

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020
8:00 A.M.**

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At 8:03 a.m. on July 13, 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, Prince, Wong

Absent: Placido

ALSO PRESENT:

Darin Kasamoto, 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; Dennis Ahlen, City of Alhambra; Richard Gonzalez, City of Monterey Park; John Robinson, John Robinson Consulting; Ken Manning and Stephanie Moreno, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority; Dennis Albiani and Anthony Molina, California Advocates

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

UPDATES FROM CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Jose Reynoso from the City of Sierra Madre reported the grant money Sierra Madre will receive from the District will be spent as follows: \$10,000 for low-income water rate assistance (relief to the General Fund and provide assistance to low income accounts); \$5,000 for a Pandemic Relief Fund to provide rate assistance to customers who have lost wages due to Covid-19; and \$35,000 to update and improve the water treatment methods at the West Tunnel OMMP.

Dennis Ahlen from the City of Alhambra reported Alhambra's AMI Project will begin in early August.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 8, 2020

Financial Statements for June 2020

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

June 18, 2020, Check Nos.11634 – 11641, EFT's and Wires in the amount of \$48,290.76

July 1, 2020, Check Nos. 11642 - 11650, EFT's and Wires, in the amount of \$48,240.50

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July 13, 2020, Check Nos. 11651 – 11654, and Wires in the amount of \$2,405.70

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

June 09 -22, 2020, Check Nos. 41606 – 41627, and EFT's, in the amount of \$547,343.54

July 1 - 9, 2020, Check Nos. 41628 – 41634, and EFT's, in the amount of \$74,959.93

July 13, 2020, Check Nos. 41635 – 41663, and EFT's, in the amount of \$321,905.96

Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles and unanimously carried 4-0, 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 July 13, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Knoles, Paulson, Prince, Wong

Noes: None

Absent: Placido

Abstain: None

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2020-773 – APPRECIATION FOR KEN MANNING

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 4-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF KENNETH R. MANNING, SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY, Resolution No 07-2020-773, was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on July 13, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Knoles, Paulson, Prince, Wong

Noes: None

Absent: Placido

Abstain: None

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dennis Albiani and Anthony Molina from California Advocates reported on the state budget and various items of pending legislation.

PROPOSAL FROM JOHN ROBINSON CONSULTING INC. FOR RECYCLED WATER PLANNING

The General Manager reported at the last Board meeting Mr. Robinson provided a summary of the recycled water feasibility study and outlined next steps for the project to proceed. John Robinson Consulting Inc.'s current contract has expended all its funds; therefore a new agreement is necessary to keep the process moving forward. The proposal for that new agreement was included in the meeting materials.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 4-0, the proposal from John Robinson Consulting Inc, as presented to the Board, for the not to exceed amount of \$24,900 was approved.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on July 13, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

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

PROPOSAL FROM DMCI FOR 2020 – 2021 OUTREACH PLAN

The General Manager reported DMCI'S 2020 – 2021 Outreach Plan is based upon the list of tasks developed by the External Affairs Manager. The list is like prior years, however it does include a substantial amount of time for development of a new district website.

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 4-0, the 2020 – 2021 Outreach Plan from DMCI was approved.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on July 13, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Ms. Reyes shared the completed version of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's basin educational video for children. Director Prince recommended a fill in the blank worksheet to go along with the video.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Kelly Gardner from Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster provided a basin update.

REPORT OF WQA

Director Paulson reported the WQA Board reaffirmed policy and guidelines for civic publications and consulting contracts.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Counsel provided two brief updates on 1.) PFAS issues and concerns of vessel availability and 2.) DDW expedited permitting requirements with respect to PFAS treatment projects.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

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

The General Manager reported a loan program to assist our cities with infrastructure projects is in the works. The potential amount of funding will be determined once the books are closed for fiscal year 2019-2020 and will be brought to the Board for consideration. GovInvest is working on some analysis for the District's OPEB trust account and should be ready for presentation at August's Board meeting.

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 it is completed. The General Manager anticipates acting on the AIP at the District's August or September Board meeting. DWR is developing a cost benefit analysis and that will be brought to the Board for discussion.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

None

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

None

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Wong asked staff to seek additional water drought messaging during these summer months through local and the Asian media. In addition, he encouraged staff to work with member cities to highlight water conservation measures that are being utilized.

He also wanted to remember former District director Raul Romero, who passed away on July 8, 2020.

ADJOURNED at 9:18 a.m. IN MEMORY OF RAUL ROMERO

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:18 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be on August 10, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

s/ Thomas Wong
President

ATTEST:

s/Darin J. Kasamoto
Secretary (Deputy)

July 13, 2020

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