

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 17, 2009 at 9:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER	The Chairman called the regular meeting of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority to order and reviewed the actions anticipated on the agenda for the meeting.
ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS	Greg Nordbak, Bob Kuhn, Jim Byerrum, Mike Whitehead, Margaret Clark, Carol Montano, and Ed Chavez
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	None.
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Grace Kast, Executive Director; Randy Schoellerman, Assistant Executive Director/Senior Engineer; Stephanie Moreno, Admin/IS Assistant; Dan Colby, Project Resource Manager; Gabriel Monares, Director of Resource Development; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance; Art Kidman, Legal Counsel
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT	Tom Lindros, Knollwood Associates; Claudine Meeker, Alhambra; Dan Horan, Three Valleys MWD
ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED	None.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Byerrum abstained from Project Demand number 2885 and Mr. Whitehead abstained from Project Demand number 2886.
ACTION ITEMS	
<i>San Gabriel Basin Groundwater Quality Management and Remediation Plan (§406 Plan) for 2009</i>	
<i>Discussion Regarding Comments Received on the Draft §406 Plan for 2009</i>	Ms. Kast reported that there were only one set of comments received and those comments were regarding grammatical corrections to the plan. She indicated that staff had made the suggested changes to the plan.
<i>Adoption of WQA §406 Plan</i>	After general discussion, Mr. Whitehead moved to adopt the

for 2009

WQA §406 Plan for 2009. Ms. Montano seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Discussion/Action Regarding
Board Member Meeting
Attendance Request***

1. *Approval of
Attendance and
Mileage
Reimbursement for
Mr. Chavez to Attend
a High School
Presentation
Regarding Water
Issues on January 21,
2009*

Ms. Kast reported that Mr. Chavez had requested that these two meetings be placed on the agenda for approval by the Board. She noted that she spoke to WQA's legal counsel regarding these two meetings and WQA's current policy. It was determined that it would be helpful for Mr. Chavez to give a brief report regarding both of the meetings and how they applied to WQA activities. Ms. Kast also indicated that staff recommended that the Board Member Reimbursement Policy per AB1234 go to the next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting for discussion and possible amendments.

2. *Approval of
Attendance and
Mileage
Reimbursement for
Mr. Chavez to Attend
a Sierra Club Meeting
on January 29, 2009*

Mr. Chavez reported that on January 21, 2009 he was requested to be a guest speaker at a high school class regarding water related issues and what the WQA was about. He also reported that on January 29, 2009 he attended a Sierra Club meeting where water related issues were discussed.

Mr. Kuhn requested that the reimbursement policy be reviewed and suggested that it may be beneficial to conduct a workshop on it. He noted that he felt that these meetings may have been more appropriately charged to Mr. Chavez's member water district and not to the WQA.

Mr. Whitehead stated that he did not have any issues with the request of approval of the two meetings.

Ms. Clark commented that she did not have any personal issues with the request for approval of these meetings. But she did caution that the Board must be very sensitive to what kinds and how many meetings are charged to WQA because of the agency's uniqueness and mission.

Mr. Nordbak commented that if legal counsel was comfortable with the Board approving these meetings then he did not have any issues with the request for approval. He concurred that the policy should go to the Admin/Finance Committee for further review.

Ms. Kast requested that board members submit suggested meetings, etc. to her that should be considered for inclusion into the policy.

After detailed discussion, the Board felt that both meetings were covered in the WQA current policy.

Mr. Byerrum moved to approve the meeting requests by Mr. Chavez. Mr. Nordbak seconded the motion and it was approved by a 6 – 1 (Kuhn) vote.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Monares reported that a State budget still was not passed. He also reported on the New Water Supply Coalition Board meeting that he and Ms. Kast attended in Washington, DC. He indicated that they discussed the tax credit bond legislation and were working to have it included in the stimulus package. He reported that he met with Congressman Becerra who indicated that he believed that there may be opportunities later in the year for the tax credit bond legislation. He noted that they also met with several legislators regarding a bill to increase the authorization of the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the 4th quarter 2008 quarterly NPDES report for WQA's Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility was submitted the previous week to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**ATTORNEY'S
COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Kast gave a brief summary of her trip to Washington, D.C. She indicated that legislators and committee staffers were receptive to WQA's calls for fully appropriating the remainder of the Restoration Fund authorization so that Central Basin and WQA could access additional monies for continued work under the new authorization bill which was expected to pass shortly.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

**FUTURE COMMITTEE
MEETINGS**

The Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 12:00 P.M.

The Engineering Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS'
COMMENTS/
REPORTS**


Mr. Chavez thanked staff for making the trip to DC.

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman asked if there were any other items of business to come before the Board. There being none, this regular Board meeting was adjourned to March 3, 2009.


J. Greg Nordbak, Chairman


Margaret Clark, Secretary