

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 15, 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, Brian Bowcock (alternate for Bob Kuhn), Lynda Noriega, Mark Paulson
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Bob Kuhn and Mike Whitehead
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; Christy Canieda, Vasquez and Co.; Rhoda Dollaga, Vasquez and Co.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED	None.
ELECTION OF WQA REPRESENTATIVE FOR CITIES WITH PUMPING RIGHTS	Ms. Moreno presented the election results. She reported that Mr. Gonzales from the city of Azusa received 16 votes and Mr. Marquez from the city of Covina received 14 votes. Therefore, Mr. Gonzales is the WQA Board Member representing cities with pumping rights and Mr. Marquez is the Alternate Board Member representing cities with pumping rights. She noted that Mr. Gonzales' 4-year term would begin on January 3, 2022.
PRESENTATION	
<i>"Presentation on Audited</i>	Ms. Christy Canieda presented a detailed summary of audit

***Financial Statements for Fiscal
Year Ending June 30, 2021”***

results and reported an unmodified opinion. She noted that they found no material weaknesses, deficiencies or non-compliance material to the financial statements.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: MUNOZ, PAULSON, MARQUEZ, BOWCOCK,
NORIEGA

NO: NONE

ABSENT: KUHN and WHITEHEAD

ABSTENTIONS:

Ms. Noriega abstained from Project Demand Nos. E91381.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Schoellerman reported that there were no regular committee meetings held in December, however, the Legislative ADHOC committee did meet. He reported that the ADHOC committee discussed WQA's legislative priorities with our WQA's federal lobbyist, which included an increase in the authorization for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund and to extend the funding limit regarding treatment and remediation beyond 10 years. He noted that the committee also discussed WQA's sunset date, its assessment cap, and the status of the remaining Prop 68 funds.

Ms. Noriega asked if the Chairwoman would be replacing Mr. Marquez on the ADHOC committee and if so, she would be interested in being the considered.

Ms. Munoz reported that at the January Board meeting she will appoint a member to the ADHOC committee to replace Mr. Marquez.

**OTHER
ACTION/INFORMATION
ITEMS**

***Discussion/Action Regarding
Draft of Audited Financial
Statements for the Fiscal Year
Ended June 30, 2021***

Mr. Marquez moved to approve the Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal year Ended June 30, 2021. Ms. Munoz seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: MUNOZ, PAULSON, MARQUEZ, BOWCOCK,
NORIEGA

NO: NONE

ABSENT: KUHN and WHITEHEAD

***Draft San Gabriel Groundwater
Quality Management and
Remediation Plan “§406 Plan” for
2022***

Mr. Schoellerman reported that Section 406 of WQA’s enabling act requires the WQA to develop and adopt a basinwide groundwater quality management and remediation plan. He indicated that the plan includes a characterization of the contamination, comprehensive cleanup plan, summary of financing available, description of public outreach efforts and a discussion about the roles of other agencies in which WQA interacts with to facilitate basin cleanup efforts. He noted that staff reviewed policy statement for 2022 and recommended no changes.

Mr. Colby reviewed some of the updates that were made to the plan.

Mr. Schoellerman noted that each year staff updates the §406 Plan and releases it for public comment prior to the Board adopting it.

***Open of 30-day Public Comment
Period***

Ms. Noriega moved to open the 30-day public comment period. Mr. Paulson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: MUNOZ, PAULSON, MARQUEZ, BOWCOCK,
NORIEGA

NO: NONE

ABSENT: KUHN and WHITEHEAD

PROJECT REPORTS

Mr. Colby reported that staff has executed all but one of the Prop 68 funding agreements. He indicated that the first payment requests will be submitted in February 2022.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Monares thanked Mr. Marquez for his service on the WQA Board.

He reported that Congress has been discussing the debt ceiling but didn’t think it would be an issue for the WQA. He indicated that the FY22 bills should start moving again soon. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S
REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that state guidelines for the allocations from the infrastructure bill have not been released, however, the State Water Board should have some funding forthcoming along with the EPA who is receiving \$3.5B for the Superfund program. He reported that he gave a presentation to the Upper District Board to update them on the WQA activities on December 8th. He also attended the California Groundwater Coalition Board meeting in November. He reported that he attended the ACWA Fall Conference virtually and due to technical issues ACWA will be issuing partial

refunds to virtual attendees. He also reported that staff is working on the next city webinar and may be scheduled for late January. He indicated that staff was still working on the WQA Procedure No. 28 regarding insurance requirements and would bring it back to the Administrative/Finance Committee in January. He also indicated that staff was considering if a request for proposal was needed for auditing servicing and would bring a recommendation to the Administrative/Finance Committee for discussion in January. He thanked Mr. Marquez for his time on the WQA Board and indicated that it was a pleasure to work with him. He lastly wished everyone a Merry Christmas and reminded everyone that the WQA would be closed from December 23rd to January 3, 2022.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 10am.

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 11:00am.

The next WQA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 12:00pm.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/ REPORTS

Mr. Paulson thanked Mr. Marquez for his service on the WQA board and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ms. Noriega thanked Ms. Saenz for all her work on the audit. She also thanked Mr. Marquez for his work on the WQA Board. She lastly wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Chavez said he was thankful for the rain and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ms. Munoz thanked the WQA staff for their hard work over the last year. She thanked Mr. Marquez for his time on the WQA Board and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

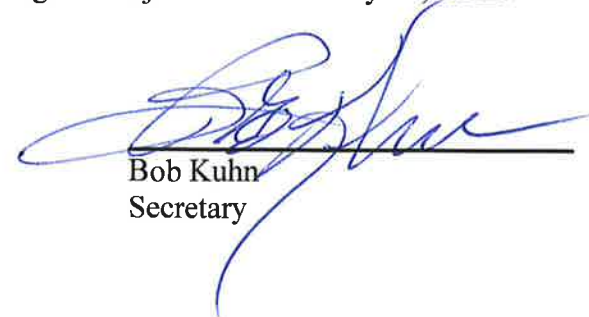
Mr. Marquez thanked the Board for their support during his time as a Board Member. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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 January 19, 2022.



Valerie Munoz
Chairwoman



Bob Kuhn
Secretary