

**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE AND
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 9, 2022 AT 11:00 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 Legislative/Public Information Committee and Special meeting of the Board took place online and teleconference.

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 Robert Gonzales

WATERMASTER LIASON

None.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
ABSENT**

Bob Kuhn

**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

Public Comment

None.

***Discussion Regarding Next
Advertorial***

Mr. Lancaster reviewed with the committee the final version of the ad that will be published next week in the Sustainable Living Section. He indicated that the next couple ads will be Civic Leadership that comes out in March and Earth Day that will come out in April. He noted that typically in the Civic Leadership publication the WQA's annual report is used for the ad.

***Discussion Regarding WQA
Legislation***

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the language to extend the WQA had been submitted to the Legislative Counsel and once approved it would be considered by an author for

introduction before the February 18th deadline. He noted that he would be having additional discussions with producers about the need to increase WQA's assessment limit for future needs.

Ms. Munoz asked if conversations have taken place with the water producers and the water association regarding the proposed changes.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that he has had conversations about the assessment limitation with the water producers and the water association and those discussions are continuing.

Legislative Activities/Reports

State

Mr. Monares reported that staff is waiting to hear back from the Legislative Counsel regarding the draft language for the WQA extension. He also noted that staff is monitoring the newly introduced bills in Sacramento.

Federal

Mr. Monares reported that an appropriations deal appears to have been reached for the federal FY22 federal budget which contains \$10M for WQA.

Mr. Schoellerman added that Congress would be passing a continuing resolution to keep the government operational through March 11, 2022.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff hosted a webinar for city officials on February 2, 2022. He indicated that the topics discussed were Groundwater Treatment 101, the WQA Act Extension, and a funding update. He noted that these topics were chosen based on the feedback from previous webinars. He asked Ms. Moreno to provide the committee with some statistics and feedback that was received.

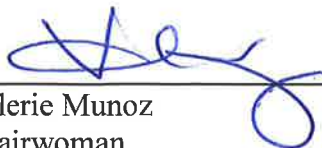
Ms. Moreno reported that there were 20 attendees at the webinar. She indicated that a short survey was sent to the attendees and 3 of them completed it. She reviewed the survey with committee and indicated that the webinar was informative, and they would be interested in future webinars.

Ms. Munoz commented that the WQA should consider opening these webinars up to the public and school districts. She also commented that there could be a larger turnout if an elected official was invited to participate in the discussion.

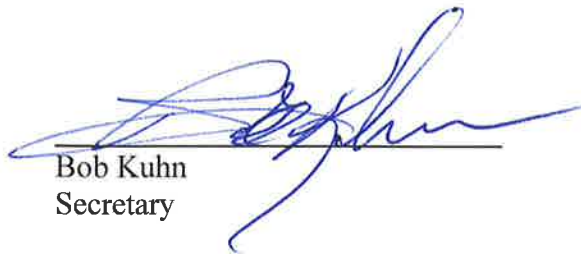
Mr. Schoellerman reported that he participated in State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance stakeholder meeting the previous week regarding funding allocated in the state budget for drinking water and recycled water.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Valerie Munoz
Chairwoman



Bob Kuhn
Secretary