

**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY  
LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 13, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Gonzales called the committee meeting to order and reviewed the actions anticipated on the agenda for the meeting.

**REMOTE PARTICIPATION  
DECLARATION – AB 2449  
[Government Code Section 54953(f)]**

None.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Valerie Munoz and Robert Gonzales

**WATERMASTER LIASON**

None.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
ABSENT**

Bob Kuhn

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Ed Chavez (online)

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Randy Schoellerman, Executive Director; Dan Colby, Assistant Executive Director/Senior Project Manager; Stephanie Moreno, Director of Communications; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance; Jackie Montgomery, Accounting Specialist; Michelle Sanchez, Senior Administrative Assistant/Office Coordinator

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
PRESENT**

None.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATING ONLINE**

Chris Lancaster, Civic Publications; Irma Cooper, member of the public; James Cortes

***Public Comment***

None.

***Discussion Regarding Next  
Advertorial***

Ms. Moreno reported that the most recent ad that has just published was Civic Leadership. She reviewed an electronic version of the ad with the committee.

Mr. Lancaster reported that the Civic Leadership publication included all new live video and links throughout the ad. He noted that this ad was distributed to over 50,000 people in the San Gabriel Valley and about 320,000 e-subscribers of the Los Angeles Times. He reported that the next ad that staff is working on is the Community Profiles publication which will

feature interactive elements such as clickable pictures that link to biographies of elected officials. He also reported that the ad that will follow Community Profiles would be the California Water publication. He noted that it would feature a story on the Women in Water San Gabriel Valley Region.

Ms. Moreno commented that on August 21<sup>st</sup> immediately following the WQA Board meeting, ACWA Region 8 is holding an event that would highlight women in water and the keynote speaker is Patricia Mulroy, the former general manager at Southern Nevada Water Authority. She noted that the Women in Water San Gabriel Valley Region is hosting the reception following the event.

Ms. Munoz requested that staff share the Civic Leadership ad with the full Board at the Board meeting the following week.

### ***Update on WQA Website***

Ms. Moreno reported that the new WQA website is now live. She reviewed the site with the committee and highlighted the new features. She noted that a new log-in feature has been added for WQA Board members to submit their monthly expense forms online and in real-time. She also noted that she would sit down with each Board member individually to get them set up and to go over everything with them.

Ms. Munoz requested that staff see if they can add the animation of the contamination plume to the website.

### ***Discussion Regarding Prop 4 Water/Wildfire/Climate Bond***

Mr. Schoellerman reported that there would be a bond on the upcoming November ballot which includes \$610M for water quality and cleanup. He noted that staff would work on a resolution of support for the bond and bring it to the full Board for consideration.

Mr. Gonzales commented that he agreed that a resolution of support was a good idea for the full Board to consider.

### ***Legislative Activities/Reports***

Mr. Monares reported that the legislature was back in session in Sacramento and Congress was still on recess.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff was still watching the status of the federal funding request and was focusing on securing \$7M for the Restoration Fund. He noted that once Congress comes back from recess, they will get back to work on the appropriation bills. He was hopeful that we would know how much funding WQA would receive by December of this year.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that at the next Board meeting there will be a public hearing on the \$12/acre foot assessment for fiscal year 2024/2025. He also reported WQA legal counsel will give a brief workshop on the requirements of AB 1234 pertaining to Board members monthly expense

reports. He also noted that Ms. Moreno would follow that discussion with the new feature on the WQA website that will allow WQA Board Members to submit their expense forms online. He also noted that staff has received approval of a large payment request for Prop 68. He lastly reported that Dr. Shope has been selected to be a presenter at the National Groundwater Association Conference in December.

Mr. Gonzales reported that he attended the recent WELL Conference and was glad to hear positive reports about WQA from some of the speakers.

## ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Munoz asked if there were any other items of business to come before the committee. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.



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Mark Paulson  
Chairman



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Valerie Munoz  
Secretary