

**A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 AT 12:00 P.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>REMOTE PARTICIPATION DECLARATION – AB 2449</b>	None.
<b>ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS</b>	Mark Paulson, Lynda Noriega, Valerie Munoz, Robert Gonzales, Jody Roberto (alternate), Ed Chavez, and Robert DiPrimio
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Lynda Noriega and Bob Kuhn
<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; Jackie Montgomery, Admin/Accounting Assistant; Michelle Sanchez, Admin/Accounting Assistant; Richard Padilla, Legal Counsel
<b>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT</b>	
<b>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT PARTICIPATED VIA ONLINE/TELECONFERENCE</b>	Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District; Jose Martinez, Valley County Water District; Tara Robinson, Valley County Water District; Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	None.
<b>ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED</b>	None.
<b>CONSENT CALENDAR</b>	Ms. Munoz moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion, and it was approved with the following abstentions: Mr. DiPrimio abstained from Project Demand Nos. E91987.
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	None.
<b>OTHER ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS</b>	

## *Update on EcoVoices Program*

Mr. Shope provided an update on the EcoVoices program and series of videos that he has been working on. He shared one of the videos with the Board that talked about the chemical perchlorate and drinking water. He reported that he is using these videos in his classes and has contacted local school districts to offer to present these videos in school assemblies. He also noted that he would be sending Ms. Moreno some photos of these videos being shared with the students so that they can be used on the WQA's social media platforms.

Ms. Moreno commented that all of the videos can be found on the WQA's website and YouTube channel.

## **PROJECT REPORTS**

Mr. Colby reported that eleven of the twelve high priority sites being investigated via a Proposition 1 Grant have been completed. Staff with the assistance of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), have been in discussions with the property owner of the remaining site to gain access for the investigation activities. He noted that if access is not granted the RWQCB will issue an order to the property owner to conduct the investigation at their own expense. He reported that staff is working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Toxic Substances Control Board (DTSC) regarding the transfer of oversight of the South El Monte Operable Unit from EPA to DTSC. He noted that the transfer was to take place in May 2023, however for various reasons it has been delayed with an expected transfer date of early 2024. As a result of the delay, staff has extended the existing Cooperative Agreement with EPA thru August of 2024, and has applied for additional funding from EPA to ensure reimbursement to SEMOU water purveyors who are operating the remedy projects.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Monares reported that congress was working on a continuing resolution to avoid a government shutdown.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that WQA's bill AB 279 was sitting on the Governor's desk waiting for signature. He reported that WQA continues to monitor the \$5.5M that is in the appropriation bill for the WQA. He also reported that he provided a presentation to the City of West Covina and has one scheduled for the City of Industry on October 12<sup>th</sup>. He reported that staff is working on the annual report for fiscal year 2022/2023. He noted that the invoice has gone out for the first installment of the annual assessment. He reported that staff is working on an ad that will be printed in the California Water Publication that is scheduled to be published later this month. He noted that the WQA Chair and staff attended a briefing with Congresswoman Napolitano and JPL that was very informative. He reminded everyone that staff is currently conducting an election for board member representing cities

without pumping rights and all nominations are due by October 19, 2023.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

A closed session was not held.

**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Mr. Chavez reported that he attended the San Gabriel Valley Public Affairs Network event with Adel Hagekhalil. He noted that Ms. Moreno asked a great question regarding grant funding for the San Gabriel Basin.

Ms. Munoz reported that she attended the first San Gabriel Valley Women in Water event last week. She thanked staff for all of the city presentations that they have been doing. She also reported that she is running for election for her current seat on the WQA Board, and that the city of La Puente's nomination will be sent in soon.

Mr. Gonzales thanked staff for the presentations to the city councils.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman asked if there were any other items of business to come before the Board, there being none, the meeting was adjourned to the next meeting on November 15, 2023.

  
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Mark Paulson  
Chairman

  
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Valerie Munoz  
Secretary