

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 21, 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	Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group; Steve Kiggins, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District; Brian Bowcock, Three Valleys Municipal Water District; David Muse, Valley County Water District
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED	None.
SPECIAL ELECTION OF WQA ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR CITIES WITH PUMPING RIGHTS	Ms. Moreno reported that the special election for the alternate board member representing cities with pumping rights had closed and all of the ballots have been counted. She reported that there were five nominees and that Councilmember Jeffrey Maloney from the city of Alhambra received the most votes with a total of 26. She noted that councilmember Maloney would fill the vacancy of the current term that ends January 2026. She also reported that Three Valleys Municipal Water District has appointed Bob Kuhn as their Board Member representative and Jody Roberto as their alternate Board Member representative for the next four-year term that begins

January 2023.

PRESENTATION

“Presentation on Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022”

Mr. Kuhn entered the meeting.

Ms. Canieda gave a presentation regarding the results of the annual audit. She indicated that no findings were found resulting in an unmodified clean opinion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Paulson moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Ms. Noriega 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:

Mr. Whitehead abstained from Project Demand Nos. E91719.
Ms. Noriega abstained from Project Demand No. E91718.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee Report

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the minutes for the committee meeting were included in the agenda packet.

Discussion/Action Regarding WQA Teleconferencing Policy

Mr. Padilla reported that On September 13, 2022, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 2449 into law. Effective January 1, 2023, AB 2449 effectively creates four periods with differing options for remote access to, and member attendance of, local agency public meetings under the Ralph M. Brown Act. He indicated that staff has drafted a policy which the Administrative/Finance Committee reviewed and has recommended for approval to the full Board. He noted that there were some additional clarifications added to the policy subsequent to the committee's review and that they were redlined for the board in the agenda packet.

After some discussion, Mr. Paulson moved to approve Procedure No. 43 Teleconferencing Policy. Ms. Noriega 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

*Discussion/Action Regarding Draft
Federal Funding Program
Administration (FFPA)*

Mr. Colby reported that the application period closed on November 10, 2022. He indicated that staff received 23 applications with a combined cost of \$201.6M, and combined treatment and remediation costs of \$18M. He noted that during the application period, staff determined that an additional \$545K would be made available for distribution for a revised total amount of \$10.275M after Bureau of Reclamation deducted their administrative costs.

Mr. Kuhn asked if staff was looking to see how soon the applicants could start.

Mr. Colby commented that one of the eligibility requirements is that the project must be able to start construction within 12 months.

After some discussion Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the draft Round X Federal Funding Program Administration Recommendations. Ms. Munoz seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: MUNOZ, PAULSON, KUHN, CHAVEZ,
GONZALES

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: WHITEHEAD AND NORIEGA

***Legislative/Public Information
Committee Report***

*Discussion/Action Regarding
Professional Services Agreement
for Kadash & Associates*

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the minutes for the committee meeting were included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff is recommending a 2-year extension of WQA's professional services agreement with Kadash & Associates for federal advocacy services. He indicated that their scope of work includes working with the various members of the California delegation and the Administration to secure federal appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund (RF). Additionally, they pursue modifications to RF authorization to benefit the WQA and seek alternative funding opportunities from various federal agencies. He reported that the agreement includes their existing monthly retainer of \$15,000 and a 30-day termination clause. He noted that the Legislative/Public Information Committee reviewed the agreement and recommended it for approval.

After brief discussion, Mr. Whitehead moved to approve the professional services agreement with Kadash & Associates. 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: NONE

**OTHER
ACTION/INFORMATION
ITEMS**

*Discussion/Action Regarding Draft
of Audited Financial Statements for
the Fiscal Year Ended June 30,
2022*

Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Ms. Noriega 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

*Discussion/Action Regarding
Monitoring Well MW5-17 License
Agreement*

Mr. Schoellerman reported that Monitoring well MW5-17 was constructed on United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) land within the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area in 1995. It is required to be sampled under the Baldwin Park Operable Unit (BPOU) monitoring program. The proposed no-cost 5-year license renewal would expire November 30, 2027. He indicated that staff is recommending a five-year renewal of a site access license agreement with the U.S. ACE for BPOU monitoring well MW5-17.

After brief discussion, Mr. Gonzales moved to approve Monitoring Well MW5-17 License Agreement with the U.S. ACE. Mr. Paulson 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

*Adopt Resolution No. 22-20, A
Resolution of the Board of the San*

Mr. Gonzales moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-20, A Resolution of the Board of the San Gabriel Basin Water

*Gabriel Basin Water Quality
Authority Recognizing Brian
Bowcock*

Quality Authority recognizing Brian Bowcock for twenty years of outstanding service to Three Valleys MWD and the water community. Ms. Noriega seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Several members of the Board congratulated Mr. Bowcock and noted his many outstanding contributions to the water community.

Mr. Bowcock thanked everyone for the recognition and their support over the years.

PROJECT REPORTS

Mr. Colby reported that staff will be bringing the draft 406 Plan for 2023 to the Board to open for public comment in January.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Monares reported that he anticipated that the omnibus bill would be signed soon that would include another \$10M for the WQA. He also congratulated Mr. Bowcock on his years of service.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the draft omnibus bill came out the previous day which included \$10M for the WQA. He noted that staff plans to revisit the FFPA awards to allocate the new \$10M if the bill gets signed. He reported that the ACWA bylaws were passed at the ACWA fall conference. He reported that he has been elected the California Groundwater Coalition President for the next two years. He also reported that he provided a presentation to the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Board of Directors at their last Board meeting. He noted that he attended the ribbon cutting for the Valley County Water District's new headquarters. He lastly introduced WQA's new employee, Jackie Montgomery. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and reminded everyone that the WQA office would be closed December 22, 2022 – January 2, 2023.

Mr. Kuhn asked if staff will be requesting new applications for the new \$10M.

Mr. Schoellerman commented that staff was planning to

allocate the funding among the existing Round X applications.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 10 a.m.

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

The next WQA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was not held.

*Closed Session Pursuant to
Government Code Section
54956.9(d)(4)*

*– Conference with Legal Counsel
– Anticipated Litigation – One (1)
potential matter*

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/ REPORTS

Mr. Paulson wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Kuhn thanked Mr. Monares and Kadash & Associates for their work on securing the second \$10M in this 2023 fiscal year request. He noted that this is what the WQA is here to do.

Ms. Noriega agreed with Mr. Kuhn's comments and commended the work done to secure this funding and looked forward to the additional \$10M from the Bureau of Reclamation. She noted that she will miss Mr. Bowcock and that he has been a mentor to her. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Whitehead commented that he has been impressed with our representation in Washington, DC and the hard work that has been done. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Chavez welcomed Ms. Montgomery to the WQA. He commended Mr. Schoellerman on his presentation to the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.


Mr. Gonzales wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ms. Munoz wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

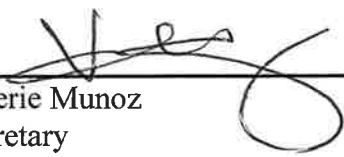
ADJOURNMENT

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other items of

business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned to January 18, 2023.



Mark Paulson
Chairwoman



Valerie Munoz
Secretary