

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
8:00 A.M.**

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At 8:03 a.m. on September 14, 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; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Jose Reynoso City of Sierra Madre; Dave DePinto, DMCI; Albert Lu; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Richard Gonzalez, City of Monterey Park; Jared Macias, City of Azusa; Stephanie Moreno, Water Quality Authority; Anthony Molina, California Advocates

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

UPDATES FROM CITY REPRESENTATIVES

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 10, 2020

Minutes of the External Affairs Committee Meeting of August 17, 2020

Financial Statements for August 2020

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

August 13, 2020, Check Nos. 11668 – 11674, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$48,525.03

August 27, 2020, Check Nos. 11675 - 11683, EFT's and Wires, in the amount of \$51,099.46

September 10, 2020, Check Nos. 11684 – 11690, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$48,318.08

September 14, 2020, Check Nos. 11691 – 11694, and Wires in the amount of \$2,176.80

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

August 11 - 28, 2020, Check Nos. 41720 – 41741, and EFT's, in the amount of \$562,513.38

September 3, 4, & 14, 2020, Check Nos. 41742 – 41775, and EFT's, in the amount of \$378,082.95

Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

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SGVMWD

On motion of Director Paulson, 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 September 14, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Anthony Molina of California Advocates updated the Board on the following Legislative Bills: SB1099, AB1659, AB3030, SB1044, AB2560, SB1833, SB1159 and AB685. He also updated the Board on general issues relating to the end of the Legislative Session.

PROPOSALS FOR 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The General Manager reported the District is required by applicable law to adopt and submit to the Department of Water Resources an Urban Water Management Plan in years ending in 5 and 0, although the deadline for the next plan was extended to 2021. The District must be in compliance with Urban Water Management Plan requirements in order to receive State grants and funding. An RFP was developed and sent to John Robinson Consulting, Stetson Engineers Inc., and Kennedy Jenks Consulting. Kennedy Jenks opted not to submit a proposal. Stetson Engineer's proposal was \$31,500 and John Robinson Consulting's was \$24,500. All three firms are highly qualified to do the work. John Robinson Consulting prepared the District's 2015 plan and Stetson Engineer's prepared the 2005 and 2010 plans.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan proposal from John Robinson Consulting to be completed by or before July 31, 2021 and for the not to exceed fee of \$24,500 was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on September 14, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO DUDLEY RIDGE 2020 WATER BANKING AGREEMENT

The General Manager reported that the District recently entered into an agreement with Dudley Ridge Water District to utilize a portion of Dudley Ridge's share of the Kern Water Bank for storage of District water. The proposed Amendment will allow the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District to also bank non-State Water Project water under the terms of this agreement.

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, the 2020 Dudley Ridge Banking Agreement Amendment No. 1 was approved.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on September 14, 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 the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Annual Report is nearly completed and should be ready for presentation and approval at the District's October Board meeting. She also reported that Christa VanOrden - Alhambra Unified School District, Dave DePinto - DMCI, and she have discussed the District's educational outreach plan for 2021 and most likely the educational components of that plan will be delivered via Zoom. She will be working with Garvey Unified, Azusa Unified and Sierra Madre Elementary to discuss the Spring 2021 educational outreach plan. RFP's for the District's website are in the process of being sent out and she expects to complete this task within the next couple of weeks. The District's postcard rebate campaign has been postponed until after the November election.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

The Assistant General Manager provided an update on the Key Well. He also reported there is approximately 213,000 AF of imported water in Cyclic Storage which represents about 27 ft. in the Basin. There is some local water in our canyon reservoirs. Prior to last week there is about 25,000 acre-feet. The County of Los Angeles began delivering that water last Tuesday. That water is being delivered in the river at 500 cfs and approximately half of that 25,000 is intended for the lower basin area.

REPORT OF WQA

Director Paulson reported the WQA Board approved the renewal of \$12 per acre foot assessment that each of the water pumpers pay for cleaning up the Basin.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Counsel reported on SB1044, which will ban the use of firefighting foam that contains PFAS commencing in 2022.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

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

The General Manager thanked Ms. Reyes for setting up a meeting with Congresswoman Napolitano and Staff to touch basis on Bureau of Reclamation funding and recycled water projects. The meeting was very beneficial and productive. Director Wong commented that he was very pleased with Congresswoman Napolitano and how engaged she was in identifying and securing recycled water for the District and our member cities.

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

The Assistant General Manager reported on the Operations of the District. The allocation for CY 2020 is 5,760 AAF (20% of 28,800 AF). As of August 31, SGVMWD had 90 AF remaining for CY 2020, effectively completing this year's deliveries. The District has a capital improvement project currently open for public bid. The budgeted project is for the replacement of plug valves in Sch. 1 (Glendora). The bid opening is scheduled for September 17, 2020.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

In the written report of the General Manager that is in the Agenda Packet, the General Manager reported the DWR amended AIP is complete and he will present this matter for possible Board action at the October's Board Meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

External Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2020 are in the Board packet.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

None

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Prince wanted to commend Jose Reynoso, Chris Cimino, and Staff from the City of Sierra Madre for working quickly and effectively with LA County Fire and US Forrest Service in making Sierra Madre's spreading grounds resource available to helicopters in fighting against the fires.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION at 8:52 a.m.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9.

Name of Case: State Water Contractors, et al. v. State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al., Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG01302. – The Board was briefed on the current status of that case and no reportable action was taken.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4).

ONE CASE – The Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of that matter and no reportable action was taken.

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED at 9:02 a.m.

ADJOURNED at 9:04 a.m.

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:04 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be on October 12, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

S/ Thomas Wong _____
President

ATTEST:

S/ Darin J. Kasamoto _____
Secretary / Deputy Secretary

September 14, 2020

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