

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
MAY 15, 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 Greg Nordbak, Jim Byerrum, Mike Whitehead, Carol Montano, Margaret Clark, and Bob Kuhn

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT Al Contreras

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 Dan Horan, Three Valleys Municipal Water District; Tom Lindros, BPOU CRs; Jack Gualco, The Gualco Group

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED None.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

Update on AB1114 and AB1010 Mr. Gualco updated the board on the status of the two bills. He reported that AB1010, would extend the WQA for another seven years, and that the reporting requirements were in line with the WQA 406 Plan. He also reported that AB1114 creates a state restoration fund was modeled after Congressman Dreier's federal Restoration Fund, but designed for the state level. He indicated that both bills were in the Assembly and would be coming out of the appropriations committee in the next few weeks. He also noted that this San Gabriel Valley delegation has been the most enthusiastic and focused delegation that he has seen in a while. He noted that there was still a need to come up with the non-federal matching funds and indicated that Linda Adams from CALEPA was a supporter of getting the State engaged to assist.

PUBLIC HEARING

Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2007/2008

Mr. Nordbak opened the public hearing regarding the draft budget for fiscal year 2007/2008. There being no comments, he closed the public hearing.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Administrative/Finance Committee – The Board appointed Ms. Clark, Mr. Whitehead, and Mr. Nordbak to the Administrative/Finance Committee.

Engineering Committee – The Board appointed Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Byerrum, and Ms. Montano to the Engineering Committee.

Legislative/Public Information Committee – After general discussion, the Board decided to discontinue this committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved, with Mr. Byerrum abstaining from project demand No. 2586 and Mr. Whitehead abstaining from project demand No. 2587.

ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Administrative/Finance Report

Mr. Nordbak reported that the minutes for the meeting held on May 8, 2007 were enclosed for review.

Discussion/Regarding Line Item Transfers

Ms. Burgess reported that staff estimated that fiscal year 06/07 legal expenses would exceed the budget line item by \$54,200 because of extra work that legal counsel was asked to perform. She indicated that since the expenditures were more than \$5,000 over the budgeted amount, Board policy dictated that staff obtain Board approval for a line item transfer to cover the extra cost in the budget item. Ms. Burgess then recommended areas of the budget that had available funds that could be used to complete the line item transfer.

Mr. Byerrum moved to approve the budget line item transfers. Ms. Clark seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion/Action Regarding the Furman Group

Ms. Burgess reported that staff was recommending the approval of a lobbying service agreement with the Furman Group to represent WQA's interest in Washington, D.C. The agreement would cover the period from June 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008. She indicated that in previous agreements with the Furman Group, WQA shared the \$12,000 per month fees with the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD), WQA paying \$7,000 per month and USGVMWD paying \$5,000 per month. The new agreement would not include USGVMWD and WQA would pay the full \$12,000 per month. She also noted that under the new agreement WQA would receive a monthly narrative

report on the Furman Group's activities.

Mr. Whitehead moved to approve the agreement with the Furman Group. Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Ms. Burgess noted that she would draft a letter to USGVMWD to thank them for their support over the years.

***Adoption of Budget for
Fiscal Year 2007/2008***

Mr. Kuhn moved to adopt the draft budget for fiscal year 2007/2008 as presented. Mr. Byerrum seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Assessment for Fiscal Year
2007/2008***

Resolution No. 07-006

Ms. Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-006, A Resolution setting the hearing date, time, and location of the proposed prescriptive pumping right assessment of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority. Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 07-007

Ms. Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-007, a Resolution of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority setting a schedule for collection. Mr. Byerrum seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

***Engineering Committee
Report***

Mr. Nordbak reported that the minutes for the meeting held on May 8, 2007 were enclosed for review.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Monares reported that HR123 was referred to the wrong committee and that Alisa Do from Congressman Dreier's office was working on either getting it to the right one, or possibly re-introducing the bill. He also noted that he just returned from the USVMWD Board meeting and they voted to support AB1010.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

None.

**ATTORNEY'S
COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Burgess reported that she attended the ACWA conference last week and a reception that was held for Steve Hall. She also reported that she would be attending South El Monte Operable Unit settlement meetings the following Monday and Tuesday as requested by the Special Master in the case. She also noted that she would be attending the San Gabriel Valley Water Association Legislative Committee meeting and Board meeting where they will be discussing AB1010.

**BOARD MEMBERS'
COMMENTS**

Ms. Clark reported that she attended the spring ACWA conference in Sacramento.

Mr. Whitehead reported that he attended the meeting that staff had with the Governor's office in Sacramento on May 7, 2007.

Mr. Byerrum thanked Mr. Gualco for his presentation.

Mr. Kuhn reported that he attended the spring ACWA conference in Sacramento.

**FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

None.

**FUTURE COMMITTEE
MEETINGS**

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 9:00 A.M.

The next Engineering Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 1:00 P.M.

A Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was not scheduled.

The board also decided to reschedule the Board meeting on April 17, 2007 to April 24, 2007 at 9:30 A.M.

CLOSED SESSION

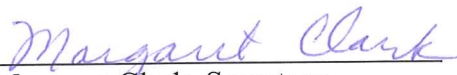
A closed session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman asked if there were any other items of business to come before the Board. There being none, the regular Board meeting was adjourned to June 5, 2007 at 11:30 A.M.



J. Greg Nordbak, Chairman



Margaret Clark, Secretary