

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022
8:00 A.M.**

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At 8:05 a.m. on March 14, 2022, the Board of Directors held its Regular Meeting via "GoToMeeting"

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Paulson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Directors present at Roll Call: Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince, Wong

Directors Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT:

Darin Kasamoto, General Manager; Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager; Linda Esquivel, Executive Assistant; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager; Albert Lu, External Affairs Assistant; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Dave DePinto, DMCI; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Melissa Barbosa, City of Azusa; Richard Gonzales, City of Monterey Park; Anthony Molina, California Advocates

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

UPDATES FROM CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Richard Gonzales from the City of Monterey Park provided a brief update on their PFAS Treatment System project and anticipates making a Power Point presentation on that project at the next District Board meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 14, 2022
Financial Statements for February 2022
Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:
February 24, 2022, Check Nos. 12023 – 12027, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$49,330.82
February 25, Check No. 12028, and Wires in the amount of \$589.85
March 10, 2022, Check Nos. 12029 – 12036, EFT and Wires in the amount of \$78,101.02
March 14, 2022, Check Nos. 12037 – 12040, and Wires in the amount of \$1,966.50

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:
February 24 & 28, Check Nos. 42741 – 42760, and EFT in the amount of \$554,209.30
March 8 & 14, 2022, Check Nos. 42761 – 42802 and EFT, in the amount of \$167,289.73
Future Meeting Attendance Approval:
Resolution No. 02-2022-796 Continuation of Virtual Board Meetings

On motion of Director Placido, seconded by Director Knoles, 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 March 14, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Anthony Molina provided a legislative update that included AB2449, SB890, SB1122, SB1157, AB2142 and SB222.

CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR AB2163

On motion of Director Placido, seconded by Director Wong and unanimously carried 5-0, the request to authorize a Letter of Support for AB2163 regarding the San Gabriel Basin Water Authority was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on March 14, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

DIRECTOR WONG LEFT THE MEETING AT 8:23 A.M.

BID FOR WYE BRANCH FABRICATION

On motion of Director Placido, seconded by Director Paulson and unanimously carried 4-0, the bid from Imperial Pipe in the amount of \$115,975 for Wye Branch Fabrication was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on March 14, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

IN PERSON MEETINGS

Counsel reported that the District is subject to AB361 which does not have a sunset date until January 1, 2024 and is not impacted by the recent Executive Orders that affected state agencies' abilities to conduct remote meetings. Counsel further stated that so long as the proclaimed state of emergency remains in place and the Board can continue to make the required finding of either continued state or local recommendations for social distancing or that in-person meetings would pose an imminent risk to the health and safety of the attendees, the Board can continue to meet remotely. Director Paulson suggested the April 11 Board meeting be virtual until further information or requirements are given by the governor or legislature.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet.

Ms. Reyes reported letters of support for Congresswoman Judy Chu (Request for authorization under Corps of Engineers, Section 219 Environmental Infrastructure Program of the Water Resources Development Act) and Assembly Member Rubio AB 2449 are included in the Agenda Packet.

The Public Water Agencies Group, of which the District is a member, sent a letter of support for AB2313 (Bloom), which would provide special training and education for judges regarding water related litigation.

Mr. DePinto and Ms. Reyes have met with Alhambra Unified School District to discuss the District's education outreach this year. Sierra Madre's Earth Day event is scheduled for April 23.

California Advocates Anthony Molina and Dennis Albani are working on scheduling Legislature virtual meetings sometime around March 28.

Mr. DePinto reported the District newsletter along with an upcoming ad with Chris Lancaster will include the District Rebates, OWL Grant, and Speakers Bureau programs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Director Placido reported Watermaster and Three Valley's appreciated being able to deliver water through the District pipeline.

Mr. Kiggins reported L A County released approximately 30,000 acre-feet of water from the Cogswell and San Gabriel Dams. He also reported that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering adding steelhead trout to the endangered species list.

REPORT OF WQA

Director Paulson appreciated the Board acting on supporting AB2163.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Counsel provided a non-substantive update on the overview of the Incidental Take Permit Litigation. AB1234 (Ethics) training will be available on Wednesday, March 30 in the evening. Sexual Harassment training should also be scheduled soon. Counsel will consult with the General Manager for options to provide training.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

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

The General Manager reported there is no good news. Weather has remained dry since January 1, although a couple of small rainfall events are forecasted for later this week but nothing major.

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

The Assistant General Manager pointed out a couple of pictures that are included in his report:

1. The new ultrasonic meter installation and vent pipe.
2. The stainless-steel meter-spool.
3. Delivery of the new service district truck on March 3.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

No report.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

None.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

None.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Knoles wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

ADJOURNED at 8:53 A.M.

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:53 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be on April 11, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

s/Thomas Wong
President

ATTEST:

s/Darin J. Kasamoto
Secretary (Deputy)