

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:01 a.m. on July 14, 2025, 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 Placido called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Jose Reynoso, General Manager; Darin Kasamoto, General Manager Emeritus; Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager; Maria "Gigi" Jarmin, Executive Assistant; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Stephen Johnson, Stetson Engineers.

Via telephone/Zoom: Roberta Malfitano, Steven McGee, City of Sierra Madre; Latoya Waters, City of Alhambra; Carlos Solis, 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 June 09, 2025

Financial Statements for June 2025

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

June 12, 2025, Check Nos. 12710 - 12715, EFTs, and Wires in the amount of \$67,279.03

June 26, 2025, Check Nos. 12716 - 12720, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$67,638.52

July 10, 2025, Check Nos. 12721 - 12728, and Wires in the amount of \$75,434.12

July 14, 2025, Check Nos. 12729 – 12731, and Wires in the amount of \$3894.60

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

June 10 - 30, 2025, Check Nos. 45280 – 45298, and EFTs in the amount of \$304,627.26

July 01 - 14, 2025, Check Nos. 45299 – 45351, and EFTs in the amount of \$493,924.76

Disbursements for State Water Project (SWP) expenses, dated: June 30, 2025, Check No. 1018, in the amount of \$537,167.00

Visa Recap

Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

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

PRESENTATIONS

CORRPRO 2025 CATHODIC PROTECTION CORROSION MONITORING ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Steve Kiggins gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2025 Cathodic Protection Corrosion Monitoring Assessment. Corrpro was brought on board to evaluate documentation and perform preliminary analysis of the District's Devils Canyon Pipeline. They identified 15 priorities ranked as high, medium, and low, with purchase orders issued for the six high-priority tasks. Testing is expected to continue through November, with results potentially leading to additional survey work and protective measures for the pipeline.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

AMENDED ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025

General Manager Jose Reynoso presented this item, explaining that every January, the Board assigns committees and appointments. This amendment would replace Darin Kasamoto's name with Jose Reynoso's name as General Manager in various appointments, including ACWA alternate representative, the State Water Project Contractors Authority, and the positions of Deputy Secretary and Deputy Treasurer.

On the motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Amended Election of Officers and Committee Appointments for Calendar Year 2025 was approved.

AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE OF UP TO 5,000 ACRE FEET FROM METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT

The General Manager requested authorization to negotiate with Metropolitan Water District (MWD) to purchase up to 5,000 acre-feet of water at \$500 per acre-foot. This water would be used for future replenishment obligations through the RDA program with Watermaster. The initial negotiations began when water allocation was above 35%, with a price now negotiated down from MWD's initial \$700 per acre-foot offer. The water is expected to be available in mid-September, and the District has coordinated with Watermaster to prioritize this replenishment. At \$500 per acre-foot, this represents a cost savings compared to RDA water at approximately \$860 per acre-foot.

On the motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Authorization to Negotiate the Purchase of up to 5,000 acre-feet from Metropolitan Water was approved.

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM WATERWISE CONSULTING, INC FOR \$220,000.00

Ms. Reyes presented the proposal from Waterwise Consulting for the District's direct install irrigation repair program. The previous contract ended June 30, 2025. During the past year, the program assessed over 112 properties and installed 96 irrigation controllers and approximately 2,500 nozzles, with an average cost per home of \$1,064. The program has been successful in the member cities, with positive feedback received. This authorization would continue the contract with Waterwise Consulting to provide these services for another year.

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5 – 0, the proposal from WaterWise Consulting Inc. for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, in a not to exceed amount of \$220,000, was approved.

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 07-2025-849. TERMINATION OF JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT AND DISSOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL WATER DISTRICT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

The District's attorney explained that over the previous six months, the District was informed that the three municipal water districts (San Gabriel Valley, Upper District, and Three Valleys) would no longer participate as formal members of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG). The San Gabriel Water District Joint Powers Authority (JPA) had been formed in late 2008 comprising these three districts, with the purpose of participating in the COG. With their membership in the COG being eliminated, there is no longer a need for the JPA. Upper District has already taken action to dissolve the JPA, and Three Valleys will consider it in September. Once all three districts take action, the governing board of the JPA will take action to dissolve it. The District will continue to participate as an affiliate member of the COG, with an annual fee of \$5,000, resulting in cost savings of about \$8,000 per year.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0 by roll call vote, TERMINATION OF JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT AND DISSOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL WATER DISTRICT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, RESOLUTION NO. 07-2025-849 was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on July 14, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince

Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet

Ms. Reyes provided an external affairs update, thanking Director Placido and Director Eng for joining the water tour organized by Assemblywoman Rubio. Attendees included Assembly Member Carrillo from the Palmdale area, Assembly Member Fong, staff from Assembly Member Harabedian's office, and a representative from Congressman Gil Cisneros' office. Jennifer Pierre, the General Manager of the State Water Contractors, Inc., also participated.

Regarding legislation, Ms. Reyes stated that Governor's request for a trailer bill for the Delta Conveyance Project streamlining was not included in the final budget. There are hopes that trailer bill will proceed when the Legislature reconvenes in August.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Director Placido reported that the Basin Management committee met on July 2 and received a presentation on water quality management monitoring.

REPORT OF WQA

Director Paulson had no report.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Legal Counsel Jim Ciampa reported that the 2020 Incidental Take Permit litigation will be dismissed. A memorandum of understanding was entered into between the Department of Water Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Water Contractors, Metropolitan Water District, and Kern County Water Agency that increases transparency in the Incidental Take Permit application process and permit review process. That memorandum of understanding also gives the State Water Contractors the ability to review draft Incidental Take Permit applications to be submitted by DWR.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Jose Reynoso thanked the Board for the opportunity and Darin Kasamoto for his continued mentorship. He reported that he had participated in several tours and would be attending his first State Water Contractors meeting in Sacramento. He plans to meet with each Board member to discuss priorities and strategic goals and looks forward to working with staff to advance the District's objectives. Mr. Reynoso expressed interest in partnering with the other municipal water districts to strengthen their collective voice on water issues.

Assistant General Manager Steve Kiggins reported that water deliveries resumed on July 2nd following completed construction work. Hydro deliveries resumed on July 11th. The District is currently delivering 36 CFS, which should allow all purchased water to be in the ground by mid-December.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

General Manager Emeritus Report in Agenda Packet

Mr. Kasamoto mentioned that Dennis Albiani from California Advocates will attend the next Board meeting to provide updates on the trailer bill and other legislative matters.

Mr. Kasamoto confirmed the San Gabriel Valley COG approved the District's affiliate membership in June at \$5,000 annually, saving \$8,000 compared to the previous \$13,000 voting membership cost.

Mr. Kasamoto complimented the new General Manager, Jose Reynoso, for his proactive approach, noting that he had started preparing for the role even before his official start date.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

There were no committee meeting reports.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

Director Eng thanked staff for organizing the water tour, noting it was well-organized and one of the best tours he had attended.

Director Placido also commented positively on the water tour, noting the good representation from the District and the value of having state representatives, particularly those from Northern California, to see how well-managed the San Gabriel Basin is. Director Placido also mentioned participating in the Active Streets program involving South Pasadena, Alhambra, and San Gabriel, which had thousands of attendees. He also reported on attending the Independent Cities Association conference, which provided good networking opportunities and information.

Director Placido mentioned he will not be present for the next Board Meeting.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS


Director Paulson requested exploring the District's bonding capacity following an ICA conference presentation on municipal financing, suggesting it would be very helpful for the Board to understand the District's potential bonding capacity.

Director Prince inquired about reviewing the status of the OPEB trust fund established 4-5 years ago to assess if contribution levels need adjustment. Mr. Kasamoto provided a quick update that the trust has grown from \$1.5 million to just over \$1.6 million with current contributions of \$500,000 annually, though returns have been lower than expected. The original goal was reaching \$5 million for self-sustainability.


Director Eng requested a strategic planning meeting before the end of the year now that the new General Manager has joined the District.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:43 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors will be on August 11, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.


Steven T. Placido, President

ATTEST:


Bruce H. Knoles, Secretary