

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
MARCH 20, 2024 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, Garry Hofer (alternate), Valerie Munoz, Robert Gonzales, Bob Kuhn, Ed Chavez, and Robert DiPrimio
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Lynda Noriega
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; Richard Padilla, Legal Counsel
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT	Michelle Sanchez, Will Weaver, CDM Smith; Dave Chamberlin, CDM Smith; Tom Schmidt, TPS Law; Mark Scheuer, Ametek; Leslie Dybel, CDM Smith; Chris Lancaster, Civic Publications; Davide Muse, Valley County Water District; Javier Vargas, Valley County Water District
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT PARTICIPATED VIA ONLINE/TELECONFERENCE	Steve Kiggins, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District; James Cortes, interested party
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED	None. Mr. Kuhn enters the meeting.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Mr. Gonzales moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Ms. Munoz seconded the motion, and it was approved with the following abstentions: Mr. DiPrimio abstained from Project Demand No. E92186.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	
<i>Legislative/Public Information</i>	Mr. Schoellerman reported that the minutes for the committee

Committee Report

meeting were enclosed for review.

Administrative/Finance Committee Report

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**OTHER
ACTION/INFORMATION
ITEMS**

PROJECT REPORTS

Mr. Colby reported that CDM Smith, who represent the West Side Performing Settling Defendant in the El Monte Operable Unit (EMOU) were present to provide an update on the EMOU West Side Shallow Zone Remedy Enhancement.

Mr. Chamberlin reviewed the shallow zone remedy enhancements and construction updates that were made to address flow direction during drought periods. He noted that the Shallow Zone Remedy consisted of seven additional extraction wells and infrastructure to convey extracted groundwater to the existing groundwater treatment system. He noted that the construction was anticipated to be completed in mid 2024.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Padilla reported that a closed session was needed so he could provide an update.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the WQA has been allocated \$5.5M for FY 24 as part of the congressionally directed spending bill.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that a budget workshop and reserve analysis has been scheduled for the April 9th Administrative/Finance Committee meeting. He reported that he continues to work on the WQA organizational review.

Mr. Paulson commented that he would like set up an ad hoc Personnel committee. He appointed himself, Bob Kuhn and Lynda Noriega to that committee.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

**FUTURE BOARD AND
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 10 a.m.

The next WQA Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section

54956.9(d)(1)

– Conference with Legal Counsel re: Existing Litigation - San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority v. 3M Company et al, USDC Case No. 2:23-av-55555-CIV

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

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

**BOARD MEMBERS’
COMMENTS/
REPORTS**

Mr. Gonzales reported that he and Mr. Schoellerman were scheduled to provide the City of Alhambra an update on WQA on April 8th. He noted that after the update at the city of Alhambra he will have visited all of the cities that he represents with pumping rights.

Mr. DiPrimio thanked staff for their efforts for the additional funding through Prop 68.


Mr. Kuhn commented that since the primary election results it was important to keep Gil Cisneros updated on the WQA.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman asked if there were any other items of business to come before the Board, there being none, the meeting was adjourned until the next meeting on March 20, 2024.



Mark Paulson
Chairman



Valerie Munoz
Secretary