

**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY  
LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE AND  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JANUARY 12, 2022 AT 11:00 A.M.**

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*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 Legislative/Public Information Committee and Special meeting of the Board took place online and teleconference.*

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman 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**

Valerie Munoz and Bob Kuhn

**WATERMASTER LIASON**

None.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
ABSENT**

None.

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Robert Gonzales

**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**

Chris Lancaster, Civic Publications; Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group; Brian Bowcock, Three Valleys MWD; Ralph Galvan, Valley County Water District; Brianne Logasa, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments; Klaus Rohwer, Equipoise Corp.; Irma Cooper, public.

***Public Comment***

None.

***Discussion Regarding Next  
Advertorial***

Mr. Lancaster reported regarding the distribution of WQA's Annual Report via email blast. He explained that it was sent to 72,000 email addresses and resulted in 15,720 views. In addition, 1,536 people clicked through to the report and an average of 6 minutes was spent viewing it with most clicks coming from iPhones.

Mr. Lancaster reported that he and staff are currently working on the next advertorial which will be for the Sustainable Living publication that is expected to publish in

February. He indicated that he was working with staff to develop appropriate topics such as the importance of a local, sustainable groundwater source.

The advertorial which will follow the Sustainable Living will be the Civic Leadership publication that comes out at the end of March. Mr. Lancaster suggested that this advertorial cover what WQA does to inform the cities regarding the groundwater cleanup by conducting webinars, producing advertorials, social media posts, etc.

Mr. Kuhn commented that when it rains, as it had recently, there are a lot of questions about how the rainwater is conserved for later use by the residents. He suggested that WQA consider answering some of the questions in its advertorials. Mr. Schoellerman noted that L.A. County is responsible for flood control operations, which includes capturing the stormwater when possible. Mr. Lancaster indicated that he would consider a separate publication that would include an expert from the county to answer those questions.

#### ***Discussion Regarding Next City Webinar***

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the next City Webinar is scheduled for February 2, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. Topics include Groundwater Treatment 101, WQA Act Extension and Funding Updates/Opportunities. Mr. Schoellerman explained that the groundwater treatment 101 topic was requested by previous webinar attendees and will cover the types of treatment technologies used in the basin and how they work.

#### ***Legislative Activities/Reports***

##### **State**

Mr. Monares reported that he and staff were working on the draft language of the WQA extension bill to be presented to the Legislative Counsel. He reported that he and Mr. Schoellerman had a meeting with Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio asking her to author the bill. He stated that once a bill number has been assigned that he will contact the various agencies to obtain support letters. He reported that Mr. Schoellerman would be meeting with the San Gabriel Valley Water Association and other stakeholders regarding support as well.

##### **Federal**

Mr. Monares reported that Congress is currently working to pass the Voting Rights Bill. He reported that the fiscal bills are on hold until the following week.


#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman introduced WQA's new Board member representing cities with pumping rights, Mr. Robert Gonzales. He reported that he and Mr. Gonzales met the previous week to go over WQA's current activities.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

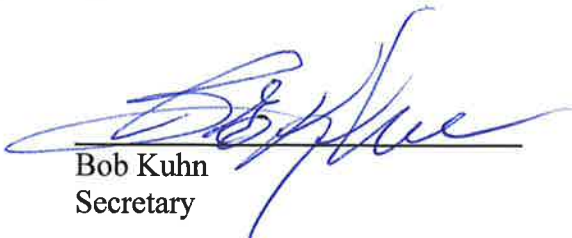
The Chairwoman asked if there were any other items of

business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.



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Valerie Munoz  
Chairwoman



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Bob Kuhn  
Secretary