

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020
8:00 A.M.**

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At 8:12 a.m. on May 11, 2020 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; Linda Esquivel, Executive Assistant; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Jose Reynoso City of Sierra Madre; Dave DePinto, DMCI; Albert Lu; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Ed Chavez, USGVMWD; Dennis Ahlen, City of Alhambra; Richard Gonzalez, City of Monterey Park

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

UPDATES FROM CITY REPRESENTATIVES

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 13, 2020

Minutes of the Administrative Finance Committee Meeting of May 5, 2020

Financial Statements for April 2020

Treasurer’s Investment Report Dated March 31, 2020

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

April 23, 2020, Check Nos. 11593 – 11600, EFT’s and Wires in the amount of \$48,486.25

May 7, 2020 Check Nos. 11601 - 11609, EFT’s and Wires, in the amount of \$48,501.67

May 11, 2020, Check Nos. 11610 – 11613, and Wires in the amount of \$3,030.30

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

April 27, 2020, Check Nos. 41521 – 41537, in the amount of \$528,664.46

May 11, 2020, Check Nos. 41538 – 41565, and EFT’s, in the amount of \$161,414.11

Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

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SGVMWD

On motion of Director Prince, 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 May 11, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

2020 – 2021 DRAFT BUDGET

The General Manager reported the 2020-2021 Draft Budget was reviewed by the Administrative/Finance Committee and was being distributed to the Board for review. The General Manager elaborated on Tax Revenue, RDA Property Tax Revenue, Water Sales, SWP Transportation Costs, CalPERS UAL, Sierra Madre Joint/Well grant, SWP DCF Supplemental Funding and anticipated Oroville Repair costs. The San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District 2020-2021 Budget will be brought back to the Board for formal adoption at the June Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2020-768 EMAIL RETENTION POLICY

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT E-MAIL RETENTION POLICY was approved.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on May 11, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

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

DUDLEY RIDGE WATER BANKING AGREEMENT

The General Manager reported a consulting firm Provost & Pritchard was hired to look for additional supplies that can be obtained and delivered through the District's capacity in the State Water Project. The proposed banking arrangement with Dudley Ridge Water District would tie in with the District's existing agreement with Dudley Ridge and utilize Dudley Ridge's existing banking agreement with the Kern Water Bank. This agreement will not cost the District anything unless the District actually needs to utilize it. The Administrative/Finance Committee supports approving the agreement, but also has instructed staff to continue to pursue other banking arrangements which may be more cost effective.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Dudley Ridge Water Banking Agreement, as drafted and dated 4/13/2020, was approved.

OPEB PREFUNDING THROUGH 115 TRUST

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, by roll call vote, the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Board approved and authorized the General Manager to initiate a 115 Trust for the purpose of funding the District's OPEB unfunded liabilities. The dollar amount to be initially funded in that Trust will be determined at a later date.

COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, by roll call vote, Cost of Living Adjustment of 1.9% applicable to all District employees was approved, effective June 29, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2020-769 ELECTION SERVICES

The General Manager reported potential elections in Division 2 and 3 in 2020. Therefore, the District is required to adopt a resolution requesting certain specified Election Services from L.A. County.

On motion of Director Placido, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PERMIT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK TO RENDER ELECTION SERVICES FOR AN ELECTION OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 was approved.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on May 11, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Ms. Reyes reported Florence Lin from the Asian Youth Center assisted the District in sending a press release to the Asian media which included information on water safety, and current water conditions. Many events have been canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Director Wong asked staff to continue exploring outreach contributions to our member cities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

No report.

REPORT OF WQA

Director Paulson reported Randy Schoellerman will begin June 1st as WQA's Executive Director. He also reported they reviewed their 2020-2021 Draft Budget.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

No report.

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.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

The General Manager reported on the following:

Delta Conveyance Project (Cal Water Fix) – DWR amended the AIP and that document is close to being completed.

Oroville Update – DWR will begin billing in 2020, \$275 million dollars will be added to the fixed costs; this results in an increase to the District of \$164,000 per year from 2020 to 2035.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee meeting minutes of May 5, 2020 are in the Agenda packet.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

None.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Prince commented ACWA Conference was scheduled for July as virtual conference.

Director Wong wants to schedule a special meeting for next Monday, May 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to conduct the General Manager's annual performance evaluation in closed session.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 9:35 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:35 a.m. the Board went into Closed Session and returned to Open Session at 9:48 a.m.

Legal Counsel reported the Board of Directors conducted a Closed Session to discuss the pending litigation filed by the State Water Contractors and Kern County Water Agency against the Department of Water Resources and Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding DWR's issuance of a Final EIR regarding long-term operations of the State Water Project and the related issuance of an Incidental

Take Permit. The Board of Directors unanimously voted to join that litigation as a Petitioner/Plaintiff. The Board directed staff to prepare a statement explaining the reasons the District has joined that litigation and urging all parties, including the federal government, to return to negotiating cooperative, collaborative solutions to these issues (such as was being pursued through the Voluntary Agreement process), rather than through the pursuit of litigation.

ADJOURNED at 9:50 a.m.

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be on June 8, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

s/Thomas Wong
President

ATTEST:

s/ Darin Kasamoto
Secretary Deputy

May 11, 2020

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