

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
MAY 24, 2023 AT 12:00 P.M.**

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.
REMOTE PARTICIPATION DECLARATION – Ab 2449	None.
ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS	Mark Paulson, Lynda Noriega, Valerie Munoz, Robert DiPrimio, Ed Chavez, and Robert Gonzales
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Bob Kuhn
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; Jackie Montgomery, Admin/Accounting Assistant; Michelle Sanchez, Admin/Accounting Assistant; Richard Padilla, Legal Counsel
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT	Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT PARTICIPATED VIA ONLINE/TELECONFERENCE	Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED	None.
PUBLIC HEARING	Ms. Saenz briefly reviewed the draft budget for fiscal year 2023/2024. She indicated that no comments have been received on the budget.
<i>“Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024”</i>	The Chairman opened the public hearing to receive comments on the draft budget for fiscal year 2023/2024. There being no comments the public hearing was closed.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Ms. Moreno reported that a correction has been made to the 4/19/2023 Board minutes and that an amended copy has been handed out. She also noted that Demand No. E91870 for EcoVoices appeared in the agenda packet under the Consent

Calendar items, but should not be considered for approval until agenda item IX.(a)2a.

Ms. Munoz moved to approve the consent calendar with the noted changes. Ms. Noriega seconded the motion, and it was approved with the following abstentions:

Mr. DiPrimio abstained from Project Demand Nos. E91869.

Ms. Noriega abstained from Project Demand No. E91868.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative/Public Information Committee

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

Update on the EcoVoices Program

Ms. Moreno reported that the WQA has sponsored the EcoVoices Summer Youth Outreach program. She indicated that the program targets a segment of the community that is difficult to reach, the youth of our communities. She noted that EcoVoices is a STEM-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. She reported that this past year Dr. Shope and his team have been developing and producing water quality educational videos. She indicated that he has produced some small clips to use on social media right now and the full 5-8 minute episodes along with written curriculum are scheduled to be completed by the end of June. She reported that Dr. Shope has submitted his proposal for the next fiscal year where his program will be able to utilize the new videos and curriculum for their summer youth program in the parks. She noted that the proposal was for the same amount as in past years at \$15,000.

Dr. Shope reported that he would be reaching out to the local school districts and Superintendents to offer the new videos to use in the classrooms.

Mr. Chavez asked what is the age group that this program targets.

Dr. Shope commented that the program targets kids K-12, with most of the participation is at the middle school and high school level.

Mr. Chavez asked if this program runs year-round.

Dr. Shope commented that the program starts in the Summer where they meet at the various parks in the community, and once school starts in the Fall the program goes into the schools with school assembly presentations.

Discussion/Action Regarding

Mr. Chavez moved to approve the proposal for the EcoVoices

EcoVoices Proposal for FY 2023-2024

Program and Demand No. E91870. Mr. Gonzales seconded the motion and it was approved.

**OTHER
ACTION/INFORMATION
ITEMS**

***Discussion/Action Regarding
Adoption of Draft Budget for FY
2023-2024***

Ms. Noriega moved to approve the budget for FY 2023-2024. Ms. Munoz seconded the motion and it was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: PAULSON, NORIEGA, DIPRIMIO, MUNOZ,
CHAVEZ, GONZALES

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: KUHN

***Discussion/Action Regarding
Assessment for Fiscal Year 2023-
2024***

Mr. DiPrimio moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-006 and Resolution No. 23-007. Ms. Munoz seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the following roll call vote:

***1. Adoption of Resolution No.
23-006, Setting the
Hearing Date for August
16, 2023***

AYES: PAULSON, NORIEGA, DIPRIMIO, MUNOZ,
CHAVEZ, GONZALES

NO: NONE

***2. Adoption of Resolution No.
23-007, Setting the
Schedule for Collection***

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: KUHN

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman commented that due to the resignation of Mr. Whitehead the Board needed to elect a new member for that position.

Treasurer

Mr. Chavez moved to elect Mr. Gonzales as the WQA Treasurer. Ms. Munoz seconded the motion and it was approved.

**APPOINTMENT OF
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Chairman commented that due to the resignation of Mr. Whitehead he needed to appoint a member to the Administrative/Finance Committee. He asked if any of the Board Members would like to change their committee appointments. There being none all remained the same.

***Administrative/Finance
Committee***

The Chairman appointed Mr. DiPrimio to the Administrative/Finance Committee.

PROJECT REPORTS

Mr. Colby reported that on May 3rd the WQA received the executed grant extension for the SEMOU site investigation. He indicated that the extension was needed to complete all 12

sites by May 2024. He noted that staff has received 11 of 12 executed access agreements and has investigated 10 of the 12 sites. He reported that WQA was notified of additional funding for existing Prop. 68 grants. He indicated that there was \$17.3M in additional funds for 21 projects. He noted that \$14.3M for Basinwide and \$3M for EMOU. He also noted that the grant would be extended until the end of February 2026. He reported that there was an EMOU technical meeting the previous day. He indicated that Golden State Water Company is planning to add Chromium VI treatment at their Encinitas well field. He noted that is crucial since that wellfield is the West side deep remedy for the EMOU. He lastly reported that today California Domestic Water Company's FFPA award was approved on the Consent Calendar in the amount of \$1.44M which is out of a total award of \$2.6M.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Padilla reported that there was no need for a closed session. He also reported that staff is working on a fact sheet to accompany the complaint filed for the PFAS lawsuit and that the initial trials of test cases are set for June.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Monares reported that AB 279 was waiting for a hearing date for the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. He reported that back in DC Congress was still working on the debt ceiling issues.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman made note of the additional \$17.4M in Prop 68 funds from DFA. He reported that he coordinated comments on EPA's proposed maximum contaminant level of 4 ppt on PFAS with Watermaster and the SGV Water Association and provided verbal comments at EPA's public hearing on May 5th. He noted that he will also be sending in the written comments prior to the May 30th deadline.

Ms. Noriega commented that the East Coast has a more significant issue with PFAS. She noted that water producers are being forced to clean it up and they were not the ones that caused the problem.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff attended the ACWA conference which was held on May 9-11th in Monterey along with Directors Kuhn and Chavez. He noted that he also attended the California Groundwater Coalition meeting that was held at the ACWA conference. He reported that staff participated in the update that was given to Congresswoman Napolitano on May 3rd at Upper District. He indicated that Mr. Colby provided an update with Director Gonzales to the El Monte City Council on May 2nd and that Director Gonzales was scheduling updates for the cities of Industry and Covina. Mr. Schoellerman thanked Ms. Saenz for her work preparing the budget projections and the budget for adoption.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 10 a.m.

The next WQA Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

The Board decided to cancel all WQA Committee meetings and the Board meeting in the month of July.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/ REPORTS

Mr. Chavez commented that he attended the ACWA conference and indicated that it was well attended. He thanked everyone for sending their condolences on the passing of his mother.


Ms. Munoz welcomed Mr. DiPrimio to the WQA Board.

Ms. Noriega expressed her condolences to Mr. Chavez and welcomed Mr. DiPrimio to the Board. She also expressed concerns with how PFAS will affect the operable units in the Basin.

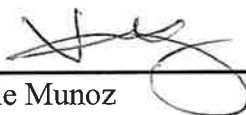
Mr. DiPrimio thanked everyone for welcoming him and looks forward to working with everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman asked if there were any other items of business to come before the Board. There being none the meeting was adjourned in the memory of Magdalena Chavez to June 21, 2023.



Mark Paulson
Chairman



Valerie Munoz
Secretary