

**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.**

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**

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
(Rubio)- San Gabriel Basin Water
Quality Authority Act***

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the bill was scheduled for a 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

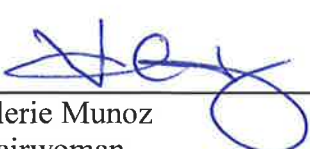
Mr. Monares reported that there was \$10M in the current spending bill and staff would have to go through the process to ask for similar earmark for the following fiscal year. He also reported that staff was still working with local congressional leaders on getting the language amended in the Restoration 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