

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702  
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021  
8:00 A.M.**

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At 8:02 a.m. on August 16, 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; Jared Macias, City of Azusa; Richard Gonzales, City of Monterey Park; Steve McGee, City of Sierra Madre

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**UPDATES FROM CITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Steve McGee from the City of Sierra Madre thanked Director Prince for attending Sierra Madre's City Council Meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 12, 2021

Financial Statements for July 2021

Treasurer's Investment Report Dated June 30, 2021

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

July 15, 2021, Check Nos. 11886 – 11890, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$51,075.46

July 29, 2021, Check Nos. 11891 – 11897, EFT's and Wires in the amount of \$53,114.19

August 12, 2021, Check Nos. 11898 – 11901, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$50,208.44

August 16, 2021, Check Ns. 11902 – 11905, and Wires in the amount of \$1,521.50

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Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

July 21 – 28, 2021, Check Nos. 42326 – 42345 and EFT's, in the amount of \$1,910,696.75  
August 9 & 11, 2021, Check Nos. 42346 – 42375 and EFT's, in the amount of \$968,774.03  
August 16, 2021, Check Nos. 42376 – 42387, in the amount of \$26,554.75

Future Meeting Attendance Approval:

6<sup>th</sup> Annual CA Water Data Summit – August 19, 2021, Virtual  
Water Solutions Technology Pilots and Trials – August 26, 2021, Virtual  
AYC's 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Awards Ceremony – Oct. 22, 2021, San Gabriel

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Prince 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 August 16, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

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

## **ACTION AGENDA ITEM**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 8-2021-785 ADOPTING TAX RATE**

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 DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NECESSARY TO BE REASIED BY TAXATION FOR PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND OTHER VOTER APPROVED INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAX LEVIED (TAX CODE AREA 367.05 THROUGH 367.12) was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on August 16, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

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

## **REDISTRICTING REQUIREMENTS**

After much discussion, staff and counsel have been directed to research if population of all 5 directors' divisions have changed and determine if any changes are necessary.

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## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet.

Ms. Reyes reported the U.S. Senate passed the Federal Infrastructure Act which dedicates \$8.3 Billion for western water infrastructure projects.

The District partnered with Nature for All to host water education workshops for District residents. Workshops will be held this month, August 11 & 18 virtually, and August 28 in person.

Ms. Reyes also reported the District Annual Report is being worked on.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT**

Mr. Hills reported issues of the current drought situation, which were discussed at length and that the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster is exploring options for procuring additional water.

#### **REPORT OF WQA**

No report.

#### **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY**

Counsel reported two items: 1) Los Angeles County Public Works new efforts to establish a Los Angeles County water plan, including ground water management, and 2) Legislature is back in session so updates on the final actions concerning bills of interest will be known in the next few weeks.

#### **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 opportunities and will present his findings at a future meeting.

John Robinson has outlined the necessary actions needed to potentially participate in MWD's Carson Project. A current update will be presented at the September Board Meeting.

The recycled water project for Monterey Park/Alhambra had been on hold due to staffing issues at Central Basin. Since that seems to no longer be an issue, the next step is to meet with Central Basin's General Manager to restart the process.

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

The Assistant General Manager reported on August 5, 2021, Lake Oroville's Hyatt Power Plant shut down for the first time in history due to low water levels.

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## **REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS**

No changes – no report.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

None

## **DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED**

None

## **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

None

## **CLOSED SESSION at 9:15 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

- B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - General Manager - Government Code Section 54957

## **OPEN SESSION at 9:32 A.M.**

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

The District's counsel reported that an update on the status of Closed Session Item A, existing litigation, *Moore v. San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District*, was provided to the Board of Directors and no reportable action was taken. He further reported that Closed Session Item B, further performance evaluation of the District's General Manager, took place in accordance with Government Code Section 54957 and no reportable action was taken.

### **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AND SALARY CONSIDERATION**

The Board discussed the possible adjustment to the General Manager's salary. On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board of Directors approved a five percent (5%) salary increase for the General Manager to be effective immediately and an additional five percent (5%) salary increase for the General Manager to be effective July 1, 2022.

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

**ADJOURNED at 9:59 A.M.**

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:59 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be on September 13, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

s/ Thomas Wong  
President

ATTEST:

s/ Darin Kasamoto  
Secretary (Deputy)

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