



San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

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**WQA LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.
AT
1720 W. CAMERON AVE., SUITE 100 IN WEST COVINA, CA**

Meeting Link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckc-2rpzspHtwN6rKNIKbo-8LP_WtlphJi

A confirmation email will be sent to you with instructions on how to join the meeting virtually or call-in option

AGENDA

Committee Members: Valerie Munoz, Bob Kuhn and Robert Gonzales

Liaison Member: Lynda Noriega

- I. Call to Order
- II. Remote Participation Declaration - AB 2449
[Government Code Section 54953(f)]
 - a. Notification of Just Cause
 - b. Emergency Circumstances Requests
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Discussion Regarding Next Advertorial
- V. Discussion Regarding EcoVoices Program [enc]
- VI. Legislative Activities/Reports
 - a. WQA – Sponsored Legislation
 - i. AB279 (Rubio) – WQA Annual Pumping Right Assessment
 - b. State
 - c. Federal
- VII. Executive Director’s Report
- VIII. Adjournment



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AGENDA SUBMITTAL

To: Legislative/Public Information Committee
From: Randy Schoellerman, Executive Director
Date: May 16, 2023
Subject: **Eco Voices Institute Educational Programs**

Discussion

The past seven years WQA has participated in a Summer Youth Outreach Program with EcoVoices to target a segment of the community that is difficult to reach, the youth of our communities. EcoVoices is a STEM's rich hands-on program that provides young people lessons on the San Gabriel River watershed that includes: groundwater quality, drought preparedness, mitigation measures for the prevention of pollution and restorative biodiversity. It is delivered in a dynamic and theatrical way that helps students remember and retain what is taught. This year the program has expanded to include at least 15 K-8 schools within the area of the WQA and added a series of educational videos. Concurrently, the development of online and live curriculum modules will be produced to accompany each Video and will be made available to teachers and staff.

Staff recommends continuing our partnership with EcoVoices for the summer program for the budgeted \$15,000. The program reaches an estimated 1,000 youth within the region.

Recommendation

Approve proposal for participation in the EcoVoices Institute Educational Programs for \$15,000.

Attachment

Eco Voices Proposal for 2022



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WATER QUALITY ACTION STORIES

We consider this current suite of deliverables as a product of our 2022-2023 Agreement.

Videos

Between now and end-of-June 2023, we will have completed and delivered our initial suite of educational and social media video productions, comprised of Social Media Spots (under 2 minutes) and Educational Videos (several 5-8 minute episodes and one longer episode—featuring Young Scientist explainers) on the following topics:

- Airstripper: Volatile Organic Chemicals (*√Delivered Social Media Spot*)
- Ion Exchange: Perchlorate (*√Delivered Social Media Spot*)
- Sustainability (*√Delivered Social Media Spot*)
- Regenerable Ion Exchange: Nitrates
- UltraViolet Technologies: NDMA and 1,4 Dioxane
- Overview of Water Treatment Facilities
- The San Gabriel River Valley Watershed

Accompanying Curriculum Guides

Concurrently, we are developing online and live curriculum modules to accompany each video, for use by teachers and activity leaders, as well as by our own staff to accompany our delivery of Water Quality Action Stories to be completed by the end of June 2023.

Water Quality Action Stories: 2023-2024

We propose to utilize these products as we schedule a series of expeditions, hands-on educational activities at various parks in the San Gabriel Valley featuring our *Water Quality Action Stories*, to carry out the curriculum throughout the summer and upcoming school year 2023-2024, both through WQA and our collaborative partners such as the San Gabriel Valley Water Company. As we emerge from the cocoon of CoVid, we look forward to a robust resurgence of our live education and outreach activities.

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AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, 2023-2024

This Agreement is made and entered on this date, _____, by and between the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA) and EcoVoices, a Project of the Founders of the World Space Foundation (World Space). The purpose of EcoVoices to create and sustain innovative, effective, and outstanding educational programs for ecological research and stewardship, focused on water.

SCOPE OF WORK: World Space agrees to perform the professional services and tasks set forth as follows:

1. Create, design, and produce, as part of the larger EcoVoices community outreach curriculum, courses, inquiry stations, science journals, mimewriting scenarios and other associated components on the theme of WATER QUALITY ACTION STORIES.
2. Implement the WATER QUALITY curriculum as part of the SUMMER 2023 and School Year 2023-2024 community outreach, within the service area of the WQA, by using the series of *video productions* for online and Social Media distribution.
3. Implement the WATER QUALITY curriculum as part of the School Year 2022-2023 community outreach to at least 5 schools within the service area of the WQA.
4. Provide photographs and write-ups to enable the WQA to publicize its participation as an EcoVoices partner via its Social Media outlets. Include the WQA logo where appropriate (letterhead, banners, science journals, etc.), to indicate its status as an EcoVoices partner.

COMPENSATION: EcoVoices, a project of World Space, shall perform the Professional Services at a total cost of \$15,000, payable to the "World Space Foundation".

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: World Space enthusiastically embraces the task of creating a suite of educational products for EcoVoices that communicate WQA community outreach themes. World Space reserves the intellectual property rights to benefit the authors of those efforts, to be shared as revenue-producing work, on a case by case basis, with its collaborative partners.

GENERAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT: This Agreement funds activities carried out in concert with several collaborative entities, including but not limited to: the L.A. County Department of Parks & Recreation, the City of La Puente (through our programs at the La Puente Park Community Center), the San Gabriel Valley Water Company, the National Ground Water Foundation, and various school districts within the San Gabriel Basin WQA service area.

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