

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 19, 2008 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 Al Contreras
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	None
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Grace Burgess, 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 Council
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT	Dan Horan, Three Valleys Municipal Water District; Tom Lindros, Knollwood Associates; Frank Forbes, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District; Marie Contreras, Baldwin Park City Treasurer; Mariana Lake, Valley County Water District; Tom Schmidt, Hermetic Seal
ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED	None.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Mr. Contreras seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Whitehead abstained from Project Demand No. 2727 and Mr. Byerrum abstained from Project Demand No. 2726.
ACTION ITEMS	
<i>Administrative/Finance Committee Report</i>	Mr. Nordbak reported that the minutes for the Administrative/Finance Committee held on February 12, 2008 were enclosed for review. Ms. Burgess reported that the committee discussed and reviewed a draft policy regarding employer-provided cell phones. She indicated

that the IRS was taking the position that an employer-provided cell phone is a fringe benefit and should be taxed to the employees as compensation. She also indicated that the committee requested that a draft policy be reviewed by a tax attorney and come back to the committee for further discussion.

Ms. Burgess also reported that announcement letters for round 6 of the Federal Funding Program Administration (FFPA) process were going out today and that there would be about \$4M in grant awards available.

*Discussion/Action
Regarding Cleanup and
Abatement Account
Grant Agreement
Between the State Water
Resources Control Board
and WQA*

Mr. Schoellerman reported that a \$1.42M Cleanup and Abatement Account grant for WQA's Bozung site groundwater cleanup project was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) after construction of the project was just about complete. He noted that the starting date for the reimbursement of capital costs came into question and that the SWRCB staff was able to determine that they would reimburse capital costs expended up to one year prior to the approval of the grant. He indicated that their decision would allow WQA to receive full reimbursement of its \$750,000 in capital costs for the project and added that the balance of the grant would pay for up to five years of treatment and remediation costs.

After general discussion, Mr. Byerrum moved to approve the cleanup and abatement account grant application agreement between the SWRCB and WQA. Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Engineering Committee
Report***

Mr. Nordbak reported that the minutes for the meeting held on February 12, 2008 were enclosed for review.

*Discussion/Action
Regarding Surplus
Equipment at the
SEMOU Barrier Project*

Mr. Contreras moved to declare the equipment at the SEMOU Barrier Project surplus. Mr. Byerrum seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

*Discussion/Action
Regarding Proposal from
Macoy Resource
Corporation for
Demolition of the
SEMOU Barrier Project*

Ms. Burgess indicated that the salvage value of the steel would offset the cost to demolish the project site. Therefore, WQA expected to receive approximately \$2,500 after the work was completed and the material was recycled. However, she noted that the exact value of the steel would not be known until it could be weighed.

Mr. Contreras moved to approve the proposal from Macoy Resource Corporation for Demolition of the SEMOU Barrier Project. Ms. Clark seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

*Discussion/Action
Regarding Issuing Task
Order to Avocet
Environmental to Provide*

Mr. Kuhn moved to approve a \$120,000 task order to Avocet Environmental to provide operation and maintenance services for WQA's Bozung Site Remediation System. Ms. Montano seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

*Operation and
Maintenance Services for
WQA's Bozung Site
Remediation System*

**LEGISLATIVE
REPORT**

Mr. Monares reported that support letters for the Restoration Fund were coming from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. He also reported that he will be in Washington, D.C. in March for the next board meeting of the New Water Supply Coalition. He also noted that staff was scheduled to meet with L.A. County Supervisor Gloria Molina's office on February 25, 2008 to discuss the franchise agreements for the Puente Valley Operable Unit and the El Monte Operable Unit.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT**

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff submitted the first quarterly NPDES permit monitoring report for the Bozung project to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. He noted that the project is operating in compliance with the permit conditions.

**ATTORNEY'S
COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Ms. Burgess reported that staff was working on the Section 404 status report that was part of the new reporting requirements in AB 1010 and would have a draft report for the Board to review in March. She also reported that for the April Board workshop staff had scheduled two workshops to take place at the same meeting. One workshop would be on the draft budget for 2008/2009 and the second workshop would be given by EPA to update the WQA Board on their activities in the San Gabriel Basin.

**FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

After general discussion, the Board decided to cancel the board meeting/workshop on May 6, 2008 due to the ACWA Spring conference.

**FUTURE
COMMITTEE
MEETINGS**

The Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2008 at 12:30 P.M.

The Engineering Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 1:00 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS'
COMMENTS/
REPORTS**

Mr. Contreras commended Mr. Kidman on his memo regarding the legislative bills for 2007.

Mr. Whitehead reported on the meeting he attended in Montebello regarding water legislation.

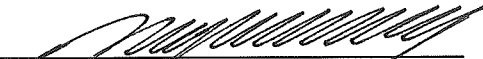
CLOSED SESSION

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 4, 2008.



J. Greg Nordbak, Chairman



Margaret Clark, Secretary