

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 20, 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**

Ms. Moreno reported that one member of the Board provided notice of their need to participate remotely for “just cause”. She indicated that at least a quorum of the Water Quality Authority (WQA) Board was physically present for the meeting. She reported that Mr. DiPrimio was participating remotely and duly notified the WQA as required by AB2449. She noted that Mr. DiPrimio was participating with both audio and camera on and asked Mr. DiPrimio to disclose if there were any person 18 years or older present in the room at the remote location.

Mr. DiPrimio reported that he had no disclosures.

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD
MEMBERS**

Mark Paulson, Lynda Noriega, Valerie Munoz, Robert Gonzales, Bob Kuhn, Ed Chavez, and Robert DiPrimio (online)

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; Jackie Montgomery, Admin/Accounting Assistant; Michelle Sanchez, Admin/Accounting Assistant (online); Richard Padilla, Legal Counsel

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
PRESENT**

Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
THAT PARTICIPATED VIA
ONLINE/TELECONFERENCE**

Jessica Taylor, California American Water; Jody Roberto, Three Valleys MWD; Garry Hofer, California American Water; Ralph Galvan, Valley County Water District

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE
AGENDIZED**

None.

ELECTION OF WQA BOARD MEMBER AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR CITIES WITHOUT PUMPING RIGHTS

Ms. Moreno reported the election deadline was Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 12:00pm. She indicated there was total of 48 votes possible. She reported that Ms. Munoz received 30 votes and Ms. Clark received 9 votes. She reported that Ms. Munoz was elected as the WQA Board Member and Ms. Clark was elected as the WQA Alternate Board Member for the next four-year term that will begin January 2024.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Munoz moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Mr. Gonzales seconded the motion, and it was approved with the following abstentions:
Mr. DiPrimio abstained from Project Demand No. E92074.
Ms. Noriega abstained from Project Demand No. E92073.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative/Public Information Committee Report

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

Administrative/Finance Committee Report

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OTHER ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Discussion/Action Regarding Notice of Exemption for the Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility Expanded Site Implementation Project

Mr. Colby reported that the WQA has been awarded a Proposition 1 Implementation Grant for the purpose of expanding the Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility (WSGRF), an existing groundwater extraction system, to improve the effectiveness for containment and remediation of 1,4-Dioxane and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). He indicated that this project consists of approximately 12 new extraction wells, associated pipeline runs and 6 monitoring wells. He also noted that this project will not increase the capacity of the existing treatment facility. He reported that in 2018, WQA was awarded a Proposition 1 Planning Grant for the purpose of conducting an site investigation to further characterize the extent of VOC and 1,4 Dioxane contamination in groundwater up-gradient of the WSGRF. Subsequently, WQA filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) to conduct the investigation utilizing Section 15306: Class 6 Information Collection Categorical/Statutory Exemption. He indicated that in 2020, WQA amended the Proposition 1 Planning Grant to conduct additional investigations upgradient of the WSGRF to address data gaps from the initial investigations. He noted that WQA filed a second NOE utilizing the same exemption noted above.

Adopt Resolution No. 23-010, A Resolution of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Concerning a Notice of Exemption

After a brief discussion, Ms. Noriega moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-010. Ms. Munoz seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the following roll call vote:

and Approval for Whitmore Street
Groundwater Remediation Facility
Expanded Site Implementation
Project

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

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

PROJECT REPORTS

Mr. Colby reported that WQA hosted a Puente Valley Operable Unit Stakeholder meeting on December 5, 2023. Highlights of the meeting include ongoing shakedown testing with an anticipated public hearing on the 97-005 amended water supply permit to be held towards the end of 2024. He stated that the Department of Toxic Substances Control Board has created a new unit of six personal dedicated to San Gabriel Valley groundwater contamination issues.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Monares wished everyone a Merry Christmas

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that a Washington, D.C. was planned for January 9-11th. He indicated the reasons for the trip was to meet with legislators and committee staff to discuss the WQA's appropriation requests and to discuss the amendments to the Restoration Fund. He reported that staff met with the Division of Finance (DFA) management to discuss the delay in DFA approving the first Prop 68 payment request. He noted that DFA agreed to regular meetings to expedite the process. He hoped that DFA would approve the first payment in the first quarter of 2024. He reported that staff is looking to refresh the WQA website and logo and will be discussing it with the Legislative/Public Information Committee in January. He reminded everyone that the WQA office will be closed until January 2, 2024. He congratulated Ms. Munoz on her re-election to the WQA Board. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for *Monday, January 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.*

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for *Monday, January 8, 2023, at 10 a.m.*

The next WQA Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was not held.

BOARD MEMBERS'

Many members of the Board wished everyone a Merry

**COMMENTS/
REPORTS**

Christmas and congratulated Ms. Munoz on her re-election to the WQA Board.

Ms. Munoz commented that she was excited to serve another term on the Board.


Mr. Paulson requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Steven Sham, the former Mayor of Alhambra.

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 Steven Sham until the next meeting on January 17, 2024.



Mark Paulson
Chairman



Valerie Munoz
Secretary