

VII. REPORT ON APPOINTMENTS TO WQA BOARD

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VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

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(Consent items may all be approved by single motion) [enc]

- (a) Minutes for 11/20/24 Regular Board Meeting
- (b) Minutes for 12/10/24 Legislative/Public Information Committee Meeting
- (c) Minutes for 12/10/24 Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting
- (d) Ratification of Demands on Project Funds for December 3, 2024
- (e) Demands on Administrative Fund December 18, 2024
- (f) Demands on Project Fund for December 18, 2024

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(These items may require action)

- (a) Legislative/Public Information Committee [enc]
 - 1. Discussion/Action Regarding Kadesh & Associates, LLC [enc]
- (b) Administrative/Finance Committee Report [enc]

X. OTHER ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

PAULSON

(These items may require action)

- (a) None.

XI. PROJECT REPORTS

COLBY

- (a) Treatment Plants:

1.	Baldwin Park Operable Unit	<u>Status</u>
	• Arrow/Lante Well (Subarea 1)	Operational
	• Monrovia Wells	Operational
	• SGVWC B6 Plant	Operational
	• SGVWC B5 Plant	Operational
	• CDWC Well No. 14	Operational
	• La Puente Valley County Water District	Operational
	• VCWD Nixon	Operational
	• VCWD Maine	Operational
2.	El Monte Operable Unit	
	• Eastern Shallow Zone	Operational
	• Eastern Deep Zone	Operational
	• GSWC Encinita Plant	Operational
	• Western Shallow Zone	Operational
3.	South El Monte Operable Unit	
	• Whitmore Street. Ground Water Remediation Treatment Facility	Operational
	• City of M.P. Well No. 5 VOC Treatment Facility	Operational
	• City of M.P. Well No. 12 VOC Treatment	Operational

	Facility	
	• City of M.P. Well No. 15	Operational
	• City of M.P. Well Nos. 1, 3, 10 VOC Treatment Facility	Operational
	• GSWC Wells SG-1 & SG-2	Operational
	• GSWC Garvey	Operational
	• SGVWC Plant No. 8	Operational
	• SGVWC Plant G4	Operational
4.	Puente Valley Operable Unit	
	• Intermediate Zone	Construction
	• SGVWC Plant B11	Operational
5.	Area 3 Operable Unit	
	• City of Alhambra Phase 1	Operational
	• City of Alhambra Phase 2	Operational
	• City of South Pasadena Wilson	Operational
6.	Non-Operable Unit	
	• City of Arcadia Longden	Operational
	• City of Arcadia Live Oak	Operational
	• City of Monrovia Tower 1&2	Operational
	• City of Monrovia Tower 3&4	Operational
	• SGVWC Plant 11	Operational

XII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT **PADILLA**

XIII. LEGISLATIVE REPORT **MONARES**

XIV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT **SCHOELLERMAN**

XV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS **PAULSON**

XVI. INFORMATION ITEMS [enc] **PAULSON**

(a) San Gabriel Basin Water Calendar

XVII. FUTURE BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS **PAULSON**

(a) The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

(b) The next Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

(c) The next WQA Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, **January 22, 2025 at 12:00pm***

**Staff is recommending the date change due to the number of Wednesdays in the month.*

XVIII. CLOSED SESSION

PAULSON

- (a) Closed Session Pursuant to 54956.9(d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel re: Initiation of Litigation (Settlement Opportunities with potential defendants) – Two (2) Matters

XIX. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

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XX. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

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XXI. ADJOURNMENT

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Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Board less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection in the lobby of the Authority's business office located at 1720 W. Cameron Ave., Suite 100, West Covina, CA 91790, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the Authority's internet web site, accessible at www.hgsa.com.

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**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
NOVEMBER 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, Lynda Noriega, Bob Kuhn, Robert Gonzales, Robert DiPrimio, Valerie Munoz, and Ed Chavez.
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	None.
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Randy, Schoellerman, Executive Director; Stephanie Moreno, Director of Communications; Dan Colby, Assistant Executive Director/Senior Project Manager; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance; Jackie Montgomery, Accounting Specialist; Michelle Sanchez, Senior Administrative Assistant
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT	Russ Bryden, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Gabriel Monares, The Monares Group
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT PARTICIPATED VIA ONLINE/TELECONFERENCE	Steve Kiggins, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District; Jennifer Santana, Valley County Water District
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED	None.
CONSENT CALENDAR	<p>Ms. Moreno reported that there was a typo on the November 20, 2024, project demands and that the revised listing was passed out for Board review.</p> <p>Ms. Munoz moved to approve the consent with the presented correction. Mr. Gonzales seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously with the following abstentions:</p> <p>Ms. Noriega abstained from Project Demand No. E92424. Mr. DiPrimio abstained from Project Demand No. E92400, E92417, E92425 and E92431.</p>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative/Public Information Committee Report None.

Administrative/Finance Committee Report None.

OTHER ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Discussion/Action Regarding Site Access Agreement with Logos Evangelical Seminary Mr. Colby reported on the progress of the Prop 1 implementation grant, which was awarded for the expansion of the Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility (WSGRF). It was noted that the Prop 1 project required the need for four access agreements, of these, three agreements have already been completed and finalized. Mr. Colby reported that Logos Evangelical Seminary is the fourth and final access agreement needed. He explained that this agreement pertains specifically to pipeline access only with no other infrastructure will be installed on this property. He stated that during negotiations, the property owner requested the removal of a dead tree located on the property, and WQA agreed to this request. He reported that the terms of this final agreement were reviewed, confirmed and will last for a duration of 20 years with a one-time payment in the amount of \$5,000. This final agreement will complete the access requirements for the project under the Prop 1 grant.

Ms. Munoz moved to approve the Site Access Agreement with Logos Evangelical Seminary. Mr. DiPrimio seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Discussion/Action Regarding Federal Funding Program Administration (FFPA) Guidelines Mr. Colby reported on the upcoming Round XI of WQA's Federal Funding Program Administration (FFPA) process. It was noted that the board had previously approved amendments to the guidelines for Round X during a meeting in June 2022, as reflected in the staff report. However, it was clarified that during the discussion the correct date of the approved amendments was June 2020. Mr. Colby reported that for Round XI, \$5.5 million will be distributed to projects. Mr. Colby proposed opening the solicitation period on November 25, 2024, and closing it on January 30, 2025, providing applicants with approximately two months to submit their applications. While acknowledging that the application period overlaps with the holiday season, Mr. Colby emphasized the importance of allowing sufficient time for applicants to prepare and submit their proposals without feeling rushed. He reported that several minor changes to the guidelines for Round XI were highlighted. One of the key updates was the addition of criteria regarding the readiness of applicants to proceed with their projects. Applicants who have completed

their CEQA requirements and have acknowledged compliance with Watermaster Section 28 may receive the maximum corresponding ranking, as this indicates that the project is shovel ready. He reported that another modification involved removing references to "best available technologies" from the guidelines, as this requirement is already addressed through approvals by other regulatory agencies. He also mentioned that there is a slight possibility of additional federal funding of approximately \$7 million becoming available for the FFPA process. However, for now, WQA is focused on distributing the current allocated \$5.5 million.

Mr. Schoellerman noted that there was a discrepancy in the draft agenda packet regarding the solicitation closing date. While the packet initially listed February 1, 2025, the correct closing date was confirmed as January 30, 2025.

Mr. Chavez expressed concern about WQA's ability to receive funding under the new administration if the appropriations process is altered.

Ms. Noriega moved to approve the amended FFPA Guidelines and open the Round XI solicitation. Mr. Gonzales seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

PROJECT REPORTS

Mr. Colby reported on the Prop 1 site investigation, which involved investigating 12 high-priority sites within and around the South El Monte Operable Unit (SEMOU). He reported that all site investigations and groundwater monitoring reports had been completed and submitted to the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). These investigations included an initial site assessment followed by secondary groundwater confirmation sampling event six months later. The only remaining task under the grant is the submission of the final project report to the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance, which will mark the conclusion of the grant. He reported that discussions with the RWQCB are ongoing as they review the site investigations to determine if further exploration is needed at any of the sites. While this decision rests solely with the RWQCB, he noted that WQA's consultants for the project found no evidence of a site still contributing to groundwater contamination in the SEMOU. He stated that this does not eliminate the possibility of groundwater contamination from other sites.

Mr. Colby reported that on October 22nd, a SEMOU technical meeting took place where the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) confirmed that DTSC has assumed operational control of the

SEMOU. He stated that although the EPA remains involved, its primary responsibilities include evaluating and improving the monitoring well network to ensure effective containment of the groundwater plume. Additionally, he reported that EPA is now considering a final Record of Decision for the SEMOU, a shift from its previous stance.

Mr. Colby reported that on October 29th, a Puente Valley Operable Unit (PVOU) technical meeting took place. He reported that Northrop Grumman (Northrop) has completed construction of the Intermediate Zone (IZ) Remedy project and is awaiting a permit from the Division of Drinking Water (DDW), with a public hearing tentatively scheduled for early 2025. He reported that the Shallow Zone South (SZS) Remedy, also Northrop's responsibility, is operational and currently discharges to Puente Creek under a water production agreement. He reported that on December 2, 2024, La Puente Valley County Water District will take operational control of the SZS and IZ remedies. He stated that Northrop has shown increased engagement, expressing interest in a dedication ceremony planned for spring 2025, which staff will assist in the coordination.

Mr. Colby reported that on November 4th, DTSC met with water purveyors to discuss reimbursement mechanisms. He stated that while it was encouraging that Cheryl Prowell, a senior DTSC official, participated, concerns remain among purveyors about whether all costs will be reimbursed. He reported that DTSC maintains that only VOC treatment at approved pumping rates should be reimbursed, based on outdated 2016 modeling.

Mr. Colby reported that on November 12th, an El Monte Operable Unit (EMOU) technical meeting took place. He reported that during FFPA Round X, the board allocated \$1 million to the Westside Performing Settling Defendants for shallow zone enhancements, including the installation of seven new extraction wells and pipelines. He stated that the work has been completed, and functional testing is underway to ensure proper operation and integration with the treatment facility. He reported that the EPA remains concerned about containment issues in the northwest deep and east side of the EMOU, requiring additional work by the responsible parties to achieve effective containment.

Lastly, Mr. Colby gave an update on the November 7th Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hearing, where he gave testimony

on behalf of Suburban Water Systems to support their rate case. He stated that the rate case includes funding for the Plant 201 PFAS treatment facility, to which WQA has committed \$1 million. He indicated that concerns were raised about the potential impact if the rate case is not approved. He stated that Suburban Water Systems has requested that WQA submit a letter of support to the PUC before their next hearing on December 8th. Staff are preparing the letter for submission.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Padilla reported that there was no attorney report and that there will not be a closed session.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Monares updated the board that at the state level, Proposition 4, addressing water, wildfire, and climate risk issues, had passed. He acknowledged the importance of ensuring alignment and advocacy on this proposition as it progresses. Mr. Monares noted the changes in the State Senate. He mentioned Sasha Renee Perez, John Heredity, Mark Gonzalez, and Michelle Rodriguez as new members. He noted Michelle Rodriguez as taking over a key position. He indicated that efforts are already underway to invite these new members to participate in future discussions and a project tour.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman highlighted that the approvals made by the board earlier in the meeting was for payments related to Proposition 68 funding. He stated that a total of \$4.9 million in funds was distributed to various parties, including the City of Alhambra, City of Arcadia, Golden State Water Company, City of Monrovia, City of Monterey Park, San Gabriel Valley Water Company, City of South Pasadena and Valley County Water District. He indicated that as the process with the state becomes smoother, future payments should occur more consistently.

Mr. Schoellerman reported on a recent issue involving the WSGRF project that received a notice of violation due to a Mercury detection above the permissible discharge limit. He explained that the violation was likely lab error, as WQA had no history of elevated discharges of Mercury in the nearly 20 years of discharges. He noted that the regulatory process required action, and a \$3,000 stipulated penalty was offered as part of the resolution, which WQA chose to accept rather than contest the result through an appeal. He emphasized that while such occurrences are rare, they illustrate the importance of vigilance and accurate lab work.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the auditors conducted their interim fieldwork earlier in the month, with final fieldwork scheduled for the first week of December. He reported that this is the first audit cycle for the new auditing firm and expressed confidence in their progress despite some initial challenges related to understanding the WQA's unique

operational structure.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that some staff members attended the Orange County Water District tour of treatment facilities and that they proved informative, showcasing not only well operations but also a longstanding recycled water project in Orange County.

Mr. Schoellerman reminded the board about the upcoming ACWA conference in Palm Desert from December 3rd to 5th. He also reminded them of the annual SCWUA Christmas luncheon scheduled for December 12th.

He reported that WQA received reappointments of board members from the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the San Gabriel Valley Water Association.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

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

The next WQA Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was not held.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/ REPORTS

Board Members wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Ms. Noriega commented on the need to amend the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation and was concerned as to what impact it would have on WQA with Grace Napolitano leaving office.

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 December 18, 2024.

Mark Paulson
Chairman

Valerie Munoz
Secretary

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**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 10, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER	Mr. Kuhn 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	Robert Gonzales, Bob Kuhn and Valerie Munoz.
WATERMASTER LIASON	None.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT	None.
OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	None.
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	Bruce Knowles, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING ONLINE	Chris Lancaster, Civic Publications; Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District
<i>Public Comment</i>	None.
<i>Discussion Regarding Next Advertorial</i>	Ms. Moreno and Mr. Lancaster presented the annual report, highlighting its digital features, including embedded videos and animations. They reported that the publication is being distributed to 50,000 households and 320,000 LA Times subscribers. They also presented the Community Profiles digital magazine. Mr. Lancaster reported that the publication had 400,000 page views. He noted that the digital format allows increased engagement with real time updates and information changes. Ms. Moreno and Mr. Lancaster shared their plans for creating more content, including video

interviews with Board members, to enhance engagement. They reported that with this digital content, the ability to geo-target a specific service area and provide personalized updates is now available. Ms. Moreno stated that the upcoming advertorials will be in January 2025 for Sustainable California and in February for Civic Leadership. She also stated that discussion regarding topics for those advertorials will be brought back to the committee in January.

The committee appreciated the new dynamic content and requested that staff make the same demonstration to the full board.

Discussion Regarding Kadesh & Associates, LLC Agreement

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the Kadesh & Associates, LLC agreement is set to expire at the end of the month. He stated that Kadesh & Associates, represented by Chris Kierig, has maintained a longstanding relationship with the WQA. Staff recommended a two-year extension of the contract without changes to the terms, noting the value of Kadesh's connections in Washington, D.C., and their ability to support the WQA's initiatives.

The Committee members expressed support for renewing the contract, acknowledging the importance of Kadesh's role in facilitating communication with legislators and other officials.

Mr. Kuhn noted a good idea for a future advertorial could be to explain to the public the value of using a lobbyist in Washington, D.C.

After further discussion, the committee reaffirmed the importance of continuing the partnership with Kadesh & Associates to achieve the organization's legislative and funding objectives and recommended the agreement go to the full board for approval.

2024 Election Results Update/Review

Mr. Schoellerman reported on the changes of newly elected representatives in the Assembly and Senate districts as well as local and federal developments. Additionally, he discussed upcoming outreach initiatives particularly for new members of the legislature. He expressed the importance in establishing relationships to convey institutional knowledge and strengthen collaboration.

Ms. Moreno noted that The Gualco Group is having their Golden State Policy Summit and Reception in Sacramento on March 4, 2025, an event which is a great opportunity to meet and connect with the newly election officials.

Legislative Activities/Reports

State

No Report.

Federal

Mr. Schoellerman discussed concerns about the potential federal budget cutbacks and what that might mean for appropriations. He reported that the \$7M for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund is still under consideration in the FY25 appropriations process. He noted that discussions are taking place about the appropriate length of a continuing resolution (CR) that is expected to be approved prior to the expiration of the current CR on December 20th.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the WQA was taking the lead on planning the Puente Valley Operable Unit Intermediate Zone Treatment facility dedication next year. He stated that the project is waiting for their final permit. He stated that the WQA is working with Northrop and La Puente Valley County Water District and has set a tentative date for April 29th.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mark Paulson
Chairman

Valerie Munoz
Secretary

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**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 10, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER	Ms. Noriega called the Administrative/Finance committee meeting of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority to order and reviewed the actions anticipated on the agenda for the meeting.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	Lynda Noriega, Mark Paulson and Bob DiPrimio
WATERMASTER LIASON	None.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT	None.
OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	None
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 ONLINE	None.
REMOTE PARTICIPATION DECLARATION – AB 2449 [Government Code 54953(f)] <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Notification of Just Causeb. Emergency Circumstances Requests	None.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
<i>Discussion Regarding Interim Budget and Assessment Reserve Review for FY 24/25</i>	Mr. Schoellerman opened the discussion by outlining the purpose of the review, emphasizing that the six-month review aligns with the WQA policy, to analyze the budget, compare projections with actuals and provide a five-year outlook on reserves and expenses.

Ms. Saenz presented a detailed analysis of the designated assessment reserves, guided by Procedure 41, which outlines policies for designated and restricted reserves. Ms. Saenz explained that designated reserves, also known as operating reserves, cover operational costs without alternative funding sources. She explained the policy mandates maintaining reserves equivalent to six months (50%) of operating expenses, with a long-term goal of nine months (75%) of budgeted expenses. She reviewed the summary of the budget that was approved in May 2024 for FY24/25 which included budgeted costs funded by the WQA assessment of \$1.8 million. She stated that the initial assessment reserve balance of \$2.89 million, combined with collections and reduced assessment use, resulted in reserves of \$3.4 million for FY23/24. This was an increase of approximately \$101,000 over the initial projection from May of \$3.3 million. Ms. Saenz presented updated projected reserves for FY24/25, detailing that the assessments decreased due to higher-than-expected interest income and indicated a projected reserve balance of \$4 million.

Ms. Saenz presented three different assessment scenarios for the next 5 years. Scenario A maintains a \$12/acre-foot assessment rate for five years resulting in a projected reserve balance of \$3.1–\$3.2 million by 2029–2030. Scenario B would incrementally increase by \$0.50 per year starting in 2026–2027 and would yield a reserve balance of \$4 million by 2029–2030. Scenario D would increase the \$12 to \$14/acre-foot in 2028–2029 resulting in a comparable balance of approximately \$4 million by 2029–2030. Ms. Saenz noted that assumptions about interest rates significantly impact these projections, as future income from interest may decline with expected rate adjustments.

The committee requested that percentages reflecting the reserve balance relative to the goal (e.g., 75% of budgeted expenses) be included in future reports. Ms. Saenz concluded that the current \$12/acre-foot assessment rate aligns with the board's goals and objectives. The committee agreed that no immediate adjustments were necessary and gave a unanimous appreciation for the thorough analysis presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the WQA was taking the lead on planning the Puente Valley Operable Unit Intermediate Zone Treatment facility dedication for next year. He stated that the project is waiting for their final permit. He reported that the WQA is working with Northrop and La Puente Valley County Water District and has set a tentative date for April 29th.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that WQA had a webinar on Monday regarding the Round XI Federal Funding Program Administration Guidelines that the board approved at last month's board meeting. Mr. Schoellerman reported that Mr.

Colby led the webinar with 10 to 15 people and that there were a few questions but nothing out of the ordinary.

Mr. Schoellerman also reported that the WQA offices will be closed the last two weeks in December for the holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mark Paulson
Chairman

Valerie Munoz
Secretary

DRAFT *RATIFICATION*

The following demands on the Project Fund Account at BMO are hereby submitted for ratification. Payment was made on December 03, 2024.

Check No.	Payable to	Description	Amount	Funding Sources
<u>SOUTH EL MONTE OPERABLE UNIT-12/03/24</u>				
E92462	State Water Resources Control Board	Invoice No. AL-0002681; Stipulated Order R4-2024-0319 for Whitmore GW Treatment System	3,000.00	WQA
Total Project Costs			<u>3,000.00</u>	

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The following demands on the Administration Fund Account at BMO are hereby submitted for payment.

Check No.	Payable to	Description	Amount
D2390	Bob Kuhn	Board Member Compensation for November 2024 3 Days WQA Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other Less Deferred Compensation Less Taxes Withheld	450.00 29.48 0.00 <u>(34.43)</u> 445.05
D2391	Ed Chavez	Board Member Compensation for November 2024 6 Days WQA Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other Less Deferred Compensation Less Taxes Withheld	900.00 65.12 0.00 <u>(268.85)</u> 696.27
D2392	Valerie Munoz	Board Member Compensation for November 2024 5 Days WQA Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other Less Deferred Compensation Less Taxes Withheld	750.00 26.80 0.00 <u>(57.38)</u> 719.42
D2393	Mark Paulson	Board Member Compensation for November 2024 1 Day WQA Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other Less Deferred Compensation Less Taxes Withheld	150.00 16.68 0.00 <u>(11.48)</u> 155.20
1024	Lynda Noriega	Board Member Compensation for November 2024 1 Day WQA Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other Less Deferred Compensation Less Taxes Withheld	150.00 0.00 <u>(138.52)</u> <u>(11.48)</u> 0.00
D2394	Robert Gonzales	Board Member Compensation for November 2024 6 Days WQA Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other Less Deferred Compensation Less Taxes Withheld	900.00 0.00 0.00 <u>(68.85)</u> 831.15
D2395	Robert DiPrimio	Board Member Compensation for November 2024 1 Day WQA Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Other Less Deferred Compensation Less Taxes Withheld	150.00 0.00 0.00 <u>(11.48)</u> 138.52
EFT/ACH	SGBWQA - Payroll Fund	Replenish payroll fund Staff Payroll - for November 2024 Board Payroll Taxes - Federal & State Deferred Comp - Lincoln Life	136,479.90 727.90 <u>138.52</u> 137,346.32
		Total replenishment to payroll fund	140,331.93
EFT/ACH	SGBWQA - Revolving Fund	Replenish revolving fund for 11/01/24 to 11/30/24 disbursements Group Insurance Telephone Service Plant & Water Service Office Supplies Misc. Office Expense Copier Machine Copier Machine O&M BD-Travel, Meeting & Conf. Computer Systems O&M Project Costs	1,198.30 469.66 393.70 178.13 50.00 475.23 582.31 30.00 335.70 <u>2,334.66</u> 6,047.69

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The following demands on the Administration Fund Account at BMO are hereby submitted for payment.

Check No.	Payable to	Description	Amount
E92440	ACWA/JPIA	Invoice No. 704577, Medical and life insurance premiums for January 1, 2025 to January 31, 2025	10,108.46
E92441	Accent Computer Solutions, Inc.	Professional IT services for Nov. 2024 Invoice No. VC3-177606; Monthly fee 2043.24 Invoice No. VC3-178350; Deposit on upgrade <u>7,073.00</u>	9,116.24
E92442	Association of California Water Agencies	Invoice No. 2025, For membership agency dues for January to December 2025	12,230.00
E92443	Bank of America	Invoice No. '24-11NOV-DC', Credit Card Expenses incurred for 11/01/24 to 11/30/24 Meetings and Conferences 157.89 Meetings and Conferences (EMOU) 143.65 Office Supplies <u>394.44</u>	695.98
E92444	Bank of America	Invoice No. '24-11NOV-RS', Credit Card Expenses incurred for 11/01/24 to 11/30/24 Internet 38.49 Telephone 305.23 Travel & Mileage 96.00 Meetings & Conferences 2,613.96 Computer Systems O&M <u>249.99</u>	3,303.67
E92445	Bank of America	Invoice No. '24-11NOV-SM', Credit card expenses incurred for 11/01/24 to 11/30/24 Meeting & Conferences 214.00 Dues and Subscriptions <u>20.00</u>	234.00
E92446	C.J. Brown & Company CPAs	Invoice No. 11-24; Professional Audit services for November 2024	7,030.00
E92447	The Gualco Group	Invoice No '24-11NOV', Professional consulting services for November 2024	5,280.00
E92448	Kadesh & Associates, LLC	Invoice No. 12-24, Professional consulting services for November 2024	15,000.00
E92449	The Monares Group, LLC	Invoice No. '24-12DEC', Professional consulting services for December 2024	16,000.00
E92450	Olivarez Madruga Law Organization. LLP	Invoice No. 26663, Professional legal services for November 2024	319.00
E92451	Ruffle Properties, LLC	Office lease, CAM, and Storage for December 2024 Invoice No. '24-12DEC.', Office lease 9,553.19 Invoice No. '24-12DEC.-CAM', Electricity charges 643.20 Invoice No. '24-12DEC.-Storage', Storage Room <u>150.00</u>	10,346.39
E92452	Stetson Engineers, INC.	Professional services rendered Invoice No.1609-005-01-033	406.50
TOTAL			<u><u>236,449.86</u></u>

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Bob Kuhn - November 2024 Expense Summary

Per Diem Rate: \$150/day

Mileage Rate: \$0.67/mile

11/07/2024: Glendora Chamber Legislation Meeting

- **Description:** Update on California water issues.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
 - **Total:** \$150.00
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11/14/2024: San Gabriel Valley Water Association Meeting

- **Description**
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Roundtrip Mileage:** 20 miles
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$13.40
 - **Total:** \$163.40
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11/20/2024: WQA Board Meeting

- **Description:** Participated in the WQA Board Member meeting.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Roundtrip Mileage:** 24 miles
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$16.08
 - **Total:** \$166.08
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Summary Totals

- **Total Days:** 3
- **Total Mileage:** 44 miles
- **Total Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$450.00
- **Total Mileage Reimbursement:** \$29.48
- **Total Reimbursement:** \$479.48

Ed Chavez - November 2024 Expense Summary

Per Diem Rate: \$150/day

Mileage Rate: \$0.67/mile

11/13/2024: Watermaster BWMC

- **Description:** Discussion on performance goals and Water Supply Planning presentation.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Mileage:** 24 miles
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$16.08
 - **Total:** \$166.08
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11/14/2024: SGVWA Annual Meeting

- **Description:** Talks on optimizing groundwater replenishment in urban areas with technology.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Mileage:** 28 miles
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$18.76
 - **Total:** \$168.76
-

11/18/2024: Engineering Committee - MWD

- **Description:** Update on Pure Water Southern California partnership development.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Mileage:** 0 miles
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
 - **Total:** \$150.00
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11/19/2024: Ethics Committee - MWD

- **Description:** Summary of 2024 Workplace Assessment on employee motivation and pride.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Mileage:** 0 miles
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
 - **Total:** \$150.00
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Ed Chavez - November 2024 Expense Summary

11/20/2024: WQA Board Meeting

- **Description:** Discussion on Federal Funding Program Administration guidelines.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Mileage:** 7.2 miles
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$4.82
 - **Total:** \$154.82
-

11/21/2024: SCWUA Meeting

- **Description:** Guest speaker on Cross-Connection Policy Handbook and awards for SCWUA members.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Mileage:** 38 miles
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$25.46
 - **Total:** \$175.46
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Summary Totals

- **Total Days:** 6
- **Total Mileage:** 97.2 miles
- **Total Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$900.00
- **Total Mileage Reimbursement:** \$65.12
- **Total Reimbursement:** \$965.12

Valerie Munoz - November 2024 Expense Summary

Per Diem Rate: \$150/day

Mileage Rate: \$0.67/mile

11/06/2024: Meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Charlie Klinakis

- **Description:** Discussed Proposition 4, water bonds, and the La Puente Operable Unit in the city.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
 - **Total:** \$150.00
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11/19/2024: San Gabriel Council Meeting

- **Description:** Attended the San Gabriel Council Meeting as a WQA board member representative.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Roundtrip Mileage:** 20 miles
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$13.40
 - **Total:** \$163.40
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11/20/2024: WQA Board Meeting

- **Description:** Participated in the WQA Board Member meeting.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Roundtrip Mileage:** 6 miles
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$4.02
 - **Total:** \$154.02
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11/21/2024: Meeting with Gabriel Monares

- **Description:** Discussed current water issues and upcoming legislative events.
- **Days:** 1
- **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
- **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
- **Total:** \$150.00

Valerie Munoz - November 2024 Expense Summary

11/26/2024: Duarte City Council Meeting

- **Description:** Attended the Duarte City Council Meeting as a WQA board member representative.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Roundtrip Mileage:** 14 miles
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$9.38
 - **Total:** \$159.38
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Summary Totals

- **Total Days:** 5
- **Total Mileage:** 40 miles
- **Total Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$750.00
- **Total Mileage Reimbursement:** \$26.80
- **Total Reimbursement:** \$776.80

Mark Paulson - November 2024 Expense Summary

Per Diem Rate: \$150/day

Mileage Rate: \$0.67/mile

11/20/2024: Board Meeting

- **Description:** Not provided.
- **Days:** 1
- **Mileage:** 24.9 miles
- **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
- **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$16.68
- **Total:** \$166.68

Summary Totals

- **Total Days:** 1
- **Total Mileage:** 24.9 miles
- **Total Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
- **Total Mileage Reimbursement:** \$16.68
- **Total Reimbursement:** \$166.68

Lynda Noriega - November 2024 Expense Summary

Per Diem Rate: \$150/day

Mileage Rate: \$0.67/mile

11/20/2024: WQA Board of Directors Meeting

- **Description:** Not provided.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
 - **Total:** \$150.00
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Summary Totals

- **Total Days:** 1
- **Total Mileage:** 0 miles
- **Total Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
- **Total Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
- **Total Reimbursement:** \$150.00

Robert Gonzales - November 2024 Expense Summary

Per Diem Rate: \$150/day

Mileage Rate: \$0.67/mile

11/13/2024: City of Industry

- **Description:** Met with City Attorney Jaime Casso. Planned to set up a presentation with the City of Industry in early 2025.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
 - **Total:** \$150.00
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11/14/2024: City of Covina

- **Description:** Met with Assistant City Manager Angel Carrillo to discuss setting up a presentation with Covina in the future. Committed to speaking with elected officials to arrange and secure a future agenda.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
 - **Total:** \$150.00
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11/17/2024: City of Covina

- **Description:** Discussed with Councilmember Walt Allen to set a calendar date for a City of Covina presentation that aligns with their schedule.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
 - **Total:** \$150.00
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11/18/2024: City of Glendora

- **Description:** Spoke with Mayor Mendell Thompson to arrange a presentation for the City of Glendora, considering the upcoming addition of a new councilmember in December.
- **Days:** 1
- **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
- **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
- **Total:** \$150.00

Robert Gonzales - November 2024 Expense Summary

11/20/2024: General Meeting

- **Description:** Attended a General WQA Meeting.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
 - **Total:** \$150.00
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11/28/2024: City of El Monte

- **Description:** Met with Mayor Jessica Ancona to discuss a future presentation for their new council colleagues joining in December.
 - **Days:** 1
 - **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
 - **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
 - **Total:** \$150.00
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Summary Totals

- **Total Days:** 6
- **Total Mileage:** 0 miles
- **Total Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$900.00
- **Total Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
- **Total Reimbursement:** \$900.00

Robert DiPrimio - November 2024 Expense Summary

Per Diem Rate: \$150/day

Mileage Rate: \$0.67/mile

11/20/2024: Regular Meeting, SGB WQA

- **Description:** Not provided.
- **Days:** 1
- **Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
- **Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
- **Total:** \$150.00

Summary Totals

- **Total Days:** 1
- **Total Mileage:** 0 miles
- **Total Per Diem Reimbursement:** \$150.00
- **Total Mileage Reimbursement:** \$0.00
- **Total Reimbursement:** \$150.00

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The following demands on the Project Fund Account at BMO are hereby submitted for payment.

Check No.	Payable to	Description	Amount	Funding Sources
<u>BALDWIN PARK OPERABLE UNIT</u>				
E92453	RC Foster Corporation	Project costs for Spare parts for December 2024 Invoice No.02-24-029, Spare Parts Costs	801.23	CR's
<u>SOUTH EL MONTE OPERABLE UNIT</u>				
E92454	Weaver Consultants Group	Project costs for Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility for November 2024 Invoice No. 304- Whitmore GW Treatment System Invoice No. 305- WSGRF Expansion Invoice No. 306 - Regional Site Investigation	9,454.38 10,643.00 <u>2,169.00</u>	22,266.38 WQA/SWRCB
E92455	State Water Resources Control Board	Invoice No. WD-0280714; Annual permit fee for the Whitmore Street Grounwater Remediation Facility project for the period of 07/01/24 to 06/30/25	20,907.00	WQA/SWRCB
Total			<u>43,974.61</u>	

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The following demands on the Project Fund Account at BMO are hereby submitted for payment. Pursuant to the BPOU Project Agreement Section 4.7 Payment of Invoices, the following invoices were approved by the BPOU Project Committee on December 11, 2024.

Check No.	Payable to	Description	Amount	Funding Sources
<u>BALDWIN PARK OPERABLE UNIT</u>				
E92456	La Puente Valley County WD	Invoice No. 4-2024-10 Project T&R costs for October 2024	103,447.24	CR's
E92457	Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster	Invoice No. 11-273, Administrative Project Costs for November 2024 Administrative costs T&R costs	38,288.61 <u>15,994.33</u>	54,282.94 CR's
E92458	Suburban Water Systems	Invoice No. 59881024, Project T&R costs for October 2024	40,130.24	CR's
E92459	Valley County Water District	Project costs for October 2024 Invoice No. 524 Capital Costs Invoice No. 524, T&R Costs Invoice No. 525, T&R Costs	48,877.50 275,562.68 <u>106,506.88</u>	430,947.06 CR's
E92460	California Domestic Water Co.	Project costs for October 2024 Invoice No. 3773, T&R costs for Perchlorate Invoice No. 3774, T&R costs for NDMA & VOC's	45,483.31 <u>157,393.72</u>	202,877.03 CR's
E92461	San Gabriel Valley Water Co.	Project costs for September 2024 Invoice No. 24259, B5 T&R costs Invoice No. 24262, B5 Refurbish Well B5B Motor Invoice No. 24255, B6 T&R costs Invoice No. 24257, B6 Capital Costs, UV Flex Phase 2 Invoice No. 24264, B6 Refurbish Booster 5 Motor & Booster 3 Pump Air Stripper	388,443.29 2,047.71 394,487.28 5,724.41 8,827.15 <u>799,529.84</u>	799,529.84 CR's
Total			<u>1,631,214.35</u>	

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SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY

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AGENDA SUBMITTAL

To: WQA Board of Directors
From: Randy Schoellerman, Executive Director
Date: December 18, 2024
Subject: **Professional Services Agreement with Kadesh & Associates**

Background and Discussion

Staff is recommending a 2-year extension of WQA's professional services agreement with Kadesh & Associates for federal advocacy services. Their scope of work includes working with the various members of the California delegation and the Administration to secure federal appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund (RF). Additionally, they pursue modifications to RF authorization to benefit the WQA and seek alternative funding opportunities from various federal agencies. The agreement includes their existing monthly retainer of \$15,000 and a 30-day termination clause for convenience.

Recommendation / Proposed Action

This item was presented to the Legislative/Public Information Committee on December 10, 2024. The Committee recommends approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Kadesh & Associates to the WQA Board of Directors.

Attachments

Draft Professional Services Agreement with Kadesh & Associates

DRAFT - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
(Engagement: Professional Lobbying and Legislative Advocacy Services)
(Kadesh & Associates)

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (hereinafter, "Agreement") is made and entered into this 18th day of December 2024 (hereinafter, "Effective Date") by and between the SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY (hereinafter, "AUTHORITY") and KADESH & ASSOCIATES, LLC a District of Columbia limited liability company (hereinafter, "CONSULTANT"). For the purposes of this Agreement, AUTHORITY and CONSULTANT may be referred to collectively by the capitalized term "Parties." The capitalized term "Party" may refer to AUTHORITY or CONSULTANT interchangeably as appropriate.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the AUTHORITY requires certain professional lobbying and legislative advocacy services;

WHEREAS, the AUTHORITY has determined that CONSULTANT possesses the skills, experience, and expertise necessary to perform the required professional services; and

WHEREAS, the AUTHORITY wishes to continue engaging CONSULTANT to provide Federal Advocacy Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. **SCOPE OF WORK.** Pursuant to this Agreement CONSULTANT to provide the AUTHORITY with Federal legislative advocacy, lobbying services and other consulting services as requested by the AUTHORITY. CONSULTANT shall perform those specific services and tasks set forth in the document entitled "Scope of Services" which attached and incorporated hereto as Exhibit "A" (hereinafter, the "Scope of Services"). CONSULTANT shall provide written reports on a monthly basis to the AUTHORITY's Executive Director summarizing CONSULTANT's activities on behalf of the AUTHORITY and the status of pending legislation.
2. **TERM.** The term of this Agreement ("Term") shall commence on the Effective Date and shall extend through December 31, 2026, unless earlier terminated as provided herein.
3. **FEES AND EXPENSES.**
 - A. In consideration for CONSULTANT's performance of the services and tasks set forth in the Scope of Services, AUTHORITY shall pay to CONSULTANT a fixed sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) per month (hereinafter, the "Monthly Retainer") throughout the term of this Agreement. The Monthly Retainer shall be prorated for the month in which this Agreement takes effect and the month in which this Agreement is terminated.
 - B. The AUTHORITY shall reimburse CONSULTANT for all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by CONSULTANT in its representation of the AUTHORITY. It is understood that out-of-pocket expenses shall include travel, business related meals, taxi fares, telephone, mail, computer aided research, courier, and similar expenses.

CONSULTANT shall seek AUTHORITY's prior written authorization for any single out-of-pocket expense anticipated to exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). The forgoing notwithstanding, CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to reimbursement for expenses related to contact with Congressional Staff.

- C. CONSULTANT shall submit to AUTHORITY a monthly invoice indicating the services performed and tasks completed during the recently concluded calendar month, including services and tasks performed and the reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses incurred. Within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of each invoice, AUTHORITY shall notify CONSULTANT in writing of any disputed amounts included in the invoice. Within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of each invoice, AUTHORITY shall pay all undisputed amounts included on the invoice. AUTHORITY shall not withhold applicable taxes or other authorized deductions from payments made to CONSULTANT.
4. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE: AUTHORITY may terminate this Agreement at any time for convenience and without cause by giving CONSULTANT a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice of AUTHORITY's intent to terminate this Agreement. Upon such termination for convenience, CONSULTANT's Monthly Retainer shall be prorated to the effective date of the termination. CONSULTANT may not terminate this Agreement except for cause.
 5. EVENTS OF DEFAULT; BREACH OF AGREEMENT:
 - A. In the event either Party fails to perform any duty, obligation, service or task set forth under this Agreement (or fails to timely perform or properly perform any such duty, obligation, service or task set forth under this Agreement), an event of default (hereinafter, "Event of Default") shall occur. For all Events of Default, the Party alleging an Event of Default shall give written notice to the defaulting Party (hereinafter referred to as a "Default Notice") which shall specify: (i) the nature of the Event of Default; (ii) the action required to cure the Event of Default; (iii) a date by which the Event of Default shall be cured, which shall not be less than the applicable cure period set forth under paragraphs B and C of this Section, below, or if a cure is not reasonably possible within the applicable cure period, to begin such cure and diligently prosecute such cure to completion. The Event of Default shall constitute a breach of this Agreement if the defaulting Party fails to cure the Event of Default within the applicable cure period or any extended cure period allowed under this Agreement.
 - B. CONSULTANT shall cure the following Events of Defaults within fourteen (14) calendar days of AUTHORITY's issuance of a Default Notice. Prior to the expiration of the 14-day cure period, CONSULTANT may submit a written request for additional time to cure the Event of Default upon a showing that CONSULTANT has commenced efforts to cure the Event of Default and that the Event of Default cannot be reasonably cured within the 14-day cure period. The foregoing notwithstanding, AUTHORITY shall be under no obligation to grant additional time for the cure of an Event of Default under this paragraph B that exceeds thirty (30) calendar days from the end of the initial 14-day cure period.
 - C. AUTHORITY shall cure any Event of Default asserted by CONSULTANT within thirty (30) calendar days of CONSULTANT's issuance of a Default Notice, unless

the Event of Default cannot reasonably be cured within the 30-day cure period. Prior to the expiration of the 30-day cure period, AUTHORITY may submit a written request for additional time to cure the Event of Default upon a showing that AUTHORITY has commenced its efforts to cure the Event of Default and that the Event of Default cannot be reasonably cured within the 30-day cure period. The foregoing notwithstanding, an Event of Default dealing with AUTHORITY's failure to timely pay any undisputed sums to CONSULTANT as provided under Section 3, above, shall be cured by AUTHORITY within five (5) calendar days from the date of CONSULTANT's Default Notice to AUTHORITY.

6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS. It is understood and agreed that CONSULTANT does at all times in performing services under this Agreement act as an independent contractor and is neither an employee or agent of the AUTHORITY.
7. RESPONSIBILITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY. CONSULTANT shall be responsible for compliance with all laws, regulations and rules applicable to the services CONSULTANT provides under this agreement. CONSULTANT represents that it is in full compliance with the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-81), which amends the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, on behalf of *San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority*. All materials and information of AUTHORITY, which CONSULTANT gains access to or knowledge of in the performance of this Agreement shall be deemed confidential, and all such materials and information shall be used solely for the performance of the services and shall not be disclosed to any third party without the prior written consent of AUTHORITY.
8. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE: This Agreement shall be interpreted and governed according to the laws of the State of California. In the event of litigation between the Parties, venue, without exception, shall be in the Los Angeles County Superior Court of the State of California. If, and only if, applicable law requires that all or part of any such litigation be tried exclusively in federal court, venue, without exception, shall be in the Central District of California located in the AUTHORITY of Los Angeles, California.
9. ATTORNEYS' FEES: If either Party commences an action against the other Party, legal, administrative or otherwise, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing Party in such litigation shall be entitled to have and recover from the losing Party reasonable attorneys' fees and all other costs of such action.
10. SEVERABILITY: If any portion of this Agreement is declared invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.
11. AMENDMENT; MODIFICATION: No amendment, modification or supplement of this Agreement shall be valid or binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties, subject to AUTHORITY approval. The requirement for written amendments, modifications or supplements cannot be waived and any attempted waiver shall be void and invalid.
12. INCONSISTENCIES OR CONFLICTS: In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and any of the exhibits attached hereto, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.

13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or written, between the parties hereto. No other agreement, statement or promise relating to the subject matter of this Agreement shall be valid or binding upon the parties hereto.
14. COUNTERPARTS: This Agreement shall be executed in two (2) original counterparts each of which shall be of equal force and effect. No handwritten or typewritten amendment, modification or supplement to any one counterparts shall be valid or binding unless made to all three counterparts in conformity with Section 11, above. One fully executed original counterpart shall be delivered to CONSULTANT and the remaining counterparts shall be retained by AUTHORITY.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first appearing in this Agreement, above.

**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER
QUALITY AUTHORITY:**

**CONSULTANT:
KADESH & ASSOCIATES, LLC**

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: _____

Name _____

Title: _____

EXHIBIT "A"
SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. The CONSULTANT will perform such services as directed regarding those issues mutually agreed between AUTHORITY and CONSULTANT, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Working with the California delegation and key members of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Administration in seeking federal appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund;
 - b. Pursue an authorization that would provide additional time for funding the operation maintenance of projects authorized under the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund;
 - c. Seek alternative funding through the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART grant program and other Federal funding opportunity's opportunities that may become available; and,
 - d. Serve as the AUTHORITY'S liaison to Members of Congress, professional staff, and the Federal Agencies.

Calendars

- SCWUA
- SGVMWD
- TVMWD
- USGVMWD
- WM
- WQA

Dec 11, 2024 - Mar 10, 2025

December 2024

Wed Dec 11	1:30pm - 3:00pm	WM Basin Watermaster Committee Mtg
	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Board Meeting
Thu Dec 12	11:30am - 1:30pm	SCWUA Christmas Luncheon
Wed Dec 18	8:00am - 10:30am	TVMWD Board Meeting
	12:00pm - 1:00pm	WQA Board Meeting
	1:30pm - 2:30pm	WM Administrative Committee Mtg
Mon Dec 23	10:00am - 11:30am	SGVWA Leg. Committee Meeting
	11:30am - 1:00pm	SGVWA Board Meeting
Wed Dec 25	All day - Wed Jan 1	WQA Closed for the Holidays
	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Board Meeting

January 2025

Wed Dec 25	All day - Wed Jan 1	WQA Closed for the Holidays
Wed Jan 1	8:00am - 10:30am	TVMWD Board Meeting
	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Watermaster Board Meeting
	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Water Resources & Facility Management Committee
Mon Jan 6	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Gov Affairs Committee Meeting
Tue Jan 7	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Admin & Finance Committee meeting
Wed Jan 8	1:30pm - 3:00pm	WM Basin Watermaster Committee Mtg
	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Board Meeting
Mon Jan 13	8:00am - 10:00am	SGVMWD Board Meeting
Tue Jan 14	9:00am - 10:00am	WQA Leg/Pub Committee
	10:00am - 11:00am	WQA Admin/Finance Committee
Wed Jan 15	8:00am - 10:30am	TVMWD Board Meeting

Wed Jan 15	8:00am - 10:30am	TVMWD Board Meeting ↻
	12:00pm - 1:00pm	WQA Board Meeting ↻
	1:30pm - 2:30pm	WM Administrative Committee Mtg ↻
Wed Jan 22	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Board Meeting ↻
Mon Jan 27	10:00am - 11:30am	SGVWA Leg. Committee Meeting ↻
	11:30am - 1:00pm	SGVWA Board Meeting ↻

February 2025

Mon Feb 3	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Gov Affairs Committee Meeting ↻
Tue Feb 4	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Admin & Finance Committee meeting ↻
Wed Feb 5	8:00am - 10:30am	TVMWD Board Meeting ↻
	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Watermaster Board Meeting ↻
	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Water Resources & Facility Management Committee ↻
Mon Feb 10	8:00am - 10:00am	SGVMWD Board Meeting ↻
Tue Feb 11	9:00am - 10:00am	WQA Leg/Pub Committee ↻
	10:00am - 11:00am	WQA Admin/Finance Committee ↻
Wed Feb 12	1:30pm - 3:00pm	WM Basin Watermaster Committee Mtg ↻
	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Board Meeting ↻
Wed Feb 19	8:00am - 10:30am	TVMWD Board Meeting ↻
	12:00pm - 1:00pm	WQA Board Meeting ↻
	1:30pm - 2:30pm	WM Administrative Committee Mtg ↻
Mon Feb 24	10:00am - 11:30am	SGVWA Leg. Committee Meeting ↻
	11:30am - 1:00pm	SGVWA Board Meeting ↻
Wed Feb 26	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Board Meeting ↻

March 2025

Mon Mar 3	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Gov Affairs Committee Meeting ↻
Tue Mar 4	4:00pm - 5:00pm	USGVMWD Admin & Finance Committee meeting ↻

Wed Mar 5 8:00am - 10:30am [TVMWD Board Meeting](#) ↻
2:30pm - 3:30pm [Watermaster Board Meeting](#) ↻
4:00pm - 5:00pm [USGVMWD Water Resources & Facility Management Committee](#) ↻

Mon Mar 10 8:00am - 10:00am [SGVMWD Board Meeting](#) ↻
