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**A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY  
AT  
1720 W. CAMERON AVENUE, SUITE 100  
WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023 AT 12:00 P.M.**

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoomlink/register/tZ0kd-CprjgrGN3QzIfa8pb20RvLYtoUpulZ>

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## **AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER** **PAULSON**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** **MORENO**

Mark Paulson, Chairman	_____	_____	(alt)
Lynda Noriega, Vice-Chairwoman	_____	_____	(alt)
Valerie Munoz, Secretary	_____	_____	(alt)
Mike Whitehead, Treasurer	_____	_____	(alt)
Bob Kuhn	_____	_____	(alt)
Ed Chavez	_____	_____	(alt)
Robert Gonzales	_____	_____	(alt)

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agendized Matters Only):** **PAULSON**

As provided under Government Code Section 54954.3, this time has been set aside for persons in the audience to provide comment or make inquiries on matters appearing on this Special Meeting agenda only. Please complete the appropriate request card and submit it to the Secretary, prior to the item being heard. A five-minute time limit on remarks is requested.

**V. ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED - Recommended Action:** **PAULSON**

Approve motion determining need to take action on item(s) which arose subsequent to posting of the Agenda (ROLL CALL VOTE: Adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds vote of the Board or, if less than two-thirds of Board members are present, a unanimous vote)

**VI. LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP** **SCHOELLERMAN**

*The Gualco Group  
Kadesh & Associates  
The Monares Group*

## **VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**PAULSON**

(Consent items may all be approved by single motion) [enc]

- (a) Minutes for 2/22/23 Regular Board Meeting
- (b) Minutes for 3/8/23 Legislative/Public Information Committee Meeting
- (c) Minutes for 3/14/23 Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting
- (d) Demands on Administrative Fund
- (e) Demands on Project Fund

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(These items may require action)

- (a) Legislative/Public Information Committee Report [enc]
- (b) Administrative/Finance Committee Report [enc]
  - 1. Discussion/Action Regarding Board of Directors Cost of Living Adjustment (“COLA”) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 [enc]
  - 2. Discussion/Action Regarding How WQA Committee Meetings are Classified [enc]

## **IX. OTHER ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**PAULSON**

(These items may require action)

None.

## **X. PROJECT REPORTS**

**COLBY**

- (a) Treatment Plants:
  - 1. Baldwin Park Operable Unit
    - Arrow/Lante Well (Subarea 1) Status Operational
    - Monrovia Wells Operational
    - SGVWC B6 Plant Operational
    - SGVWC B5 Plant Operational
    - CDWC Well No. 14 Operational
    - La Puente Valley County Water District Operational
    - VCWD Nixon Operational
    - VCWD Maine Operational
  - 2. El Monte Operable Unit
    - Eastern Shallow Zone Operational
    - Eastern Deep Zone Operational
    - GSWC Encinita Plant Operational
    - Western Shallow Zone Operational
  - 3. South El Monte Operable Unit
    - Whitmore Street. Ground Water Remediation Treatment Facility Operational
    - City of M.P. Well No. 5 VOC Treatment Facility Operational
    - City of M.P. Well No. 12 VOC Treatment Operational

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|    | Facility   |              |
|    | • City of M.P. Well No. 15                               | Operational  |
|    | • City of M.P. Well Nos. 1, 3, 10 VOC Treatment Facility | Operational  |
|    | • GSWC Wells SG-1 & SG-2                                 | Operational  |
|    | • GSWC Garvey  | Operational  |
|    | • SGVWC Plant No. 8                                      | Operational  |
|    | • SGVWC Plant G4   | Operational  |
| 4. | Puente Valley Operable Unit                              |              |
|    | • Intermediate Zone                                      | Construction |
|    | • SGVWC Plant B11  | Operational  |
| 5. | Area 3 Operable Unit                                     |              |
|    | • City of Alhambra Phase 1                               | Operational  |
|    | • City of Alhambra Phase 2                               | Operational  |
|    | • City of South Pasadena Wilson                          | Operational  |
| 6. | Non-Operable Unit  |              |
|    | • City of Arcadia Longden                                | Operational  |
|    | • City of Arcadia Live Oak                               | Operational  |
|    | • City of Monrovia Tower 1&2                             | Operational  |
|    | • City of Monrovia Tower 3&4                             | Operational  |
|    | • SGVWC Plant 11   | Operational  |

**XI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT** **PADILLA**

**XII. LEGISLATIVE REPORT** **MONARES**

**XIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** **SCHOELLERMAN**

**XIV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** **PAULSON**

**XV. INFORMATION ITEMS [enc]** **PAULSON**

- (a) San Gabriel Basin Water Calendar

**XVI. FUTURE BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS** **PAULSON**

- (a) The next Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
- (b) The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.
- (c) The next WQA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

**XVII. CLOSED SESSION** **PAULSON**

- (a) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)  
– Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – One (1) potential matter

**XVIII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION** **PAULSON**

#### **XVIV. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/REPORTS**

**PAULSON**

#### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

**PAULSON**

*Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Board less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection in the lobby of the Authority's business office located at 1720 W. Cameron Ave., Suite 100, West Covina, CA 91790, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the Authority's internet web site, accessible at [www.wqa.com](http://www.wqa.com).*

# DRAFT

## A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY FEBRUARY 22, 2023 AT 12:00 P.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, this WQA Board meeting took place online and teleconference.*

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<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	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.
<b>ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS</b>	Valerie Munoz, Mark Paulson, Bob Kuhn, Lynda Noriega, Michael Whitehead, Ed Chavez, and Robert Gonzales
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	None
<b>STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	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
<b>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT</b>	None.
<b>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT PARTICIPATED VIA ONLINE/TELECONFERENCE</b>	Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group; Steve Kiggins, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District; Dave Michalko, Valencia Heights Water Company; Jeff Maloney, City of Alhambra; Roy Frausto, La Puente Valley County Water District; Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District; Brian Bowcock, Resident; Jody Roberto, Three Valleys MWD; Ken Sansone, SL Environmental ; Garry Hofer, California American Water Company; Jessica Taylor, California American Water Company
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	None.
<b>ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED</b>	None.
<b>CONSENT CALENDAR</b>	<p>Ms. Noriega moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Mr. Bowcock seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following roll call vote:</p> <p>AYES: MUNOZ, PAULSON, KUHN, NORIEGA, WHITEHEAD, CHAVEZ, GONZALES</p>

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS:

Mr. Whitehead abstained from Project Demand Nos. E91775.

Ms. Noriega abstained from Project Demand No. E91776.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Legislative/Public Information  
Committee*

Mr. Schoellerman reported that minutes for the committee meeting were enclosed for review.

**OTHER  
ACTION/INFORMATION  
ITEMS**

*Draft San Gabriel Basin  
Groundwater Quality Management  
and Remediation Plan “§406  
Plan” for 2023*

1. *Presentation on Comments  
Received*
2. *Adopt Plan for 2023*

Mr. Colby reported that on January 18, 2023, the Board authorized staff to open the 30 day public comment period on the Draft Groundwater Quality Management and Remediation Plan §406 (406 Plan) for 2023. He noted that the Draft 406 Plan was posted on WQA’s website and noticed on January 23, 2023 in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune and La Opinion newspapers. He stated that the 30 day comment period closed February 17, 2023, and no comments were received.

After some discussion, Mr. Whitehead moved to adopt the §406 Plan for 2023 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: NONE

*Discussion/Action Regarding the  
San Gabriel Valley Economic  
Partnership*

1. *Approve Renewal for 2023*
2. *Approve Demand No.  
91777*

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the WQA has a Leader Level Membership with San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP) and the annual renewal amount of \$20,000 is discounted from the regular price of \$25,000. WQA’s membership has been beneficial in putting the WQA’s issues out in front of the community by allowing the WQA to participate in local events with local and state legislators. It also gives the WQA a seat on the Board of the Directors.

Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the renewal for 2023 and to approve Demand No. 91777. Ms. Munoz 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  
Federal Funding Program  
Administration February  
Recommendations (FFPA)*

Mr. Colby reported that on December 21, 2022, the WQA Board approved \$10.275M in Round X FFPA recommendations based on applications received in November 2022. Subsequent to that meeting, an additional \$10M appropriation for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund was made available upon the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. Staff revisited the Round X applications received in November 2022 and is making additional award recommendations totaling \$9.7M. The combined awards total \$19.975M.

Mr. Paulson asked if the awards from the first \$10M have been given out.

Mr. Colby commented that the funds are in WQA's account, and no reimbursements have been made.

Mr. Kuhn asked if the funds awarded to WQA's Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility (WSGRF) project would be enough to complete the project.

Mr. Colby commented that the WSGRF would be operating beyond two years and more funding would be needed.

Ms. Noriega asked how many projects were included in the \$2.125M for treatment and remediation in the Baldwin Park Operable Unit (BPOU) and would the funding go through the WQA.

Mr. Colby commented that it would be for all the BPOU projects and that the funding would go through the BPOU Project Committee which includes WQA as outlined in the Project Agreement.

Ms. Noriega stated that the funding recommended for WQA's WSGRF and the WQA Separate Costs are typically paid by its assessment so this funding would help to offset those costs.

Mr. Colby confirmed that those two projects do not have any other funding sources and these costs would traditionally be funded by the WQA assessment.

After detailed discussion, Ms. Munoz moved to approve the Federal Funding Program Administration February

Recommendations as presented. Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following roll call vote.

AYES: MUNOZ, PAULSON, KUHN, CHAVEZ,  
GONZALES

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NORIEGA AND WHITEHEAD

*Discussion/Action Regarding  
Operation and Maintenance Task  
Order for Avocet Environmental,  
Inc.*

Mr. Colby reported that Avocet Environmental, Inc. (Avocet) has been operating and maintaining WQA's WSGRF for the past 15 years and the current Task Order authorization concludes February 28, 2023. He indicated that the WQA's WSGRF project is an orphan site located within the South El Monte Operable Unit with no responsible party to cleanup it up. The site is contaminated with 1,4-Dioxane, TCE and other volatile organic compounds. The cleanup project was constructed by Avocet with a \$1.42M grant from the SWRCB. A subsequent grant of \$995,646 was awarded in 2012 to continue its operation through September 2018. Since that time Proposition 68 award has reimbursed WQA for those costs and provide additional funding for operations. He noted that the task order would be for two years of operation and maintenance.

After brief discussion, Ms. Munoz moved to approve the task order for Avocet Environmental, Inc. 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

*Discussion/Action Regarding  
Nomination for ACWA Joint  
Powers Authority ("JPIA")  
Executive Committee*

*1. Adopt Resolution No. 23-  
004*

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the Valley County Water District has requested support for the nomination of Director Lenet Pacheco to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee. He indicated that staff has not received any other request for nominations.

After brief discussion, Ms. Munoz moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-004, Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Concurring In Nomination To The Executive Committee Of The Association Of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority ("JPIA"). 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

## **PROJECT REPORTS**

Mr. Colby gave a brief update on the Prop 1 site investigations. He noted that site investigations began at two new properties this week; the BIG property and the former L&L Screw property that are located right next to each other. He indicated that the current site investigation agreement with Department of Funding Assistance expires in May of 2023 but staff has reached out to do a no cost extension for another year to continue the work to get all the properties investigated.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Padilla reported that a closed session will take place.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Monares reported that staff has started the federal appropriations requests in Washington, DC. He also reported that AB 279 will go before the Assembly ESTM committee on March 14, 2023 in Sacramento. He noted that staff has scheduled some pre-meetings to discuss the bill with legislators. He lastly noted that he would be attending the Bear Flag Republic event at the Gualco Group on March 1, 2023 in Sacramento.

Mr. Paulson asked if the federal earmark appropriations would continue.

Mr. Monares commented that he felt the federal government would continue with earmarks for the FY24 budget.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the San Gabriel Valley Water Association voted to support AB 279. He reported that he provided a WQA update presentation to the Upper District Board of Directors on February 8th and that they voted to support AB 279 as well. He reported that staff met with the EPA Region 9 Administrator Martha Guzman for a tour of the Puente Valley Operable Unit treatment facility that is under construction along with County Supervisor Hilda Solis, Bob Pence from Congresswoman Napolitano's office, and Roy Frausto, general manager of the La Puente Valley County Water District, and Northrop Grumman staff. He reported that DTSC is taking over the operation of the WNOU and that EPA was able to get \$6M through their Superfund program to put towards a pump station that will be an integral part of the WNOU remedy. He also reported that WQA's SEMOU Cooperative Agreement with EPA is coming to an end later

this year and DTSC will take over providing funding for the remedy per its fund-lead agreement with EPA. WQA is in the process of drafting a cooperative agreement with DTSC similar to the it had with EPA and will continue facilitating the payments to the SEMOU remedy project proponents. He reported that there may be additional Prop 68 grants in addition to the \$35M already awarded to WQA for the operation of 21 treatment projects across the valley. He noted that there would be more information on this to come. He reported that this would be the last remote meeting for the WQA now that the Governor's emergency order is expiring at the end of February. Therefore, future WQA meetings would be in-person with a remote option for the public starting with the Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting on March 8, 2023. He noted that there has been legislation introduced to increase the availability of remote teleconferencing.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**FUTURE BOARD AND  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 10 a.m.

The next WQA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Due to the ACWA Spring Conference in May, the Board approved the following date changes to the May meeting schedule:

- Administrative/Finance Committee to May 16, 2023 at 10am
- Legislative/Public Information Committee to May 17, 2023 at 11am
- WQA Board Meeting to May 24<sup>th</sup> at 12pm

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

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

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

Mr. Padilla reported that the Board met in closed session where and update was provided. He noted that there was no reportable action.

**BOARD MEMBERS'  
COMMENTS/  
REPORTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman asked if there were any other items of business

to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned to March 22, 2023.

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Mark Paulson  
Chairman

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Valerie Munoz  
Secretary

# DRAFT

## SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 8, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M.

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<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	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.
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Valerie Munoz and Bob Kuhn
<b>WATERMASTER LIASON</b>	None.
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Robert Gonzales
<b>OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	None
<b>STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	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; Jackie Montgomery, Admin/Accounting Assistant
<b>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT</b>	Chris Lancaster, Civic Publications; Irma Cooper, Interested Party; Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group; Tara Robinson, Valley County Water District
<i>Public Comment</i>	None.
<i>Discussion Regarding Next Advertorial</i>	<p>Ms. Moreno reported that the next advertorial would be in the Earth Day Publication. She reported that staff discussed a possible topic for the story could focus on the \$20M in federal funding that has allocated to continue groundwater cleanup in the basin. She noted that the ad could also thank all those that assisted in the effort to bring in the funding to continue WQA's mission.</p> <p>Mr. Lancaster commented that this ad would publish the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p>Ms. Cooper asked how the WQA was going to inform the younger generations on groundwater cleanup.</p> <p>Ms. Moreno commented that the WQA partners with Dr.</p>

Shope and the EcoVoices program that works with the youth in the San Gabriel Valley community. She noted that they are currently working on a video series and plan to dedicate an upcoming advertorial to highlight that program.

***Legislative Activities/Reports***

- a. AB 279 – Mr. Schoellerman reported that this bill is scheduled to be heard at the Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee on March 14<sup>th</sup> and does not expect any opposition. He thanked Mr. Monares for coordinating the support letters.
- b. State – Mr. Schoellerman reported that he was in Sacramento yesterday with the California Groundwater Coalition and received favorable comments on AB 279 from several legislators the group visited.
- c. Federal – Mr. Monares reported that staff was working on the Federal appropriations request for this year and receiving support letters.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that he attended the California Groundwater Coalition lobby day in Sacramento on March 7<sup>th</sup> which included supporting additional PFAS funding in the state budget. He also wished all the women a Happy International Women's Day.

Mr. Kuhn requested that the committee discuss the idea of combining this committee meeting with the monthly Board meeting or possibly change the time of the meeting.

Ms. Munoz requested that it be put on the next committee agenda for discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Munoz asked if there were any other items of business to come before the committee. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mark Paulson  
Chairman

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Valerie Munoz  
Secretary

# **DRAFT**

## **SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 14, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Noriega called the Administrative/Finance committee 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**

Lynda Noriega and Mark Paulson

### **WATERMASTER LIASON**

Dave Michalko

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Michael Whitehead

### **OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bob Kuhn and Ed Chavez

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Randy Schoellerman, Executive Director; Dan Colby, Assistant Executive Director/Senior Project Manager; Stephanie Moreno, Public Outreach Coordinator; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance; Michelle Sanchez, Admin/Accounting Assistant; Jackie Montgomery, Admin/Accounting Assistant; Richard Padilla, Legal Counsel

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### ***Discussion Regarding How WQA Meetings are Classified***

Mr. Schoellerman reported that with the recent legislation and the new WQA teleconferencing policy staff determined that it was appropriate for the Board to revisit the discussion on how the WQA Committee meetings are classified.

Mr. Padilla commented that with AB 2449 signed into law it may alleviate confusion if the Committee meetings were not classified as Joint Special Board meetings. He noted that if the Board meetings and Committee meeting are reclassified as distinct separate legislative bodies, under AB 2449 each Board Member would have their own allotment of Board and Committee meetings.

Ms. Noriega commented that she was in favor of reclassifying the committee meetings. She noted that in regard to the

compensation, she would support compensation for non-committee members to encourage attendance and participation but felt that it should be discussed with the entire Board.

Mr. Paulson commented that reclassification would also provide better direction for staff when trying to keep track of Board Member attendance under AB 2449.

After some discussion, the committee recommended that the WQA no longer classifies Committee meetings as Joint Special meetings and for the full Board to discuss if a non-committee member could receive compensation if they attended a WQA Committee meeting.

***Discussion Regarding Board of  
Directors Cost of Living  
Adjustment ("COLA") for Fiscal  
Year 2023-2024***

Ms. Saenz reported that each year at this time the Board considers a cost-of-living (CPI) adjustment for the daily stipend per WQA procedures. Staff is recommending the Committee review the relevant CPI indicators and applicable CA Water Code requirements when considering this option. She indicated that the CPI for January 2023 is 5.8%. Per Water Code Section 2022, the annual increase to Board compensation may not exceed 5%, therefore the CPI increase is limited to 5.0%. She noted that if the Board elects to increase the compensation by 5.00%, the rate will increase by \$7.50 from \$150.00 to \$157.50.

Mr. Paulson commented that considering the current times he did not think a 5% increase was unreasonable.

Mr. Kuhn commented that if the Board would like to consider an increase he would like to do now rather than later when a cumulative increase could be much higher.

Ms. Noriega agreed with the comments made by the other committee members and felt that a 5% increase was reasonable.

After some discussion the committee recommended that an increase of \$7.00 to \$157.00 go to the full Board for approval.

***Discussion Regarding Draft  
Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024***

Ms. Saenz reviewed the summary page of the draft budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. She reported that budgeted assessment is \$2,371,320, which is \$12/acre foot of prescriptive pumping right. She highlighted some areas that have changed due to the recent federal funding that has been received. She noted that first budget workshop will be held on April 11, 2023 at the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting and a second one was scheduled for April 19, 2023 at the WQA's Regular Board meeting. She noted that an in-depth discussion of WQA five year projections will occur on both occasions. She indicated that staff anticipated to have the budget adopted at the Board meeting on May 24, 2023.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that EPA announced its draft MCL for PFAS as 4ppt. He reported that there would be a legislative workshop at the March WQA Board meeting. He reported that AB 279 would be heard today at the Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee and that he would be testifying remotely. He reported that he attended the California Groundwater Coalition lobby day in Sacramento last week and was able to speak to some parties regarding AB 279. He noted that staff is in the process of completing \$10M federal funding requests for the FY24 federal budget. He also reported that there was State of the Water event tomorrow at Upper District with Congresswoman Napolitano that he will be attending. He lastly reported that staff has received the Prop 1 Round 3 draft award of \$1.75M to expand WQA's Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility in the SEMOU.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Noriega asked if there were any other items of business to come before the committee. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mark Paulson  
Chairman

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Valerie Munoz  
Secretary



**DRAFT**

The following demands on the Administration Fund Account at Bank of the West are hereby submitted for payment.

Check No.	Payable to	Description	Amount
D02116	Bob Kuhn	Board Member Compensation for February 2023	
		5 Days WQA Business	750.00
		Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other	27.51
		Less Deferred Compensation	0.00
		Less Taxes Withheld	<u>(57.38)</u>
			720.13
D02117	Michael Whitehead	Board Member Compensation for February 2023	
		1 Day WQA Business	150.00
		Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other	0.00
		Less Deferred Compensation	0.00
		Less Taxes Withheld	<u>(11.48)</u>
			138.52
D02118	Ed Chavez	Board Member Compensation for February 2023	
		6 Days WQA Business	900.00
		Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other	0.00
		Less Deferred Compensation	0.00
		Less Taxes Withheld	<u>(68.85)</u>
			831.15
D02119	Valerie Munoz	Board Member Compensation for February 2023	
		4 Days WQA Business	600.00
		Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other	2.62
		Less Deferred Compensation	0.00
		Less Taxes Withheld	<u>(45.90)</u>
			556.72
D02120	Mark Paulson	Board Member Compensation for February 2023	
		1 Days WQA Business	150.00
		Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other	0.00
		Less Deferred Compensation	0.00
		Less Taxes Withheld	<u>(11.48)</u>
			138.52
001818	Lynda Noriega	Board Member Compensation for February 2023	
		1 Day WQA Business	150.00
		Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other	0.00
		Less Deferred Compensation	(138.52)
		Less Taxes Withheld	<u>(11.48)</u>
			0.00
D02121	Robert Gonzales	Board Member Compensation for February 2023	
		2 Days WQA Business	300.00
		Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other	0.00
		Less Deferred Compensation	0.00
		Less Taxes Withheld	<u>(22.95)</u>
			277.05
EFT/ACH	SGBWQA - Payroll Fund	Replenish payroll fund	
		Staff Payroll - for February 2023	83,385.96
		Board Payroll Taxes - Federal	459.04
		Deferred Comp - Lincoln Life	138.52
			<u>83,983.52</u>
		<b>Total replenishment to payroll fund</b>	<b>86,645.61</b>
EFT/ACH	SGBWQA - Revolving Fund	Replenish revolving fund for 02/01/23 to 02/28/23 disbursements	
		Group Insurance	4,999.00
		Dues and Subscriptions	395.00
		Telephone Service	1,252.38
		Plant & Water Service	394.20
		Office Supplies	528.12
		Copier Machine	950.46
		Public Relations	256.24
		Computer Systems O&M	568.36
		Misc. Office Expense	373.00
		Project Utilities	1,248.29
		Project Costs	<u>13.95</u>
			10,979.00

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The following demands on the Administration Fund Account at Bank of the West are hereby submitted for payment.

Check No.	Payable to	Description	Amount
E91784	ACWA/JPIA	Invoice No. 0698626, Medical and life insurance premiums for April 1, 2023 to May 1, 2023	8,424.61
E91785	Accent Computer Solutions, Inc.	Professional IT services for February 2023 Invoice No. 156666 Invoice No. 156722 D2	1,951.44 <u>3,748.00</u> 5,699.44
E91786	Bank of America	Invoice No. '23-02FEB-DC', Credit Card Expenses incurred for 02/01/23 to 02/28/23 Dues and Subscriptions Travel and Mileage ADT - Security Systems Meetings and Conferences	\$1,043.00 \$21.00 \$2,024.20 <u>\$47.24</u> 3,135.44
E91787	Bank of America	Invoice No. '23-02FEB-RS', Credit Card Expenses incurred for 02/01/23 to 02/28/23 Meetings & Conferences (refund) Misc. Office Expense Travel and Mileage Internet Meetings & Conferences	(512.96) \$570.00 \$1,125.94 \$34.99 <u>\$105.00</u> 1,322.97
<b>Please Note Demands E91788 to E91795 were voided due to printer error.</b>			
E91796	Bank of America	Invoice No. '23-02FEB-SM', Credit card expenses incurred for 02/01/23 to 02/28/23 Dues and Subscriptions Travel and Mileage Meetings & Conferences	\$920.00 \$106.69 <u>\$613.15</u> 1,639.84
E91797	CA Consulting Services LLC	Invoice No. 2023-CA-WQA-02, Professional accounting services for February 2023 (Prop 68)	675.00
E91798	The Gualco Group	Invoice No '23-02FEB', Professional consulting services for February 2023	10,093.20
E91799	Kadesh & Associates, LLC	Invoice No. 3-23, Professional consulting services for February 2023	15,000.00
E91800	The Monares Group, LLC	Invoice No. '23-03Mar', Professional consulting services for February 2023	16,000.00
E91801	Olivarez Madruga Law Organization, LLP	Invoice No. 21454, Professional legal services for February 2023	1,125.00
E91802	Ruffle Properties, LLC	Office lease, CAM, and Storage for April 2023 Invoice No. '23-04APR', Office lease Invoice No. '23-04APR-CAM', Electricity charges Invoice No. '23-04APR-Storage', Storage Room	9,004.80 643.20 <u>150.00</u> 9,798.00
E007230	Sound Ingenuity	Invoice No. 23482 Conference Room Improvement	7,715.00
E91803	Stetson Engineers Inc.	Professional services for Prop 68 grant implementation Invoice No. 1609-005-01-017 Invoice No. 1609-005-02-008	2,155.50 <u>896.50</u> 3,052.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<u><b>181,305.11</b></u>



Water Quality Authority

# EXPENSE SHEET

Board Member Per Diem  
\$150.00 per meeting, 6 meeting maximum per month  
Mileage Rate: \$0.655 per mile  
(Updated January 2023)

**Per the requirements of AB1234, please attach back-up documentation (fliers, agendas, etc.) regarding meetings listed below. Alternatively, if no documentation is provided, AB1234 requires that a verbal report be provided at the next board meeting.**

NAME: Bob Kuhn

Feb

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DATE	MEETING	Roundtrip Mileage	# of Days (not to exceed 6)	\$150.00 PER DIEM
1 2/1/23	San Gabriel Basin Watermaster board meeting	0.0	1	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
2 2/8/23	WQA Legislative / Public Info. Committee	0.0	1	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
3 2/17/23	SGVEP Legislative Co-chairs meeting	24.0	1	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
4 2/22/23	WQA Board meeting	0.0	1	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
5 2/23/23	TVMWD Leadership Breakfast	18.0	1	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
6				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
Total Meetings			5	\$750.00
Total Mileage (at \$0.655 per mile)		42		\$27.51

DATE	Expense Reimbursement Description (receipts required)	Amount
	TOTAL Expenses	\$0.00
TOTAL MEETINGS, MILEAGE, EXPENSES		\$777.51
TOTAL		\$777.51

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I hereby certify that I have attended all of the meetings listed above and I have incurred and paid all of the above expenses on behalf of the SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY

Signature



Water Quality Authority

# EXPENSE SHEET

Board Member Per Diem  
\$150.00 per meeting, 8 meeting maximum per month  
Mileage Rate: \$0.655 per mile  
Established January 2013

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NAME: Michael Whitehead

MONTH/YEAR: Feb-23

DATE	MEETING	Roundtrip Mileage	# of Days (not to exceed 8)	\$150.00 PER DIEM
2/22/23	WQA Board Meeting		1	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
2				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
3				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
4				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
5				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
6				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
Total Meetings			1	\$150.00
Total Mileage (at \$0.655 per mile)		0		\$0.00

  

DATE	Expense Reimbursement Description (receipts required)	Amount
TOTAL Expenses		\$0.00

  

TOTAL MEETINGS, MILEAGE, EXPENSES			\$150.00
TOTAL			\$150.00

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## EXPENSE SHEET

### Board Member Per Diem

\$150.00 per meeting, 6 meeting maximum per month

Mileage Rate: \$0.655 per mile

(updated January 2023)

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NAME: Edward L Chavez

MONTH/YEAR: Feb-23

DATE	MEETING	Roundtrip Mileage	# of Days (not to exceed 6)	\$150.00 PER DIEM
1 2/1/23	Board of Directors Meeting - Three Valley Municipal Water District		1	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
2 2/13/23	Board of Directors Retreat - Metropolitan Water District of So. Cal		1	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
3 2/14/23	Board of Directors Retreat - Metropolitan Water District of So. Cal		1	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
4 2/15/23	Board of Directors - Inland Empire Utilities Agency		1	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
5 2/16/23	Board of Directors - Water Replenishment District of Southern Cal.		1	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
6 2/22/23	Board Meeting - San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		1	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
Total Meetings			6	\$900.00
Total Mileage (at \$0.655 per mile)		0		\$0.00

DATE	Expense Reimbursement Description (receipts required)	Amount
	TOTAL Expenses	\$0.00

TOTAL MEETINGS, MILEAGE, EXPENSES			\$900.00
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TOTAL	\$900.00
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# EXPENSE SHEET

**Board Member Per Diem**  
 \$150.00 per meeting, 6 meeting maximum per month  
 Mileage Rate: \$0.625 per mile  
 (updated July 2022)

**Per the requirements of AB1234, please attach back-up documentation (fliers, agendas, etc.) regarding meetings listed below. Alternatively, if no documentation is provided, AB1234 requires that a verbal report be provided at the next board meeting.**

NAME: Valerie Munoz MONTH/YEAR: Feb-23

DATE	MEETING	Roundtrip Mileage	# of Days (not to exceed 6)	\$150.00 PER DIEM
1 2/3/23	Meeting with Senator Archuleta and Staff General meeting with Senator and staffer to discuss current policies and district	4.0	1	\$150.00
2 2/8/23	WQA Legislative and Pub meeting	0.0	1	\$150.00
3 2/10/23	Zoom meeting with Congresswoman Napolitano office Attended zoom meeting with congresswoman Napolitano staffers to discuss congressional updates, review of 2023 goals for the districts/san gabriel valley.	0.0	1	\$150.00
4 2/22/23	WQA Board Meeting	0.0	1	\$150.00
5				\$0.00
6				\$0.00
<b>Total Meetings</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
<b>Total Mileage (at \$0.625 per mile)</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>

  

DATE	Expense Reimbursement Description (receipts required)	Amount
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

  

<b>TOTAL MEETINGS, MILEAGE, EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$602.50</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$602.50</b>

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 Signature



Water Quality Authority

# XPENSE SHEET

Board Member Per Diem  
\$150.00 per meeting, 6 meeting maximum per month  
Mileage Rate: \$0.655 per mile  
(updated January 2023)

**4, please attach back-up documentation (fliers, agendas, etc.) regarding meetings tentatively, if no documentation is provided, AB1234 requires that a verbal report be provided at the next board meeting.**

NAME: Mark Paulson

MONTH/YEAR: Feb-23

DATE	MEETING	Roundtrip Mileage	# of Days (not to exceed 3)	\$150.00 PER DIEM
1 2/22/23	Board Meeting	0.0	1	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
2				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
3				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
4				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
5				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
6				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
Total Meetings			1	\$150.00
Total Mileage (at \$0.655 per mile)		0		\$0.00

  

DATE	Expense Reimbursement Description (receipts required)	Amount
TOTAL Expenses		\$0.00

  

TOTAL MEETINGS, MILEAGE, EXPENSES			\$150.00
TOTAL			\$150.00

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Water Quality Authority

# EXPENSE SHEET

## Board Member Per Diem

\$150.00 per meeting, 6 meeting maximum per month

Mileage Rate: \$0.655 per mile

(updated January 2023)

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NAME: Lynda NoriegaMONTH/YEAR: Feb-23

DATE	MEETING	Roundtrip Mileage	# of Days (not to exceed 6)	\$150.00 PER DIEM
1 2/22/23	WQA Board of Directors Meeting		1	\$150.00
Meeting Description	Adopted the Section 406 Plan, approved the 2023 membership renewal to the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, approved staff recommendations for FFPA grant awards, approved operation and maintenance task order for Avocet Environmental, Inc., and received and filed staff reports.			
2				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
3				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
4				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
5				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
6				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
Total Meetings			1	\$150.00
Total Mileage (at \$0.655 per mile)		0		\$0.00

  

DATE	Expense Reimbursement Description (receipts required)	Amount
	TOTAL Expenses	\$0.00

  

TOTAL MEETINGS, MILEAGE, EXPENSES			\$150.00
TOTAL			\$150.00

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# EXPENSE SHEET

Board Member Per Diem  
\$150.00 per meeting, 6 meeting maximum per month  
Mileage Rate: \$0.655 per mile  
(updated January 2023)

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NAME: Robert Gonzales

MONTH/YEAR: Feb-23

DATE	MEETING	Roundtrip Mileage	# of Days (not to exceed 6)	\$150.00 PER DIEM
1 2/8/23	LEGISLATIVE AD-HOC MEETING		1	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
2 2/22/23	GENERAL WQA MEETING		2	\$150.00
Meeting Description				
3				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
4				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
5				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
6				\$0.00
Meeting Description				
Total Meetings			2	\$300.00
Total Mileage (at \$0.655 per mile)		0		\$300.00

  

DATE	Expense Reimbursement Description (receipts required)	Amount
	TOTAL Expenses	\$0.00

  

TOTAL MEETINGS, MILEAGE, EXPENSES			\$300.00
TOTAL			\$300.00

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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The following demands on the Project Fund Account Account at Bank of the West are hereby submitted for payment.

Check No.	Payable to	Description	Amount	Funding Sources
<b><u>BALDWIN PARK OPERABLE UNIT</u></b>				
E91804	RC Foster Corporation	Project costs for Spare parts for March 2023 Invoice No.02-23-004, Spare Parts Costs	770.12	CR's
<b><u>SOUTH EL MONTE OPERABLE UNIT</u></b>				
E91805	Avocet Environmental Inc.	Project costs for Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility for March 2023		
		Invoice No. 7419 - Whitmore GW Treatment System	4,021.08	
		Invoice No. 7420 - Regional Site Investigation	<u>152,504.88</u>	
			156,525.96	WQA/SWRCB
<b>Total</b>			<u><u>157,296.08</u></u>	

The following demands on the Project Fund Account at Bank of the West are hereby submitted for payment. Pursuant to the BPOU Project Agreement Section 4.7 Payment of Invoices, the following invoices were approved by the BPOU Project Committee on March 2, 2023.

Check No.	Payable to	Description	Amount	Funding Sources
<b><u>BALDWIN PARK OPERABLE UNIT</u></b>				
E91806	La Puente Valley County WD	Invoice No. 4-2023-01 Project T&R costs for January 2023	122,248.61	CR's
E91807	Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster	Invoice No. 02-252, Administrative Project Costs for January 2023		
		Administrative costs	26,406.41	
		T&R costs	<u>22,920.61</u>	CR's
E91808	Suburban Water Systems	Invoice No. 59880123, Project T&R costs for January 2023	56,870.36	CR's
E91809	Valley County Water District	Project costs for January 2023		
		Invoice No. 481, T&R costs	288,380.82	
		Invoice No. 481 Capital Costs	6,532.25	
		Invoice No. 482, T&R costs	<u>40,995.67</u>	CR's
E91810	California Domestic Water Co.	Project costs for January 2023		
		Invoice No. 3622, T&R costs for Perchlorate	30,761.20	
		Invoice No. 3623, T&R costs for NDMA & VOC's	<u>92,787.26</u>	CR's
E91811	San Gabriel Valley Water Co.	Project costs for December 2022		
		Invoice No.23002, B5 T&R costs	290,254.79	
		Invoice No.23008, B5 Capital Costs	2,275.90	
		Invoice No.23009, B5 Capital Costs	104,272.01	
		Invoice No.23011, B5 Capital Costs	89,335.82	
		Invoice No. 23013, B5 Capital Costs	6,069.43	
		Invoice No. 23001, B6 T&R Costs	679,937.80	
		Invoice No. 22012, B6 Capital Costs A.S. 3 & 4	63,113.82	
		Invoice No. 23014, B6 Capital costs, UV Flex Phase 2	<u>26,860.12</u>	CRs
<b>Total</b>			<u><u>1,950,022.88</u></u>	



# San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

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## AGENDA SUBMITTAL

**To:** WQA Board of Directors  
**From:** Randy Schoellerman, Executive Director  
**Date:** March 22, 2023  
**Subject:** Board of Directors Cost-of-Living Adjustment ("COLA") for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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### **Summary and Recommendation**

Each year at this time the Board considers a cost-of-living (CPI) adjustment for the daily stipend per WQA procedures. Staff presented this to the Administrative / Finance Committee on March 14, and the Committee, while recommending an increase, has referred it to the full Board for discussion.

*The Administrative / Finance Committee recommends increasing the board stipend by \$7.00, from \$150.00 per meeting to \$157.00 per meeting.*

### **Discussion**

CPI increases to Board Member stipends need to comply with the requirements of WQA Procedure No. 23 and the CA Water Code. The attached CPI-U Table 4 indicates that the CPI for January 2023 is 5.8%. Per Water Code Section 2022, the annual increase to Board compensation may not exceed 5%, therefore the CPI increase is limited to 5.0%.

If the Board elects to increase the compensation by 5.00%, the rate will increase by \$7.50 from \$150.00 to \$157.50. The Board may also elect to increase the stipend by less than 5%.

For any proposed increase, the Board needs to approve an ordinance at a noticed public hearing pursuant to the CA Water Sections noted below.

### **Background**

WQA Procedure No. 23 provides that each Board Member receive a daily stipend for services rendered for WQA. Under subsection H of the procedure, the Board may increase the Daily Stipend by an amount equal to the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the annual Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ("CPI-U"), Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim area.

CA Water Code Section 20202: Increases to the amount of compensation may not exceed 5 percent for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment of the compensation. The last increase to the daily stipend was effective 7/1/2022.

CA Water Code Section 20203: Requires that any ordinance to establish or increase the compensation rate for Board Members must be approved at a public hearing with prior published notice pursuant to Government Code Section 6066.

CA Water Code Section 20204: An ordinance adopted pursuant to Section 20201 shall only become effective after the passage of 60 days from the date of its final passage.

For any proposed increase, the Board needs to approve an ordinance at a noticed public hearing pursuant to the CA Water Sections noted above.

Attachments

*Excerpt from Consumer Price Index for January 2023 – Table 4*

*Excerpt from Administrative Procedures 23 –Part III, Section H "Increases to Daily Stipend"*

**Table 4. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index, January 2023**  
[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Area	Pricing Schedule <sup>1</sup>	Percent change to Jan. 2023 from:			Percent change to Dec. 2022 from:		
		Jan. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2022	Dec. 2021	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2022
U.S. city average.....	M	6.4	0.5	0.8	6.5	-0.4	-0.3
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>							
Northeast.....	M	6.0	0.6	0.7	6.1	0.0	-0.1
Northeast - Size Class A.....	M	6.1	0.8	0.8	6.3	0.2	0.0
Northeast - Size Class B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	5.9	0.4	0.5	5.9	-0.2	-0.2
New England <sup>4</sup> .....	M	5.5	0.4	0.9	5.5	-0.1	-0.5
Middle Atlantic <sup>4</sup> .....	M	6.3	0.7	0.6	6.3	0.1	0.1
Midwest.....	M	6.0	0.3	0.8	6.0	-0.6	-0.5
Midwest - Size Class A.....	M	5.9	0.2	0.7	5.8	-0.9	-0.4
Midwest - Size Class B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	6.1	0.4	0.8	6.1	-0.5	-0.5
East North Central <sup>4</sup> .....	M	6.2	0.3	0.9	6.2	-0.8	-0.6
West North Central <sup>4</sup> .....	M	5.6	0.3	0.5	5.7	-0.2	-0.2
South.....	M	6.9	0.5	0.8	7.0	-0.2	-0.3
South - Size Class A.....	M	6.9	0.3	0.6	7.3	-0.2	-0.3
South - Size Class B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	6.9	0.6	0.9	6.9	-0.2	-0.3
South Atlantic <sup>4</sup> .....	M	6.9	0.3	0.6	7.3	0.0	-0.3
East South Central <sup>4</sup> .....	M	6.6	0.8	0.8	6.5	-0.1	0.0
West South Central <sup>4</sup> .....	M	7.0	0.7	1.1	6.7	-0.8	-0.4
West.....	M	6.3	0.5	0.9	6.2	-0.9	-0.4
West - Size Class A.....	M	6.6	0.9	1.2	6.2	-0.8	-0.3
West - Size Class B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	6.0	0.0	0.6	6.3	-0.9	-0.5
Mountain <sup>4</sup> .....	M	7.2	0.3	0.5	7.4	-0.6	-0.2
Pacific <sup>4</sup> .....	M	6.0	0.6	1.1	5.8	-0.9	-0.5
<b>Size classes</b>							
Size Class A <sup>5</sup> .....	M	6.4	0.6	0.9	6.4	-0.4	-0.2
Size Class B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	6.4	0.4	0.8	6.5	-0.4	-0.4
<b>Selected local areas</b>							
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI.....	M	5.4	0.0	0.9	5.5	-1.4	-0.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA.....	M	5.8	1.3	1.9	4.9	-1.4	-0.6
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA.....	M	6.0	1.0	0.8	6.3	0.4	0.2
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA.....	2				8.1	-0.5	
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD <sup>6</sup> .....	2				6.3	-0.1	
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI.....	2				6.2	-1.0	
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX.....	2				5.3	-1.5	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL.....	2				9.9	1.0	
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD.....	2				6.4	-0.4	
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ <sup>7</sup> .....	2				9.5	-0.7	
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA.....	2				4.9	-0.3	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA.....	2				8.4	0.1	
St. Louis, MO-IL.....	2				6.2	0.1	
Urban Alaska.....	2				5.4	-1.7	
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH.....	1	6.4	1.1				
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX.....	1	7.5	0.8				
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO.....	1	6.4	0.9				
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI.....	1	5.1	0.5				
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA <sup>4</sup> .....	1	7.3	1.3				
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA.....	1	6.4	1.8				
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL <sup>8</sup> .....	1	8.9	1.7				
Urban Hawaii.....	1	5.2	0.3				
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	4.4	-0.3				

<sup>1</sup> Foods, fuels, and several other items are priced every month in all areas. Most other goods and services are priced as indicated: M - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November. 2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 2017=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> 1998 - 2017 indexes based on substantially smaller sample.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 2001=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a 1987=100 base.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

EXCERPT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE No. 23  
BOARD MEMBER REIMBURSEMENT, COMPENSATION AND ETHICS TRAINING:  
Last amended on June 2018

*Excerpt from Part III, Section H*

Increases to the Daily Stipend. Subject to the procedures and restrictions set forth under Water Code Sections 20200 through 20204\* and Water Code Section 71255 as the same may be amended from time to time, the Board, no more than once each fiscal year, may take action to increase the Daily Stipend by an amount equal to the lesser of the following:

- (i) the annual percentage change in the January Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los-Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim CA area, Consumer Price Index, All Items, 1982-84=100 for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U); or
- (ii) five percent (5%) for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment.

Such increases shall not take effect until the later of the following: (i) July 1<sup>st</sup> of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in which the increase is finally adopted by the Board; or (ii) 60 calendar days from the date the increase is finally adopted by the Board. The foregoing notwithstanding and pursuant to Water Code Appendix Section 134-512, in no event may the amount of the Daily Stipend exceed the amount set for members of the governing boards of municipal water districts as the amount may be calculated pursuant to Water Code Sections 20202 and 71255.

\*Water Code Section 20203 provides that no ordinance to increase compensation shall be adopted except following a public hearing. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Government Code Section 6066. Government Code Section 6066 provides that publication pursuant to its provisions shall be once a week for two successive weeks. Government Code Section 6066 also states that two publications in a newspaper published once a week or more often, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences upon the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> day, including therein the first day.





# San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

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## AGENDA SUBMITTAL

**To:** WQA Board of Directors  
**From:** Randy Schoellerman, Executive Director  
**Date:** March 22, 2023  
**Subject:** **WQA Committee Meetings**

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### **Background and Discussion**

In 2015, WQA re-classified Committee meetings to “Joint Special Meetings” to allow all WQA Board Member to attend committee meetings regardless of appointment. However, In order to preserve the function of the Committee as advisory to the Board, members of the Board who are not assigned to the Committee may not vote on matters before the Committee.

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 (Brown Act).

On December 21, 2022, the WQA Board approved Procedure No. 43 Teleconferencing Policy. This policy affirms the WQA’s acknowledgment of the requirements and restrictions set forth under the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.) that permit members of legislative bodies to participate remotely (via teleconference) for meetings of such bodies.

In order to distinguish between Board Meetings and committee meetings as distinct legislative bodies, and to improve compliance with AB2449 and Procedure No. 43, a re-classification of committee meetings is recommended.

At the March 14, 2023, Administrative/Finance meeting the committee recommended that the WQA no longer classify committee meetings as “Joint Special Meetings”, and that the full Board discuss if non-committee board members may continue to receive compensation if they attend a WQA committee meeting.

### **Recommendation**

Approve no longer classifying committee meetings as “Joint Special Meetings” and consider continuing compensation for non-committee board members who attend WQA committee meetings.

## Calendars

- SGVMWD
- TVMWD
- USGVMWD
- WM
- WQA

Mar 16 - Jun 15, 2023

### March 2023

Wed Mar 22	12:00pm - 1:00pm	<a href="#">WQA Board Meeting</a>
	4:00pm - 5:00pm	<a href="#">USGVMWD Board Meeting</a>
Thu Mar 23	All day	<a href="#">ACWA Legislative Symposium</a>
	11:30am - 1:00pm	<a href="#">SCWUA Meeting</a>
Mon Mar 27	10:00am - 11:30am	<a href="#">SGVWA Leg. Committee Meeting</a>
	11:30am - 1:00pm	<a href="#">SGVWA Board Meeting</a>

### April 2023

Mon Apr 3	4:00pm - 5:00pm	<a href="#">USGVMWD Gov Affairs Committee Meeting</a>
Tue Apr 4	4:00pm - 5:00pm	<a href="#">USGVMWD Admin &amp; Finance Committee meeting</a>
Wed Apr 5	8:00am - 10:30am	<a href="#">TVMWD Board Meeting</a>
	2:30pm - 3:30pm	<a href="#">Watermaster Board Meeting</a>
	4:00pm - 5:00pm	<a href="#">USGVMWD Water Resources &amp; Facility Management Committee</a>
Mon Apr 10	8:00am - 10:00am	<a href="#">SGVMWD Board Meeting</a>
Tue Apr 11	10:00am - 11:00am	<a href="#">WQA Admin/Finance Committee</a>
Wed Apr 12	11:00am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">WQA Leg/Pub Committee</a>
	1:30pm - 3:00pm	<a href="#">WM Basin Watermaster Committee Mtg</a>
	4:00pm - 5:00pm	<a href="#">USGVMWD Board Meeting</a>
Wed Apr 19	8:00am - 10:30am	<a href="#">TVMWD Board Meeting</a>
	12:00pm - 1:00pm	<a href="#">WQA Board Meeting</a>
	1:30pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">WM Administrative Committee Mtg</a>
Mon Apr 24	10:00am - 11:30am	<a href="#">SGVWA Leg. Committee Meeting</a>
	11:30am - 1:00pm	<a href="#">SGVWA Board Meeting</a>
Wed Apr 26	4:00pm - 5:00pm	<a href="#">USGVMWD Board Meeting</a>

Thu Apr 27	11:30am - 1:00pm	SCWUA Meeting
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## May 2023

Mon May 1	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Gov Affairs Committee Meeting ↻
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Tue May 2	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Admin & Finance Committee meeting ↻
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Wed May 3	8:00am - 10:30am	TVMWD Board Meeting ↻
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	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Watermaster Board Meeting ↻
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	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Water Resources & Facility Management Committee ↻
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Thu May 4	All day	SCWUA Golf Tournament
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Mon May 8	8:00am - 10:00am	SGVMWD Board Meeting ↻
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Tue May 9	All day - Thu May 11	ACWA Spring Conference
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Wed May 10	1:30pm - 3:00pm	WM Basin Watermaster Committee Mtg ↻
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	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Board Meeting ↻
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Tue May 16	10:00am - 11:00am	WQA Admin/Finance Committee
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Wed May 17	8:00am - 10:30am	TVMWD Board Meeting ↻
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	11:00am - 12:00pm	WQA Leg/Pub Committee
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	1:30pm - 2:30pm	WM Administrative Committee Mtg ↻
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Mon May 22	10:00am - 11:30am	SGVWA Leg. Committee Meeting ↻
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	11:30am - 1:00pm	SGVWA Board Meeting ↻
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Wed May 24	12:00pm - 1:00pm	WQA Board Meeting
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	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Board Meeting ↻
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## June 2023

Mon Jun 5	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Gov Affairs Committee Meeting ↻
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Tue Jun 6	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Admin & Finance Committee meeting ↻
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Wed Jun 7	8:00am - 10:30am	TVMWD Board Meeting ↻
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	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Watermaster Board Meeting ↻
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	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Water Resources & Facility Management Committee ↻
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Mon Jun 12	8:00am - 10:00am	<a href="#">SGVMWD Board Meeting ↻</a>
Tue Jun 13	10:00am - 11:00am	<a href="#">WQA Admin/Finance Committee ↻</a>
Wed Jun 14	11:00am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">WQA Leg/Pub Committee ↻</a>
	1:30pm - 3:00pm	<a href="#">WM Basin Watermaster Committee Mtg ↻</a>
	4:00pm - 5:00pm	<a href="#">USGVMWD Board Meeting ↻</a>

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