

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, APRIL 08, 2024
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:00 a.m. on April 08, 2024, 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, General Manager; Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager; Linda Esquivel, Executive Assistant; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager; Albert Lu, External Affairs Specialist; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Dave DePinto, DMCI

Via telephone/Zoom: Melissa Barbosa and Carlos Solis, City of Azusa; Frank Heldman, City of Monterey Park; Latoya Waters, City of Alhambra

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 11, 2024

Minutes of the Administrative/Finance Committee of March 26, 2024

Financial Statements for March 2024

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

March 21, 2024, Check Nos. 12474 – 12479, EFTs, and Wires in the amount of \$64,228.86

April 4, 2024, Check Nos. 12480 – 12485, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$62,489.31

April 08, 2024, Check Nos. 12486 – 12489, and Wires in the amount of \$3,496.00

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

March 12 - 28, 2024, Check Nos. 44330 – 44351 and EFTs in the amount of \$147,107.64

April 02 - 08, Check Nos. 44352 – 44397, and EFT in the amount of \$670,772.73

Disbursements of the State Water Project (SWP) Dated: March 4, 2024, Check No. 1004, in the amount of \$632,497.00

Future Meeting Attendance Approval:

Sierra Madre Community Foundation Whiskey & Wine – Apr. 13. Mia Italia Sierra Madre

SGV Public Affairs Network Luncheon – Apr. 19, City of Industry

Pasadena Education Network – Apr. 21, Pasadena

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

LOAN/GRANT POLICY

The General Manager reported that the Board instructed Legal Counsel Ciampa to develop a Loan/Grant Policy. The draft policy was reviewed by the Administrative/Finance Committee, which suggested the following modifications: 1) a not-to-exceed 10-year term, and 2) a member city cannot request for a second loan if they already have an existing loan with the District. Legal Counsel Ciampa will revise the grant and loan policy to address those modifications and make several other changes and will present the revised policy at the May Board Meeting for approval.

SET WATER RATES FOR 2024-2025

The General Manager reported that the Main San Gabriel Watermaster requires that the District set its water and RDA rates before the May Watermaster Board Meeting. The Administrative/Finance Committee reviewed the current rate being charged by DWR and the recent trend of increases and recommended that rates of \$240 and \$840, respectively, be adopted. In addition, the Committee also recommended that the cities be notified that the District projects the following rates going forward: years 2025 - \$260 per acre-foot, 2026 - \$280 per acre-foot, and 2027 - \$300 per acre-foot.

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING WATER RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 04-2023-821, Resolution No. 04-2024-831 was passed, approved, and adopted.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at its regular meeting held on April 08, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

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

2024 LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Ms. Reyes reported in the 2024 Legislative Session, 2,145 bills were introduced by the February 16 bill introduction deadline. The District's yearly trip to Sacramento was very productive. The State Water Contractors are keeping a close watch on the following 2-year bills: AB460, AB1337, AB1567, SB366, and SB867. New bills introduced in 2024 are AB2060, AB2409, SB1218, SB1390, and SB1330 are also being watched. Legal Counsel Ciampa elaborated on SB1330.

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Eng, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved the following recommended positions on legislation of interest: Oppose AB460 and AB1337; Support SB366, AB2409, and SB1330; Support if amended AB2060 and SB1390; and Watch AB1567, SB867, and SB1218.

CONSIDER CANDIDATES FOR LAFCO SPECIAL DISTRICT VOTING MEMBER

On motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board of Directors decided to cast the District's vote for LAFCO Special District Voting Member for incumbent Donald L. Dear.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet.

Ms. Reyes reported on the District trip to Sacramento. She also stated Assemblywoman Rubio thanked the District for assisting with the water tour that occurred. Upcoming Spring Events: Sierra Madre Community Bike Ride scheduled for Saturday, April 13; City of Monterey Park Earth Day (in conjunction with the Cherry Blossom Festival), Saturday, April 27; and City of Alhambra Eco Fair (in conjunction with the Active Streets Mission-to-Mission), Sunday, April 28.

Director Eng asked for the times for each of the programs. Ms. Reyes will get back to him with that information.

The District sponsored the Mark Keppel High School 5k run by providing bottled water.

Ms. Reyes thanked Director Placido, Director Eng, and Director Paulson for attending the Marguerita Elementary Dedication Ceremony.

The PWAG Community Engagement Team awarded 2 of its 3 scholarships to Mark Keppel High School students.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Assistant General Manager Steve Kiggins reported the Preliminary Determination of Operating Safe Yield for FY 2024-2025 through 2028-2029 is being recommended at 160,000 acre-feet. He also reported that earlier this year former Executive Officer Tony Zampiello announced his retirement; Russ Bryden, who has 20 years of experience with L. A. County Public Works, was hired as the new Executive Director. Mr. Zampiello is now Chief Administrative Officer until he retires, no set date has been confirmed.

REPORT OF WQA

No report.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

General Counsel Ciampa reported there are many water bills as Ms. Reyes reported. He also commented that LAFCO has 54 Special Districts in L. A. County. Compensation for LAFCO members is \$150 per meeting plus mileage.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

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

The General Manager reported that he and the Assistant General Manager met with Stetson Engineers regarding the Pure Water Project White Paper and unfortunately due to a scheduling conflict they were unable to attend the April Board Meeting. However, they are scheduled to attend the May Board Meeting and present their White Paper. Director Knoles and Director Placido were thanked for attending last week's Legislative Sacramento trip.

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

The Assistant General Manager reported on project updates: DCAP SCH 1 Pipeline Continuity Bonding, Corrosion Assessment Validation and Cathodic System Design: Joint Bonding progress has been hampered by pin-brazing equipment problems but should be complete by April 12. Continuity testing between manholes will then be performed to verify all joints are

bonded. Once verified, blind flanges will be reinstalled, and the pipeline will be refilled, and pressure tested. The Committee of 9 has their annual clean-out scheduled and therefore the project can be completed prior to the retirement of Manager Don Barry.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

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

The General Manager reported the State Water Project allocation for 2024 was increased to 30%. Conditions throughout the state remained favorable in March, and he anticipates another increase sometime in April. DWR will be looking for funding commitments from contractors to keep the DCP planning process going beyond 2025. The District will be asked to consider this once more information, including an updated cost estimate, is available. The time frame for evaluating this will be sometime in June or July.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Minutes are in the Agenda Packet.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

None.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Placido commented that the legislative trip to Sacramento was great.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:04 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be on May 13, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

s/ Mark R. Paulson _____
President

ATTEST:

s/ Miles L. Prince _____
Secretary