

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
APRIL 20, 2022 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, 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; Steve Kiggins, San Gabriel Valley MWD; Mike Phillips, California American Water; Garry Hofer, California American Water
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED	None.
PUBLIC HEARING	Mr. Chavez enters the meeting.
<i>“Ordinance 2022-1 – Board Member Compensation Increase”</i>	Mr. Padilla reported that according to Water Code §§ 20200-20207, in order to increase above \$100 per day the compensation paid to Board Members for attendance at a WQA approved activity, those sections require the adoption of an ordinance at a noticed public hearing (requiring 14 days advance notice). He indicated that the draft ordinance that is up for consideration today proposes that the members of the

Board of Directors each shall receive a director fee of \$150.00 per day for each day of service rendered, subject to the procedures and policies of San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Administrative Procedure No. 23.

The new ordinance shall not take effect until the later of the following: (a) July 1st of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in which the increase is finally adopted by the Board; or (b) 60 calendar days from the date the increase is finally adopted by the Board.

Ms. Munoz asked if there were any comments or received prior to the meeting.

Ms. Moreno indicated that no comments were received.

Ms. Munoz opened the public hearing to receive comments on Ordinance 2022-1. There being no comments the public hearing was closed.

WORKSHOP

“Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2022/2023”

Ms. Saenz reported that the WQA is holding its second Budget Workshop today. She noted that the first Budget Workshop was presented on April 12, 2022 at the WQA Administrative / Finance Committee meeting. She indicated that any changes or comments received after today’s Budget Workshop would be reviewed at the May 10, 2022 Administrative/Finance Committee meeting, with any updates incorporated into the budget and presented to the Board at the regular WQA Board Meeting on May 18, 2022. She anticipated that the budget will be adopted on May 20, 2022. She reported that the Budget Workshop presentation will include a discussion of the WQA Reserve Fund Policy and the effect that the FY 22/23 Budget will have on the annual assessment level necessary to fund WQA’s operations.

Mr. Kuhn asked how far back do you go on the 5/15/22 request for Prop 68.

Ms. Saenz indicated that the 5/15/22 request will cover the period from July 2018 to June 2021.

Mr. Whitehead asked regarding the project allocation costs, how do you get the 38% back in the BPOU, and do you make note of who objects to the invoices and follow up at a committee meeting.

Ms. Saenz commented that staff invoices the BPOU participants monthly through the billing process as defined in the BPOU agreement.

Ms. Noriega commented that the Federal award of \$10M was not included in this budget and wanted to know if it would affect the next budget.

Ms. Saenz indicated that the \$10M should affect the both the next budget.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS:

Ms. Noriega abstained from Project Demand No. E91491 and Mr. Whitehead abstained from Project Demand No. E91492.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee Report

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

Discussion Regarding 1st Quarter 2022 Cash Report

Ms. Saenz reviewed the quarterly report on cash and investments as of March 31, 2022. She reported that the WQA holds its investment funds at the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). The average monthly effective yield for the Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA)/LAIF for January, February and March 2022 is 0.234%, 0.278% and 0.365%, respectively. She noted that the PMIA quarter to date rate is .29%, as shown on the PMIA daily effective yield schedule. The LAIF quarterly rate for January through March 2022 has not yet been issued.

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 Ordinance No. 2022-1 – Board Member Compensation Increase

Mr. Schoellerman reported that at the March 16, 2022, WQA Board Meeting the Board of Directors voted to increase the daily per diem from \$149.43 to \$150.00 per day. Therefore, the procedures set forth in Water Code §§ 20200-20207 must be followed. The increase would be effective July 1, 2022.

Mr. Paulson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-1, Board Member Compensation Increase. Mr. Kuhn seconded the

motion and it was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

PROJECT REPORTS

Mr. Colby reported that the Department of Drinking Water has put the Chromium 6 MCL back at 10ppb and it out for comments. He indicated that for the Prop 1 site investigation there were a total of 3 sites completed and staff is working on another two sites finishing up in May. WQA has been invited to submitted full implementation proposals for both WQA's existing Prop 1 planning grants and applications are due July 15th. He reported that there was a SEMOU technical meeting this week where they discussed the transfer of the SEMOU remedy from EPA to DTSC in May of 2023. Both agencies have agreed to have agreed to keep WQA updated on the progress of this transfer.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Monares reported that AB 2163 was waiting for a hearing date in the Assembly Appropriations Committee and staff was collecting support letters. He reported that the letter from the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus went to the State Water Board regarding the original intent of the language of Prop 68 when it was first drafted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that support letters for our federal funding request for fiscal year 2023 are coming in. He indicated that staff is working with the Bureau Reclamation to obtain the \$10M appropriated to the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund for fiscal year 2022 and that staff would be coming to the Board to with WQA's Federal Funding Program Administration guidelines for consideration with a possibly release this summer. He reported that Assemblymember Rubio was still considering adding WQA's assessment cap adjustment to AB2163. He indicated that the WQA office was to expire at the end of June and staff was working with the property management on a new lease and also looking at other comparable options. He reported that the Water Forum partners met and have tentative set a date for the next forum to take place in April of 2023. He also reported that the WQA along with the Division of Drinking Water held a training course on 97-005 permitting. He noted that there were 136 attendees and indicated that it was well received. He lastly reported that Earth Day was this Friday and that the WQA will have an ad in the special publication that will be included in the

Los Angeles Times and the San Gabriel Valley News Papers.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

**FUTURE BOARD AND
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

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

The next WQA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 12:00pm.

**BOARD MEMBERS'
COMMENTS/
REPORTS**


Mr. Whitehead commended Ms. Saenz and staff on the budget and mitigating the assessment and the projected increase. He noted that it is appreciated by the producers.

Mr. Paulson asked if Mr. Colby's former position would be filled.

Mr. Schoellerman commented that he hopes to bring this up for consideration soon.

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 May 18, 2022.



Valerie Munoz
Chairwoman



Bob Kuhn
Secretary