

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:01 a.m. on March 13, 2023, the Board of Directors meeting was held in person at the District office, located at 1402 North Vosburg Drive, Azusa, California. While the Boardroom was open for public attendance, the District strongly encouraged attendees wanting to attend the meeting to participate in the meeting virtually through the remote Zoom link provided below. Attendees in person were asked to please maintain appropriate social distancing to the extent feasible (i.e., maintain a six-foot distance between yourself and other individuals). Face coverings were encouraged but not required for attendees.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER:

President Paulson called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Darin Kasamoto, General Manager; Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager; Linda Esquivel, Executive Assistant; Gigi Jarmin, Accounting Specialist; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager; Albert Lu, External Affairs Assistant; Jim Ciampa Lagerlof LLP; Thomas Love, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

Via telephone/Zoom: Dave DePinto, DMCI; Melissa Barbosa, City of Azusa; Dennis Ahlen, City of Alhambra; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE

Thomas Love, General Manager of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD) welcomed Director Eng to the water family. Mr. Love provided an update on The Metropolitan Water District (MWD) recycled water project. USGVMWD has a new location, and an open house has been scheduled for March 28, 2023; all are invited to attend.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 23, 2023
Minutes of the External Affairs Meeting of February 27, 2023
Financial Statements for February 2023

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

February 23, 2023, Check Nos. 12239 – 12243, EFTs, and Wires in the amount of \$55,741.00
March 09, 2023, Check No. 12244 - 12251, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$55,630.04
March 13, 2023, Check Nos. 12252 – 12254, and Wires in the amount of \$1,748.00

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

VOIDED CHECK NOS 43479 and 43480
February 28, 2023, Check Nos. 43481 – 43497, and EFTs in the amount of \$638,007.32
March 13, 2023, Check Nos. 43498 – 43537, in the amount of \$208,205.58

Future Meeting Attendance Approval:

Water Efficiency & Conservation Symposium – Aug. 2-3, Chicago, Ill

On the motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Consent Calendar was approved.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

PROPOSAL FROM PROVOST & PRITCHARD TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SUPPLEMENTAL WATER

The General Manager reported in 2017 that the District hired Provost & Pritchard to assist in helping the District find supplemental water sources. The agreement does not include a specific budget, it calls for Provost & Pritchard to work on an “as-needed basis” as directed by the District. The fee schedule has changed but the scope of services will not change.

On motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Proposal for Assistance in Obtaining Supplemental Water Supplies Addendum 1 to CSA dated May 2017 from Provost & Pritchard was approved.

PROPOSAL FROM CIVILTEC ENGINEERING TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND STANDBY GENERATOR REPLACEMENT OPTIONS

The Assistant General Manager reported Civiltec Engineering, Inc. was asked to evaluate standby power options at six District facilities. Five of the existing standby generators are at the end of their life span and require replacement. The Riverside Meter Structure currently does not have standby power and the installation of a standby generator at the site was one of seven recommendations in the June 2015 Emergency Preparedness/Repair Study Update prepared by Stetson Engineers. Per a request by former Board President Wong, Civiltec will include in its work an evaluation of the feasibility of non-carbon-emitting standby power options.

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, the proposal from Civiltec Engineering to evaluate and recommend standby generator replacement options, with a project budget not to exceed \$23,460.00, was approved.

PROPOSAL FROM CIVILTEC ENGINEERING, INC. TO DEVELOP A HYDRAULIC MODEL AND TRANSIENT WAVE ANALYSIS

The Assistant General Manager reported the Devil Canyon-Azusa Pipeline has been in service for almost fifty years and valves throughout the system need replacement. Civiltec Engineering, Inc. was asked to evaluate the Devil Canyon-Azusa Pipeline pressure-reducing stations and make recommendations for their rehabilitation. The first step requires the development of a hydraulic model to determine how station configuration/valve changes would affect the system.

On motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, the proposal from Civiltec Engineering, Inc. to develop a hydraulic model and transient wave analysis for a budget not to exceed \$181,810.00 was approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet.

Ms. Reyes reported the District's annual legislative trip to Sacramento is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Director Knoles, Director Placido, Director Prince, Assistant General Manager Steve Kiggins, and Ms. Reyes are scheduled to meet with Senator Maria Elena Durazo, Senator Anthony Portantino, Senator Susan Rubio, Assemblymember Chris Holden, Assemblymember Mike Fong, and Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio. The District sent a letter of support for AB 279 (Rubio, Blanca D), which would increase the maximum allowable annual pumping right assessment that may be imposed by the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority to \$20 per acre-foot. Congresswoman Napolitano is meeting with local water agencies on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

The Irrigation Direct Install Program continues to have consistent activity even with the recent rainfall. The District is participating in several events in April and May.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Director Placido reported the request to execute an Extension Agreement for the City of South Pasadena for the Producer Cyclic Storage Account was discussed.

REPORT OF WQA

Director Paulson reported AB 279, as discussed previously, as authored by Assemblymember Rubio, has complete buy-in from all producers in the valley. Also, WQA has filed a lawsuit in US District Court in South Carolina against Dupont, 3M, and other manufacturers of PFAS.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Legal Counsel Ciampa reported on the pending multi-district litigation in South Carolina regarding PFAS. He stated that litigation will have several initial bellwether trials that will start later this year, which will help establish the liability of the manufacturers. He also reported he has reviewed almost 2,700 Bills that were introduced in the California Legislature. He is keeping an eye on a couple of water bonds for funding water-related issues and a few on the Brown Act that refer to AB2449 and AB361.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

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

The General Manager reported two grant applications were submitted, a state grant in the amount of \$5 million for turf rebates, and a Bureau of Reclamation grant to help fund 50% of a federally approved recycled water feasibility study. A potential third grant for funding the Foothill Water Coalition through the Bureau of Reclamation is in the works.

The Auditors have completed their 3-year engagement and an RFP was mailed to 5 firms for the next 3-year audit engagement. The new firm will be selected at the April Board Meeting.

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

The Assistant General Manager reported the San Gabriel Flow Control Structure 30" Ball Valve has been released from production and is scheduled to arrive on July 10, 2023. The Pratt Valve distributor has not been able to secure a firm delivery date for the Hydroelectric Facility 24" Butterfly Valve.

The glyphosate (Roundup) concerns from Director Knoles were addressed by the Assistant General Manager. Director Knoles is not ok with any type of herbicides/poison being applied to the environment.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

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

The General Manager reported on February 22, 2023, the State Water Project allocation was increased from 30% to 35%. This allocation was based on up-to-date reservoir storage levels and the January 1, 2023 snowpack levels. This allocation was made prior to the large precipitation that occurred in late February: it should be expected that the allocation will increase in March. Unfortunately, Article 21 water is available but because there is so much local water, L A County has nowhere to put the water.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

The Minutes of the External Affairs Committee Meeting of February 27, 2023 are in the agenda packet.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

None.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Knoles said it was good to see Thomas Love.

Director Placido commented that he is the governing board representative for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments this year and that the meetings, beginning this week will, be conducted in person.

ADJOURNED at 9:27 A.M.

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:27 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be on April 10, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

s/ Mark R. Paulson _____
President

ATTEST:

s/ Miles L. Prince _____
Secretary