

**A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY  
OCTOBER 6, 2009, at 11:30 A.M.**

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<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	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.
<b>ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS</b>	Greg Nordbak, Jim Byerrum, Bob Kuhn, Mike Whitehead, Margaret Clark, Carol Montano and Ed Chavez
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	None.
<b>STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Grace Kast, Executive Director; Randy Schoellerman, Assistant Executive Director/Senior Engineer; Stephanie Moreno, IS/Administrative Assistant; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance; Dan Colby, Project Resource Manager; Gabriel Monares, Director of Resource Development; Art Kidman, General Counsel.
<b>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT</b>	Brian Dickerson, Valley County Water District; Michele Zych, CDM; Tom Jenkins, San Gabriel Valley Water Company; Dan Horan, Three Valleys MWD; Claudine Meeker, City of Alhambra; Mariana Lake, Valley County Water District; Scott Goulart, Aerojet; Rick Hansen, Three Valleys MWD; Mike Blolie, Suburban Water Systems; P. Tamborrine, Hartwell
<b>ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED</b>	None.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	None.
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	
<b><i>“Well Discharge Permitting Issues”</i></b>	Mr. Schoellerman reviewed the current discharge issues and the affects they are having on the basin. He indicated that activities involving the construction, pumping, rehabilitation of groundwater wells and permitting of treatment facilities require the ability to discharge potable/non-potable water to flood control channels. He also noted that regulatory agencies are hesitant to issue new permits due to regulatory constraints and lawsuits. He reported that these issues could: 1) affect the basin and its water supply by creating further delay of groundwater cleanup; 2) cause the spread of contaminants into clean areas; 3) increase cleanup costs; 4) have a

negative impact on federal funding; and 4) could also conflict with WQA's mandate.

He noted that the areas of concern were the end use discharge, the well development/rehabilitation, start-up testing for wellhead treatment that is required by DPH, and the start-up after temporary shut-downs due to maintenance. He used the PVOU as an example and indicated that while CERCLA projects don't require an NPDES permit, they had a letter from the Regional Board allowing TDS and nitrates to be discharged. Regional Board allowed Selenium discharge temporarily while searching for alternate end use. The PVOU was also issued permits by L.A. County to cross over county storm drains and to connect to storm channels. Because of a lawsuit filed against LA County Flood Control for violating the terms of their MS-4 permit by the NRDC and the Santa Monica Baykeeper organizations, the County revoked the permits during construction of the pipeline. EPA intervened and ordered the County to comply with the request to cross the storm drain by issuing a 104E Order to the County. The County considers the potential discharge a violation of their MS4 permit even though the Regional Board has supported the temporary discharge. The County wanted a letter from EPA indemnifying it from any MS4 violations due to the discharge.

There are also some non-operable unit implications, where the L.A. County is refusing to issue permits based on fear of additional lawsuits, and EPA is not able to help with the non CERCLA projects. He noted that WQA was facilitating a dialogue and hopefully a solution by arranging conference calls, meetings and presentations with the County on WQA's role as well as Congressional concerns that will arise if groundwater cleanup is delayed or halted.

**ACTION ITEMS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT**

None.

**FUTURE  
BOARD/COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS**

The Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 12:00 P.M.

The Engineering Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.

The WQA Board Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 9:30 A.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS'**

Mr. Whitehead reported that he had a meeting with Lisa Jackson

**COMMENTS/  
REPORTS**

from EPA on October 2, 2009 and discussed the superfund site in Rialto. He noted that she invited him to attend a Southern California Business round table forum and asked him to explain how WQA has achieved success in the San Gabriel Valley in regards to the Superfund issues.

Mr. Kuhn reported that he attended the New Water Supply Coalition Board meeting in Washington, DC. He indicated that the Coalition will stay together for one more year with no dues.

**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 October 20, 2009 at 9:30 A.M.

  
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J. Greg Nordbak, Chairman

  
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Margaret Clark, Secretary