the legislative body, resulting in enhanced public access and increased participation by the public.

The expiration of the Executive Orders immediately gave way to the new AB 361, essentially allowing for the teleconference provisions detailed in the Executive Orders to continue during a period of emergency declaration. However, once an emergency declaration has ended, local agencies will again be required to comply with antiquated provisions of existing law, making it potentially more difficult to hold meetings of the legislative body by teleconference. While current law does allow for “teleconference locations” under normal circumstances, it requires various actions to be taken at the teleconference locations and fails to recognize in the digital age that a teleconference location is wherever there is a person with a computer, a tablet, or even a mobile phone.

AB 2449 will eliminate the previously existing concept of teleconference locations and will revise notice requirements to allow for greater public participation in teleconference meetings of local agencies. The bill does not require teleconferencing, rather it modernizes existing law to ensure greater public participation in meetings of the legislative bodies of local agencies who choose to utilize teleconferencing. Similarly, in acknowledgement of the critical importance of maintaining transparency and accountability, the bill requires that a quorum of the governing body be physically present at a clearly identified meeting location for all public meetings.

For these reasons, The San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority is pleased to support your Assembly Bill 2449 (Rubio). If you have questions about our position or would like to discuss further, you may contact me at 626-338-5555 or randy@wqa.com.

Sincerely,

Randy Schoellerman, P.E
Executive Director
San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

cc: The San Gabriel Valley Caucus
Kirk Howie, Three Valleys Municipal Water District (khowie@tvmwd.com)
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Calendars

- SGVMWD
- TVMWD
- USGVMWD
- WM
- WQA

Mar 11 - Jun 10, 2022

Wednesday Mar 16, 2022

- 8:00am - 10:30am [TVMWD Board Meeting](#)
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm [WQA Board Meeting](#)
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm [WM Administrative Committee Mtg](#)

Wednesday Mar 23, 2022

- 8:00am - 9:00am [USGVMWD Board Meeting](#)

Thursday Mar 24, 2022

- 11:30am - 1:00pm [SCWUA Meeting](#)

Monday Mar 28, 2022

- 10:00am - 11:30am [SGVWA Leg. Committee Meeting](#)
- 11:30am - 1:00pm [SGVWA Board Meeting](#)

Monday Apr 4, 2022

- 4:00pm - 5:00pm [USGVMWD Gov Affairs Committee Meeting](#)

Tuesday Apr 5, 2022

- 4:00pm - 5:00pm [USGVMWD Admin & Finance Committee meeting](#)

Wednesday Apr 6, 2022

- 8:00am - 10:30am [TVMWD Board Meeting](#)
- 2:30pm - 3:30pm [Watermaster Board Meeting](#)
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm [USGVMWD Water Resources & Facility Management Committee](#)

Tuesday Apr 12, 2022

- 10:00am - 11:00am [WQA Admin/Finance Committee](#)

Wednesday Apr 13, 2022

- 8:00am - 9:00am [USGVMWD Board Meeting](#)
- 11:00am - 12:00pm [WQA Leg/Pub Committee](#)
- 1:30pm - 3:00pm [WM Basin Watermaster Committee Mtg](#)

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Wednesday Apr 20, 2022

8:00am - 10:30am [TVMWD Board Meeting ↻](#)

12:00pm - 1:00pm [WQA Board Meeting ↻](#)

1:30pm - 2:30pm [WM Administrative Committee Mtg ↻](#)

Monday Apr 25, 2022

10:00am - 11:30am [SGVWA Leg. Committee Meeting ↻](#)

11:30am - 1:00pm [SGVWA Board Meeting ↻](#)

Wednesday Apr 27, 2022

8:00am - 9:00am [USGVMWD Board Meeting ↻](#)

Monday May 2, 2022

4:00pm - 5:00pm [USGVMWD Gov Affairs Committee Meeting ↻](#)

Tuesday May 3, 2022

4:00pm - 5:00pm [USGVMWD Admin & Finance Committee meeting ↻](#)

Wednesday May 4, 2022

8:00am - 10:30am [TVMWD Board Meeting ↻](#)

2:30pm - 3:30pm [Watermaster Board Meeting ↻](#)

4:00pm - 5:00pm [USGVMWD Water Resources & Facility Management Committee ↻](#)

Tuesday May 10, 2022

10:00am - 11:00am [WQA Admin/Finance Committee ↻](#)

Wednesday May 11, 2022

8:00am - 9:00am [USGVMWD Board Meeting ↻](#)

11:00am - 12:00pm [WQA Leg/Pub Committee ↻](#)

1:30pm - 3:00pm [WM Basin Watermaster Committee Mtg ↻](#)

Wednesday May 18, 2022

8:00am - 10:30am [TVMWD Board Meeting ↻](#)

12:00pm - 1:00pm [WQA Board Meeting ↻](#)

1:30pm - 2:30pm [WM Administrative Committee Mtg](#)

Monday May 23, 2022

10:00am - 11:30am [SGVWA Leg. Committee Meeting](#)

11:30am - 1:00pm [SGVWA Board Meeting](#)

Wednesday May 25, 2022

8:00am - 9:00am [USGVMWD Board Meeting](#)

Wednesday Jun 1, 2022

8:00am - 10:30am [TVMWD Board Meeting](#)

2:30pm - 3:30pm [Watermaster Board Meeting](#)

4:00pm - 5:00pm [USGVMWD Water Resources & Facility Management Committee](#)

Monday Jun 6, 2022

4:00pm - 5:00pm [USGVMWD Gov Affairs Committee Meeting](#)

Tuesday Jun 7, 2022

4:00pm - 5:00pm [USGVMWD Admin & Finance Committee meeting](#)

Wednesday Jun 8, 2022

8:00am - 9:00am [USGVMWD Board Meeting](#)

11:00am - 12:00pm [WQA Leg/Pub Committee](#)

1:30pm - 3:00pm [WM Basin Watermaster Committee Mtg](#)

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