

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
JANUARY 16, 2007 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	Bob Kuhn, Greg Nordbak, Jim Byerrum, and Margaret Clark
BOARD MEMBER ABSENT	Frank Forbes and Carol Montano
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Grace Burgess, Executive Director; Randy Schoellerman, Assistant Executive Director/Sr. 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; Dan Horan, Three Valleys Municipal Water District; Mariana Lake, Valley County Water District; Sharon Wallin, CDM; Tom Schmidt, Hermetic Seal; Victor Meza, City of Monterey Park; Dale King from Carbon Activated
ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED	None.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS	Mr. Nordbak moved to keep the officers the same and discuss reorganizing the officers in April. Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Mr. Kuhn suggested that the committee appointments remain the same and that it would be discussed again in April after the board discusses the reorganization.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Tom Schmidt from Hermetic Seal and Sharon Wallin from Camp, Dresser & McKee updated the board on the activities in the western portion of the El Monte Operable Unit.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Mr. Nordbak moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Ms. Clark seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS	
<i>Administrative/Finance</i>	Mr. Kuhn reported that the minutes for the meeting held on January

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5, 2007 were enclosed for review.

Discussion/Action Regarding WQA Membership to the U.S. Desalination and New Water Supply Board of Directors

Mr. Monares reviewed the membership to the Desalination and New Water Supply Board of Directors. He reported that the coalition was exploring the possibility of securing Congressional authorization for tax credit bonds to fund water-related infrastructure projects. He indicated that the coalition expanded its membership to include water agencies that were developing water recycling and groundwater contamination clean-up facilities and that a seat on the board would allow WQA to be a part of any Congressional legislation that would approve this form of bonding.

Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the WQA membership to the U.S. Desalination and New Water Supply Board of Directors. Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Approve annual dues of \$35,000 for membership to the U. S. Desalination and New Water Supply Board of Directors

Mr. Nordbak indicated that he would not support the approval of this membership without further consideration of the coalition objectives.

Mr. Kuhn commented that this item was agendaized and discussed at the Center for the New West conference held in San Diego last year and that several board members attended. He also noted that some board members had met with Mr. Furman on several occasions to discuss the potential benefits that the group could provide.

Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the annual dues of \$35,000 for membership to the U.S. Desalination and New Water Supply Board of Directors. Ms. Montano seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

AYES: KUHN, MONTANO, CLARK, BYERRUM, WHITEHEAD

NO: NORDBAK

Approve revised terms with CBMWD which would allow immediate access to the balance of their \$10M authorization from the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund

Ms. Burgess reported that the Central Basin MWD (CBMWD) informed the WQA of an expected funding shortfall which would inhibit them from continuing the operation and maintenance of their treatment project below the Whittier Narrows. She indicated that the committee concurred with the recommendation made by staff to rescind the earlier agreement with the CBMWD regarding the allocations of federal funds and provide the full balance remaining out of the \$10M authorized by Congress without timing restrictions. She indicated that the remaining amount as of 12/31/06 was \$1,238,435.83. She also noted that this would not affect WQA's federal funding awards.

Ms. Clark moved to approve the revised terms with CBMWD which would allow immediate access to the balance of their \$10M authorization from the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund. Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT Mr. Monares reported that Assemblyman Ed Hernandez offered to write the extension bill that would extend WQA to 2020. He also reported that there was discussion regarding a state Restoration Fund and would be meeting with Assemblyman Bob Huff to discuss it. He also noted that Congressman Dreier introduced H.R. 123 that would lift the authorization on the federal Restoration Fund by \$50M.

ENGINEER'S REPORT Mr. Schoellerman reported that there was a lot of activity at the Bozung site during the passed week. He also indicated that the status of the San Gabriel Valley Water Company B5 Plant has changed and they are now in the start-up testing phase.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Ms. Burgess reported that WQA was now a member of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. She authorized the membership fee under her Executive Director's authority. She also reported that staff was working on the draft 2007 406 Plan and that it would be ready for the Administrative/Finance Committee to review. She noted that the draft budget would follow shortly after.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS Ms. Clark reported that she attended the ACWA subcommittee meetings on December 5, 2006.

Mr. Whitehead reported that he was in Washington, D.C. last week and met with members of the San Gabriel Valley delegation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Election of officers and committee assignments will be discussed at the regular board meeting in April.

FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 12:00 P.M.

The next Engineering Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 1:00 P.M.

A Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was not scheduled.

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS Mr. Byerrum and Mr. Whitehead excused themselves from the meeting and left the room.

Approve Project Demand Nos. 2534 and 2535 Mr. Nordbak moved to approve Project Demand No. 2534 for California Domestic Water Company and Project Demand No. 2535 for the San Gabriel Valley Water Company. Ms. Montano seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

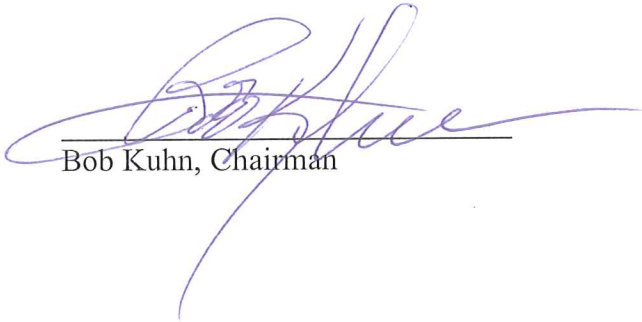
Mr. Byerrum and Mr. Whitehead re-entered the Board meeting.

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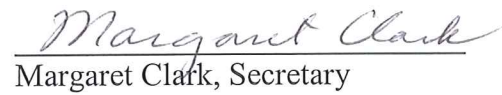
A Closed session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman asked if there were any other items of business to come before the Board. There being none, the regular Board meeting was adjourned to February 6, 2007 at 11:30 A.M.



Bob Kuhn, Chairman



Margaret Clark, Secretary