

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 18, 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 Gonzales, Bob Kuhn, Ed Chavez, and Robert DiPrimio
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	Greg Galindo, Suburban Water Systems; Phil Miller, Avocet Environmental; Deke Siren, Avocet Environmental
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT PARTICIPATED VIA ONLINE/TELECONFERENCE	Jessica Taylor, California American Water; Jody Roberto, Three Valleys MWD; Garry Hofer, California American Water
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED	None.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Ms. Noriega 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. E92016. Ms. Noriega abstained from Project Demand No. E92015.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	
<i>Administrative/Finance Committee Report</i>	Mr. Gonzales entered the meeting. Mr. Schoellerman reported that the minutes for the committee

meeting were enclosed for review. He noted that the committee reviewed WQA's Procedure No. 40 COLA policy and that staff would be updating the policy per the committee's direction and then taking it back to the committee for additional review in November.

Mr. Kuhn commented that he had some concerns about the policy but is not on the Admin/Finance committee.

Mr. Padilla suggested that Mr. Kuhn contact Ms. Noriega, who is the Committee's Chairperson, and communicate his concerns directly to her.

*Discussion Regarding 3rd Quarter
2023 Cash Report*

Ms. Saenz reported that the WQA holds its investment funds at the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). She reported that the average monthly effective yield for the Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA)/LAIF for July, August, and September is 3.305%, 3.434%, and 3.534% respectively. She noted that the LAIF quarterly rate for July through September was 3.59%, and \$156,452 in interest received.

**OTHER
ACTION/INFORMATION
ITEMS**

None.

PROJECT REPORTS

Mr. Colby introduced Phil Miller and Deke Siren from Avocet Environmental (Avocet) who were sitting in the audience. He indicated that the WQA began working with Mr. Miller back in the early 2000's with the construction of two early action projects, the South El Monte Barrier, and the Whittier Narrows Barrier. He reported that in 2006 Avocet designed and built the Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility (WSGRF) and has been operating it on behalf of the WQA. He reported that Avocet conducted the expanded site investigation around the WSGRF which led to the recent Proposition 1 Round 3 application and preliminary award. He lastly noted that Avocet is currently conducting site investigations activities related to WQA's Proposition 1 Round 2 grant.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that WQA's bill AB 279 has been signed by the Governor and will go into effect January 1, 2024. He thanked Assemblywoman Rubio and her staff for their work on the bill. He also thanked the San Gabriel Valley Water Association for supporting the bill along with the individual cities and water companies that supported it as well. He commended the work that Jack Gualco and Gabriel Monares did for the bill. He reminded everyone that this bill does not increase the assessment and there are no plans to increase the assessment at this time. He reported that

legislators continue to struggle with appropriations bills in the House and the Senate, and that the current Continuing Resolution keeps the government operating until mid-November. He noted that it was unclear what impact that may have on funding for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund. He reported that WQA's election for the representative for the Cities Without Pumping Rights is underway and two nominations were received. He indicated that the two nominations were Ms. Munoz from the city of La Puente and Ms. Clark from the City of Rosemead. He noted that the nomination deadline was October 19, 2023. He reported that he would be speaking at the WELL Untapped event on October 28th. He reported that he would be providing the L.A. Regional Water Quality Control Board with a presentation on the Prop 1 funding that WQA has received on November 16th. He reported that Mr. Colby gave a presentation to the City of Industry on October 12th along with Mr. Gonzales and Ms. Munoz. He noted that staff has upcoming presentations for the cities of Covina and Arcadia with Mr. Gonzales. Mr. Schoellerman introduced Greg Galindo from Suburban Water Systems who was sitting in the audience and noted that he is the WQA Alternate Board Member for Mr. DiPrimio. He lastly reported that the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Awards Gala was scheduled for November 4th.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 10 a.m.

The next WQA Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

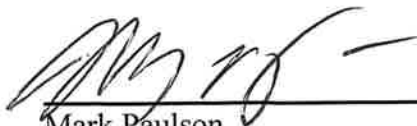
A closed session was not held.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

Ms. Noriega congratulated the WQA on the passing of AB 279. She indicated that the San Gabriel Valley Water Association did support the legislation and noted that the water producers are the ones paying the WQA annual assessment.

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 December 20, 2023.



Mark Paulson
Chairman



Valerie Munoz
Secretary