

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:00 a.m. on June 10, 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, Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster

Via telephone/Zoom: David Dolphin, City of Alhambra, and Melissa Barbosa, City of Azusa

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 13, 2024

Financial Statements for May 2024

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

May 16, 2024, Check Nos. 12504 – 12509, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$62,859.00

May 30, 2024, Check Nos. 12510 – 12515, EFTs, and Wires in the amount of \$64,438.28

June 10, 2024, Check Nos. 12516– 12519, and Wires in the amount of \$4,341.20

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

May 16 - 31, 2024, Check Nos. 44470 – 44488 and EFTs in the amount of \$38,509.88

June 6 - 10, 2024, Check Nos. 44489 – 44544, and EFT in the amount of \$433,852.09

Disbursements of the State Water Project (SWP) Dated:

May 27, 2024, Check No. 1006, in the amount of \$596,480.00

Future Meeting Attendance Approval: SGV Pride Tour 2024, June 1 – 27, Alhambra, Monterey Park, La Canada Flintridge, El Monte, West Covina, Altadena, La Puente, Whittier, Baldwin Park, Pasadena, Glendora, and El Monte

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2024-833 GENERAL ELECTION

The General Manager reported potential elections may occur in Divisions 2 and 3 in 2024. Therefore, the District is required to adopt a resolution requesting certain specified Election Services from L.A. County.

On motion of Director Placido, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PERMIT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK TO RENDER ELECTION SERVICES FOR A GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 was approved.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on June 10, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2024-834 SALARY SCHEDULE

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REVISING SALARIES, RESOLUTION NO. 06-2024-834 was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on June 10, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2024-835 BUDGET AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Eng, and unanimously carried 5-0, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING 2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET, RESOLUTION NO. 06-2024-835 was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on June 10, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

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

PROPOSALS FOR THE DIRECT INSTALL AND IRRIGATION RETROFIT PROGRAM

Ms. Reyes reported that our current contract with EcoTech Services for the Irrigation Retrofit Program will end on June 30, 2024. The District received proposals from WaterWise Consulting, Inc. and Conserve Construction, Inc. for the Direct Install and Irrigation Repair Program.

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5 – 0, the proposal from WaterWise Consulting Inc. for the not to exceed amount of \$220,000 was approved.

CHANGE ORDER FOR T.E. ROBERTS

The Assistant General Manager reported continuity testing after the joint bonding phase indicated discontinuity at all tested manhole-to-manhole spans. Based on that condition, the District requested that T.E. Roberts test all joints not included in the original Project and install bonded joints as needed until continuity was achieved. The cost for that work is \$39,665.64 and he is seeking Board approval to increase the contract amount by that figure.

On motion of Director Placido, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, the change order for T. E. Roberts in the not to exceed amount of \$39,665.64 was approved.

T. E. ROBERTS INVOICE FOR VALVE INSTALLATION

The Assistant General Manager reported when T.E. Roberts mobilized for the Continuity Bonding Project, the replacement of a non-functional plug valve at Sierra Madre and Lemon Swirl and a valve operator extension at San Gabriel Canyon Road was discussed to save on separate mobilization costs. This work was performed on a time and materials (T & M) basis and was completed before pipeline pressurization. The additional time and equipment required significantly increased the cost.

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5 – 0, the T.E. Roberts, Inc., invoices #5170 and #5172 in the not to exceed amount of \$52,402.53 was approved.

President Paulson requested that the General Manager and General Counsel review the District's current policy on purchases/invoices costing more than \$35,000 to address possible changes to address change order issues.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet.

Ms. Reyes reported the Senate and Assembly bills on the proposed Water and Climate Resilience Bond are currently in negotiations with the Governor's office. The deadline is June 27 for any bond measure to be included on the November ballot.

Albert Lu, Director Eng, and Ms. Reyes attended Assemblyman Mike Fong's Emergency Preparedness Workshop and the District had the opportunity to share with residents some educational materials that were provided by the Delta Conveyance Project.

The District's AAPI Media Event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10 at NBC Seafood. The event will go from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Florence Lin from AYC has been hired again to do the translating for the District. Director Knoles and Ms. Reyes are scheduled to attend the Azusa Light and Water Utilities Board meeting on July 22 to provide an update on water-related issues.

The City of Monterey Park's PFAS Water Treatment Plant project is finalizing its permits. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is being planned sometime in mid-July.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Ms. Gardner reported that the Operating Safe Yield is set at 160,000 Acre-feet as reported last month. Water production for the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster remains around 165,000 to 185,000 acre-feet which is pretty low. Mr. Bryden is on board as the new Executive Director of Watermaster with Mr. Zampiello transitioning more as a consultant.

Director Placido reported that Mr. Zampiello's retirement party is scheduled for July 11.

The Assistant General Manager reported on the current level of the Baldwin Park Key Well.

REPORT OF WQA

No report.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

No report.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

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

The General Manager reported that at the last Board Meeting staff was asked for a quote on insuring the District's Pipeline. As mentioned, insurance for the pipeline would have extremely high premiums and deductibles. Additional research was conducted; FEMA would be available to assist in the event of a disaster along with PWAG's Emergency Management Coordinator who would assist through an emergency event.

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

The Assistant General Manager reported the District will be current with Watermaster once the May Cyclic Storage report is reconciled.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

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

The General Manager reported that in the Agenda Packet, there is a Delta Conveyance Project Benefit Cost Analysis. The State Water Contractors will give a cost analysis presentation at the July 10 Board Meeting.

There have been nine CEQA lawsuits filed against the EIR that has been certified for the project.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

None.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

None.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION AT 8:55 A.M.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Government Code Section 54957: Position: General Manager –

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:19 A.M.

Legal Counsel Ciampa reported a closed session was held under Government Code Section 54957 for the annual performance evaluation of the General Manager. A positive evaluation was provided and the Board approved extending the General Manager’s contract for an additional year, through June 30, 2025 [it was subsequently discovered that the most recent amendment to the General Manager’s contract had already extended the term through June 30, 2025, so the Board’s actions is moot].

ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:19 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be on July 8, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

s/Mark R. Paulson

President

ATTEST:

s/Miles L. Prince

Secretary