

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY JULY 10, 2023
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:00 a.m. on July 10, 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 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Darin Kasamoto ((participated by telephone/Zoom), Linda Esquivel, Executive Assistant; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager; Albert Lu, External Affairs Specialist; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Dave DePinto, DMCI; Dennis Albiani and Analee Akin, California Advocates; Drew Ready and Eileen Alduenda, Council for Watershed Health; Daniel Apt, Olaunu

Via telephone/Zoom: Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 1, 2023
Financial Statements for June 2023

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

June 1, 2023, Check Nos. 12300 – 12307, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$56,125.45

June 12, 2023, Check Nos. 12308 – 12310, and Wires in the amount of \$2,185.00

June 15, 2023, Check Nos. 12311 – 12316, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$56,818.25

June 29, 2023, Check Nos. 12317 – 12323, EFTs, and Wires in the amount of \$56,814.28

July 10, 2023, Check Nos. 12324 – 12327, and Wires in the amount of \$3,933.00

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

June 8 - 12, 2023, Check Nos. 43705 – 43736, and EFT in the amount of \$391,535.04

June 22 – 27, 2023, Check Nos. 43737 – 43760, and EFTs in the amount of \$796,114.29

July 5 – 10, 2023, Check Nos. 43761 – 43794, in the amount of \$713,980.67

Future Meeting Attendance Approval:

Pasadena Tournament of Roses Pride Reception – June 2, Pasadena

LA County LGBTQ+ Elected Officials Conversation – June 10, Los Angeles

SGV Pride Tour – June 1 & 15, El Monte; June 3, Alhambra & Monterey Park; June 4, La Puente & City of Industry; June 10, Altadena; June 24, Pasadena; June 29, Baldwin Park

City of Sierra Madre Summer Concerts in the Park – June 10, 11, 18, 25, July 3, 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, & 13

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

GARVEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT – COUNCIL FOR WATERSHED HEALTH

The Garvey Unified School District Stormwater Capture Project had been delayed due to Covid-19 and many changes both at the school district and the Council for Watershed Health. The initial project has been completed and Drew Ready and Eileen Alduenda from Council for Watershed Health, and Daniel Apt from Olaunu provided a presentation to the Board of the completed project that was funded by the District. The project consisted of two locations within the Garvey Unified School District (Hillcrest Elementary and Monterey Vista Elementary). They also reviewed possible stormwater capture projects that may be implemented at those sites.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – CALIFORNIA ADVOCATES

Dennis Albani and Analee Akin from California Advocates provided an update on the current status of the State Legislature, including the new Speaker in the Assembly, bills, and the state budget.

PROPOSAL FROM ECOTECH

Ms. Reyes presented the 2023-2024 proposal from EcoTech Services. EcoTech Services provides irrigation retrofit services to residential and commercial sites to improve water-use efficiency. The proposal includes pricing information for six different weather-based irrigation controller models and pricing for minor on-site repairs.

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Prince, and unanimously carried 5-0, the proposal dated July 5, 2023/2024 in the not to exceed the amount of \$220,000 was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on July 10, 2023, by the following roll call vote:

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

AWARD BID FOR PIPELINE “T” FABRICATION

The General Manager reported the DCAP SCH 1 Pipeline Continuity Bonding, Corrosion Assessment Validation, and Cathodic System Design Project will require contractor staff to enter and work within the pipeline to perform various tasks. Adequate spacing of manholes is required for confined space access and ventilation. This piping tee will provide an access manhole just west of the Pipeline Continuity Bonding Project limits at the approximate location where a manhole was omitted when Sierra Madre Avenue was realigned for the Rosedale development. Pre-purchasing the piping tee is requested due to the 14-week lead time.

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5 – 0, pre-purchasing the CMLC Piping Tee at the not to exceed amount of \$25,000 was approved.

CONSIDER CHANGE TO MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT, DENTAL/VISION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Prince, and unanimously carried 5 – 0, the Board approved amending the medical reimbursement policy to allow unreimbursed medical costs to be covered under the dental/vision allowance effective July 1, 2023, was approved. Legal Counsel Ciampa will provide the amendment and a resolution at the next Board meeting for formal adoption.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet.

Ms. Reyes reported effective July 1, 2023, External Affairs will manage the rebate program. Member cities have been notified of the change. Printed rebate information cards for customer service departments will be distributed to each city.

The Direct Install Program's projected water savings for fiscal year 2022-2023 was 1,983,600 gallons of water. According to EPA, replacing a clock-based controller with a WaterSense-labeled weather-based controller can save an average property 7,600 gallons of water each year.

The Annual Asian Media Event was a success. Many thanks to all who participated and attended, especially Director Eng, Director Placido, Kelly Gardner, Tony Zampielo, and George Noriega.

External Affairs will be participating in two upcoming outreach events: City of Azusa's Concert in the Park on July 13 at 6:00 p.m., at Memorial Park and Alhambra's National Night Out on August 1, at City Hall, time to be determined.

Ms. Reyes formally introduced Albert Lu who was hired on June 26, 2023, as the District's External Affairs Specialist.

Director Eng commented that the NBC Asian Event was very successful and gave kudos to Dave DePinto and Albert Lu. He also asked for a list of monthly events to be emailed to him.

Dave DePinto commented that it was good to see city council members in attendance at the Asian Media Event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Director Placido reported the Basin's executive retirement plan was discussed and the authorization for the Executive Officer to sign a six-month extension of the Production Agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Toxic Substances Control relative to the Whitter Narrows Operable Unit was approved.

REPORT OF WQA

No Report.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Legal Counsel Ciampa reported briefly on the nationwide PFAS litigation and proposed settlements with 3M and Dupont.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

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

The General Manager reported a meeting with Upper District, Three Valleys, WQA, and Watermaster managers to discuss a "Water Education" event. The group is interested in working together under the "Foothill Water Coalition" umbrella to work on a unified effort to secure funding for infrastructure projects across the region. Additional discussions will take place in the future.

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

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

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

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

None.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

None

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Prince thanked Counsel Ciampa, Darin Kasamoto, and Jose Reynoso for the approach taken on the concept of replenishing credits of the Sierra Madre WELL Project.

ADJOURNED at 10:02 A.M.

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:02 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be on August 14, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

s/ Mark R. Paulson

President

ATTEST:

s/ Miles L. Prince

Secretary