

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL  
WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024  
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:00 a.m. on October 14, 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; Maria "Gigi" Jarmin, Accounting Specialist; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager and Albert Lu, SGVMWD.

Via telephone/Zoom: Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; David Dolphin, City of Alhambra; Emmaline Nguyen, Delta Conveyance Project.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

The General Manager introduced the new Accounting Specialist, Maria Vasquez, to the Board.

**UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES**

None.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Revised Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 12, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 09, 2024

Financial Statements for September 2024

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

September 19, 2024, Check Nos. 12575 - 12580, EFTs, and Wires in the amount of \$67,487.65

October 03, 2024, Check Nos. 12581 - 12586, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$63,955.37

October 14, 2024, Check Nos. 12587 - 12591, and Wires in the amount of \$7,140.10

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

September 10 - 30, 2024, Check Nos. 44728 – 44744 and EFTs in the amount of \$98,290.45

October 01 - 14, 2024, Check Nos. 44745 – 44800, in the amount of \$696,702.50

Disbursements of the State Water Project (SWP) Dated:

September 23, 2024, Check No. 1010, in the amount of \$626,839.00

Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

Director Eng questioned what was revised in the August 12, 2024 Board meeting minutes, Assistant General Manager Steve Kiggins clarified a statement was made in the original version of those minutes in the Report on Basin Management regarding action by Watermaster that stated Jackie Tsao was hired as Controller. However, that statement was not accurate, as Ms. Tsao was hired as Senior Accountant and not as Controller, which position will be eliminated after Ms. Artis retires.

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

## **ACTION AGENDA ITEM**

### **DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT ADDITIONAL FUNDING RESOLUTION NO: 10-2024-839**

The General Manager reported the Board previously approved a 4-year funding commitment in 2020 totaling \$2.7 million for Delta Conveyance Project pre-construction planning phase costs. That funding, which was intended to provide funding through December 31, 2024, has been conservatively expended and actually will cover expenses through December 31, 2025. However, additional funding is required to advance the Project to the design phase. The District's portion of that additional funding is estimated at \$2,370,000.00, to be paid over calendar years 2026 and 2027.

General Counsel Ciampa reported this action relates solely to the funding for pre-construction planning and design work, including geotechnical work that will inform the design of the Project. This action is not an action by which the District is committing to the Project, but merely is providing additional funding as previously mentioned for calendar years 2026 and 2027 for the pre-construction planning and design work activities as described in the Resolution. The District is a participant in the Project and is considered to be a responsible agency for CEQA purposes, which requires certain approval of the CEQA items included with the Resolution.

On motion of Director Placido, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5 - 0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (1) CONSIDERING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT (STATE CLEARING HOUSE NO. 2020010227); (2) MAKING RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FINDINGS FOR THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ("CEQA") AND THE STATE CEQA FINDINGS OF FACT FOR THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT UNDER STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

SECTION 15091; (4) ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS UNDER STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15093 FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION WORK RELATED TO THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT; AND (5) AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LETTER SETTING FORTH THE DISTRICT'S AGREEMENT TO ADVANCE OR CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THE DISTRICT'S SHARE OF THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT PLANNING AND PRE-CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2026-2027 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,400,000.00, Resolution No. 10-2024-839, was approved.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on October 14, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 10-2024-840 APPOINTING WATERMASTER REPRESENTATIVE**

On motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT APPOINTING WATERMASTER REPRESENTATIVE, Steven T. Placido, DDS, Resolution No. 10-2024-840 was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at its regular meeting held on October 14, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 10-2024-841 APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY (WQA)**

On motion of Director Placido, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY (Resolution No. 10-2024-841), Mark R. Paulson was appointed as the representative to the governing Board of the Water Quality Authority (WQA), and the Alternate, Steven T. Placido, DDS, was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at its regular meeting held on October 14, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

## **FREMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (FES) MULTI-BENEFIT CAMPUS GREENING PROJECT**

Ms. Reyes reported that the Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement (APIFM) is partnering with the Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) and the Council for Watershed Health (CWH) to implement a greening and stormwater capture initiative at Fremont Elementary School (FES). The project aims to improve the school environment by addressing health issues caused by its proximity to the busy Interstate-10 freeway, including poor air quality, extreme heat, and pedestrian safety.

On motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, the request for the Fremont Elementary School (FES) Multi-Benefit Campus Greening Project for \$50,000.00, was approved.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet.

Ms. Reyes reported that the District recently funded two O.W.L. grants for the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council, which is doing work at Bailey Canyon Park, with planting native plants, and a kiosk rehab project. The other grant was awarded to Alhambra High School for its debate tournament on November 1 and 2.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT**

Director Placido was not able to attend the last Watermaster Board meeting, but mentioned the Watermaster Board adopted a certificate of appreciation for Lupe Artis in light of her retirement and discussed the Three-Year Purchased Water Plan for FY 2024-25 to FY 2026-27.

### **REPORT OF WQA**

Director Paulson reported on a Federal funding update. The Resolution that was passed with the support of Congresswoman Chu, includes \$3 Million for the Water Quality Authority.

### **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 the Metropolitan Water District informed the District that it has surplus water available for possible purchase.

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

The Assistant General Manager provided an update on the District's State Water Project Table A balance as of October 1, 2024, which is at 5,815 acre-feet. Scheduled DWR maintenance on the East Branch of the State Water Project and the L.A. County spreading ground capacity

constraints have reduced deliveries. The District may be able to receive delivery of the balance of 2024's allocation by the end of the year, but deliveries of that supply will likely extend into January.

**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**

Director Eng reported he attended the Alhambra Chamber Event.

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Prince commented that Ms. Spigai, a teacher at Sierra Madre Elementary passed away and asked if the Board could adjourn the meeting in memory of her.

**CLOSED SESSION at 8:49 a.m.**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Potential Initiation of Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4))

**CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED at 9:08 a.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT:**

General Counsel Ciampa reported the Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of that item of potential litigation, direction was provided to staff and no reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

**In memory of Lisa Spigai, the meeting was adjourned.**

**ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:09 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be on November 04, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

s/Mark R. Paulson  
President

ATTEST:

s/Miles L. Prince  
Secretary