

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

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At 8:02 a.m. on March 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 and Laura Aguilar, City of Sierra Madre; Richard Gonzales, City of Monterey Park

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

UPDATES FROM CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Jose Reynoso thanked Director Prince for attending Sierra Madre’s City Council Meeting and presenting how the District supports the cities.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 08, 2021
Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of February 18, 2021
Minutes of the External Affairs Committee Meeting of February 10, 2021
Financial Statements for February 2021
Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:
February 11, 2021, Check Nos.11790 – 11796, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$50,471.00
February 25, 2021, Check Nos. 11797 - 11803, EFT’s and Wires, in the amount of \$52,467.00
March 08, 2021, Check Nos. 11804 – 11807, and Wires in the amount of \$4,596.90
Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:
February 22 - 26, 2021, Check Nos. 42029 – 42059, and EFT in the amount of \$694,245.96
March 3 - 8, 2021, Check Nos. 42060– 42087, and EFT in the amount of \$128,051.50
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

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SGVMWD

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles 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 March 08, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

2021 SPECIAL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Knoles and unanimously carried 5-0, the 2021 Special District Leadership Academy Conference was approved to be added to the list of 2021 approved Per-Diem Conferences.

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

SCHEDULE 1 PIPELINE VIDEO INSPECTION

Supervising System Operator/Inspector Steve Kiggins and Assistant General Manager Ed Hills provided an update on Phase 1 of the Schedule-1 pipeline. During the week of January 20th – 26th CCTV inspections of the 30-inch diameter SGVMWD DCAP Schedule-1 pipeline were performed via 11 manhole accessways. Robotic camera equipment was remotely controlled from each of the accessways with the intent to inspect and video document as much of the pipeline as possible as an initial step of the condition assessment. Overall, 8,726 feet of the pipeline was video documented during the inspection work. This represents approximately 66% of the goal in this initial step of the condition assessment and is 46% of all the DCAP Schedule-1 piping sections targeted in the overall project. This first look inside the pipeline since its 1974 construction provided a cost-effective means to determine if more detailed follow up analysis is warranted. Civiltec Engineers recommends SGVMWD move forward to develop a project for electromagnetic (EM) condition assessment inspection of the DCAP Schedule-1 pipeline. Staff will further consider Civiltec's recommendations and bring the assessment issue back to the Board at a future meeting.

SIERRA MADRE LOAN AGREEMENT

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Paulson and unanimously carried 5-0, Sierra Madre's Loan Program Request of \$2.8 million, interest free, for pipeline replacement over the next three years was approved. The General Manager was authorized to execute an agreement that will be developed by SGVMWD's counsel.

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

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

MONTEREY PARK LOAN AGREEMENT

On motion of Director Wong, seconded by Director Placido and unanimously carried 5-0, Monterey Park's Loan Agreement request of \$4 million, interest free for construction of PFOA/PFOS treatment facilities was approved.

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

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

RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

On motion of Director Placido, seconded by Director Paulson and unanimously carried 5-0, the grant of up to \$500,000 to its Member Cities for use of Covid-19 water rate relief program and to be distributed as follows: 40% Alhambra, 30% Monterey Park, 20% Azusa, and 10% Sierra Madre was approved, and staff and legal counsel were directed to prepare appropriate program documents.

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

CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR AB703

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles and unanimously carried 5-0, authorization to send a letter of support for AB703, which would amend the Brown Act to revise teleconferencing requirements, was approved.

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

Abstain: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet.

Ms. Reyes reported that on March 22, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., a meeting with California Advocates has been scheduled to discuss this year's bill introductions. Also, staff will be providing an update for city councils on the District's pandemic relief programs, state and local water supply, and conservation programs on March 31, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Dave DePinto reported Power Point presentations are available and can be customized for each member city.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Mr. Hills reported the basin conditions are not good. As of February 26, 2021, the Baldwin Park Key Well elevation was below 200 feet.

REPORT OF WQA

Director Paulson reported WQA adopted San Gabriel Basin Groundwater Quality Management and Remediation Plan "§406 plan" for 2021.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Counsel reported on a bill, SB223, that is included in the legislative summary.

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 the replacement of the 19 plug valves on the Schedule 1 Pipeline is complete. Water deliveries to Covina Irrigating Company resumed last Thursday.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

The General Manager reported State Water Project Water Management Tools Amendment has been approved by enough contractors to render it effective, and it went into effect on March 1, 2021.

February remained very dry throughout the state. The 2021 initial allocation of 10% has not changed.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

External Affairs Committee Meeting of February 10, 2021 in the Agenda Packet.

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DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

Director Prince attended a virtual Urban Water Institute Conference.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Wong has asked staff and External Affairs Committee to begin a draft outline of an action plan for the basin and drought conditions. He also asked staff to conduct a formal survey of all job salary ranges and levels and to be presented to the Administrative/Finance Committee.

ADJOURNED at 9:42 a.m.

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:42 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be on April 12, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

S/ Thomas Wong _____
President

ATTEST:

S/ Darin J. Kasamoto
Secretary / Deputy Secretary

March 8, 2021

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