

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
8:00 A.M.**

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At 8:03 a.m. on September 13, 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; Albert Lu External Affairs Assistant; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Dave DePinto, DMCI; Richard Gonzales, City of Monterey Park; Steve McGee, City of Sierra Madre; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

UPDATES FROM CITY REPRESENTATIVES

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 16, 2021
Minutes of the External Affairs Committee Meeting of August 24, 2021
Financial Statements for August 2021
Treasurer's Investment Report Dated June 30, 2021
Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:
August 26, 2021, Check Nos. 11906 – 11913, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$52,910.96
September 9, 2021, Check Nos. 11914 – 11919, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$51,852.22
September 13, 2021, Check Nos. 11920 – 11923, and Wires in the amount of \$3,039.40

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Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

August 19 & 30, 2021, Check Nos. 42388 – 42407 and EFT in the amount of \$506,861.61
September 1, 9, & 13, 2021, Check Nos. 42408 – 42441 and EFT's, in the amount of \$324,836.99

Future Meeting Attendance Approval:

Council for Watershed Health – Wildfire: Weather, Water, Weeds, Wildlife – Sept. 16, 30, & Oct. 14 – Via Zoom

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 13, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR GENERAL MANAGER

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, Amendment No. 1 to the General Manager's Employment Contract was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on September 13, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2021-786 REVISING SALARIES

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REVISING SALARIES, RESOLUTION NO. 9-2021-786 was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on September 13, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2021-787 AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ON REDISTRICTING

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AMENDING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RESOLUTION NO. 9-2021-787 was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on September 13, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

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

REDISTRICTING FOLLOW-UP

Staff was asked to research census data and population trends. Counsel will check on public hearing requirements and on the deadlines.

PREPARATION FOR IN-PERSON MEETING(S)

In-person meetings will be resume October 1, 2021, unless Governor Newsom extends the executive order N-25-20 that was issued on March 12, 2020.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet.

Ms. Reyes reported on Legislative updates that included SB599, SB222, and SB223.

DMCI and Ms. Reyes met with all four member cities to discuss water conservation programs and messaging.

President Wong mentioned the goal is to work with the four member cities to further enhance water conservation efforts as the drought conditions are worsening.

Dave DePinto reported the Pipeline newsletter has been redesigned and the Annual Report is in its final stages waiting for front cover approval.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Mr. Hills reported the Baldwin Park Key Well is at 186.5 acre-feet above sea level and 14 acre-feet below the minimum operating range set by the Main San Gabriel Basin Judgment. He also attended a virtual Status Conference on how the basin is being managed.

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 SB 594 passed both houses of the legislature and is on its way to Governor Newsom. Counsel highlighted some areas on the Budget Trailer Bill that was included in the External Affairs Manager Report and reported on Covid 19 water arrearages program.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

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

The General Manager reported Steve Bucknam is preparing a brief memo on potential state and federal funding opportunities and will present his findings at a future board meeting.

On September 22, 2021, a recycled water project meeting is scheduled with MWD to discuss how to move forward.

CV Strategies completed the salary and benefits survey with review of the district's job descriptions and a survey of salary step structures at neighboring water districts. The Administrative/Finance Committee will work on the next steps.

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

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

SWC does not meet in August. No report.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

External Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes are in the packet.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

None

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DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Prince commented the City of Sierra Madre is considering a resolution for water restrictions.

CLOSED SESSION at 9:06 A.M.

- A. Conference with legal counsel – Existing Litigation Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9

Name of Case: *Moore v. San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, et al.*, San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. CIV SB 2115350

OPEN SESSION at 9:08 A.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

General Counsel Ciampa reported that a closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to discuss existing litigation, *Moore v. San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, et al.*, San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. CIV SB 2115350. The Board was provided an update on the status of that case and no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNED at 9:09 A.M.

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:09 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be on October 11, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

Thomas Wong (DocuSigned)
President

ATTEST:

Darin J. Kasamoto (DocuSigned)
Secretary (Deputy)

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