

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2021
8:00 A.M.**

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At 8:01 a.m. on February 8, 2021 the Board of Directors held its Regular Meeting via “GoToMeeting”

CALL TO ORDER:

President Wong called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Directors present at Roll Call: Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince, Wong

ALSO PRESENT:

Darin Kasamoto, General Manager; Ed Hills, Assistant General Manager, Steve Kiggins, Supervising System Operator/Inspector; Linda Esquivel, Executive Assistant; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Dave DePinto, DMCI; Albert Lu; Jared Macias, City of Azusa; Jose Reynoso, City of Sierra Madre; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Richard Gonzales, City of Monterey Park; Dennis Albiani and Anthony Molina, California Advocates; Belinda Faustino and Omar Gomez, Nature for All

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

UPDATES FROM CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Jared Macias from the City of Azusa thanked the Board for the grant money that was used for landscaping projects.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 11, 2021

Minutes of the External Affairs Committee Meeting of January 19,2021

Financial Statements for January 2021

Treasurer’s Investment Report Dated December 31, 2020

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

January 14, 2021, Check Nos.11769 – 11776, EFT’s and Wires in the amount of \$51,978.82

January 28, 2021, Check Nos. 11777 - 11785, EFT and Wires, in the amount of \$52,329.13

February 08, 2021, Check Nos. 11786 – 11789, and Wires in the amount of \$2,626.80

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

January 13 - 26, 2021, Check Nos. 41977 – 41997, and EFT’s in the amount of \$1,737,813.29

February 03 – 08, 2021, Check Nos. 41998 – 42028, in the amount of \$238,079.95

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Future Meeting Attendance Approval:
New Source of Water Supply for Southern California-February 4, 2021; Webinar
Water Affordability in The U. S. – February 11, 2021

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Placido and unanimously carried 5-0, the Consent Calendar was approved.

Approved, by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on February 08, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince, Wong
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dennis Albiani and Anthony Molina provided a legislative update that included SB45, SB222, SB223, AB339, AB377 and AB62.

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR WATER STORED IN MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN

The Board asked staff to go back to the City of Sierra Madre to renegotiate the price for Sierra Madre's future repurchase of up to 3,000 acre-feet of cyclic storage water from the District.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Placido and carried 4-1, The General Manager was instructed to renegotiate the terms of the agreement as to the Sierra Madre repurchase price.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on February 8, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Wong
Noes: Prince
Absent: None
Abstain: None

STATE WATER CONTRACTORS 2021 DRY YEAR WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Placido and unanimously carried 5-0, the General Manager was authorized to execute the State Water Contractors 2021 Dry Year Water Transfer Agreement.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on February 8, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince, Wong
Noes: None
Absent: None

Abstain: None

TE ROBERTS CHANGE ORDER REQUEST

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Prince and unanimously carried 5-0, authorization to approve two of the three change orders submitted by T E Roberts (Nos. 1 & 3) for extra work performed to complete the installation of nineteen plug valves in Schedule 1 of the Devil Canyon-Azusa Pipeline totaling \$23,369.61.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on February 8, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince, Wong
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

President Wong passed the gavel to Vice President Paulson before leaving the Board Meeting for the next Agenda Action Item in light of his position on the Board of Directors of Nature for All.

NATURE FOR ALL PROPOSAL

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Prince and unanimously carried 4-0-1, the proposal received from Nature for All to provide District funding for the Water Education Leadership Development to Community Members for a not to exceed amount of \$20,000 was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on February 8, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Wong

Vice-President Paulson requested a short recess so that President Wong could rejoin the meeting and bring the meeting back to order.

DISTRICT REBATE PROGRAM

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Paulson and unanimously carried 5-0, authorization to a \$25 increase for washing machine and rain barrel rebates was approved.

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Ayes: Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince, Wong
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

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INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet.

Ms. Reyes provided an update on the cities' grants, the unveiling of the updated District Website, and legislature schedule.

Ms. Reyes also informed the Board of the passing of Congresswoman Napolitano's Deputy District Director and Veterans Liaison, Hector Elizalde.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Mr. Hills provided an update on the current level of the Baldwin Park Key Well.

REPORT OF WQA

Director Paulson reported WQA's Washington DC lobbyist provided a presentation that included cleanup for the San Gabriel Valley.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Counsel reported he was attending a meeting this afternoon with the State Water Contractors Counsels to discuss Voluntary Agreement Issues and will provide the General Manager with an update. Counsel also clarified Director Placido's question regarding constituents of emerging concern, which are, chemicals, or contaminants that are emerging and are unregulated.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

The General Manager's written report is in the Agenda Packet.

The Assistant General Manager's written report is in the Agenda Packet.

The Assistant General Manager reported T E Roberts' installation of the replacement of 19 plug valves is substantially complete. Civiltec is reviewing the video inspection data collected for Schedule 1. A Technical Memorandum is forth-coming and will be available at the next Board meeting.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

State Water Contractors written report in the General Manager's report.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

External Affairs Committee Meeting of January 19, 2021 in the Agenda Packet

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

None

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Wong asked everyone to stay safe and healthy and wished all a Happy Lunar New Year.

ADJOURNED at 10:30 a.m.

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be on March 8, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

S/ Thomas Wong _____
President

ATTEST:

S/ Darin J. Kasamoto _____
Secretary / Deputy Secretary

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