

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
MARCH 22, 2011 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, Mike Whitehead, Louie Aguiñaga, and John Leung

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Ed Chavez

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT Ken Manning, Executive Director; Randy Schoellerman, Assistant Executive Director/Senior Engineer; Stephanie Moreno, Admin/IS Assistant; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance; Michelle Sanchez, Admin/Accounting Assistant; Dan Colby, Project Resource Manager; Eddy Beltran, Legal Counsel

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT Tom Lindros, Knollwood Associates; Jonathan Contreras, Valley County Water District; Dan Horan, Three Valleys MWD; Brian Dickinson, Valley County Water District; Claudine Meeker, City of Alhambra

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED None.

PUBLIC COMMENT Claudine Meeker from the City of Alhambra asked if the Board and/or staff have had any discussions regarding water quality and radiation due to the disaster in Japan. Mr. Kuhn responded that this was the first meeting of the Board since the disaster and that such discussions could happen if deemed necessary by the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR Mr. Byerrum moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with the following comments:

Mr. Nordbak asked if Mr. Manning had been able to get any back up materials or a status report for the Board to review from Mr. Monares.

Mr. Manning responded that he had discussions with Mr. Monares and believed that with a little more time he should be able to get something from him that would be satisfactory to the Board.

Mr. Whitehead abstained from Project Demand No. 3291.

Mr. Byerrum abstained from Project Demand No. 3290.

Mr. Nordbak voted 'No' on Administrative Demand No. 4793.

ACTION ITEMS

Legislative/Public Information Report

Mr. Kuhn reported that the minutes for the Legislative/Public Information committee meeting were enclosed for review.

Administrative/Finance Committee Report

Mr. Kuhn reported that the minutes for the Administrative/Finance committee meeting were enclosed for review.

Discussion/Action Regarding Draft 404 Status Report

Mr. Nordbak moved to approve the 404 Status Report. Mr. Byerrum seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion/Action Regarding Annual Renewal of Leader Level Membership for the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

Mr. Nordbak moved to approve the annual renewal of the Leader Level Membership for the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP). Mr. Byerrum seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Approve Administrative Demand No. 4794 for the Annual Renewal of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

Mr. Nordbak moved to approve Demand No. 4794 for the annual renewal of the SGVEP. Mr. Byerrum seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Appoint Representative to the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

Mr. Kuhn reported that he was currently the WQA representative and was the current treasurer for the SGVEP. He asked if there was anyone that was interested in taking on this role. There being no one else interested, Mr. Kuhn was named as the WQA representative for another year.

Discussion/Action Regarding Nomination for ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee

Mr. Manning reported that the committee reviewed the request for nomination to the ACWA Executive Committee and did not have any recommendation for the Board to consider.

After brief discussion, the Board did not take any action on this item.

Discussion/Action Regarding Board of Directors Cost of Living Adjustment ("COLA") for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Mr. Nordbak reported that the committee discussed the automatic increase for Board members that would take effect July 1, 2011. He indicated that the committee recommended that the Board acknowledge the increase that was due to them but to not accept the increase and to not change the Board compensation rate.

After general discussion, Mr. Nordbak moved to not accept the COLA increase to the Board Member's compensation. Mr. Aguiñaga seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Engineering Committee
Report***

Mr. Kuhn reported that the minutes for the Engineering Committee were enclosed for review.

**OTHER
ACTION/INFORMATION
ITEMS**

***Discussion/Action Regarding
Membership to the California
Groundwater Coalition
(CGC)***

Mr. Manning reported that he was currently the Chairman of the California Groundwater Coalition (CGC) and in order for him to maintain that position the WQA would have to become a member. He also noted that, per his employment contract, WQA agreed to pay for the membership and dues for certain organizations that he was a member of prior to his employment with the WQA. He indicated that the amount of the annual membership was \$4,500.

After brief discussion, Mr. Whitehead moved to approve the membership to the CGC. Mr. Byerrum seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Discussion/Action Regarding
Authorization for the
Executive Director to Enter
into Agreement with Grace J.
Kast for Transition Support
and Workshop Development
in an Amount not to Exceed
\$10,000***

Mr. Manning reported that Interim-Executive retained Ms. Kast to assist with various matters during the transition period. He indicated that it would benefit the WQA to extend the existing consultant agreement so that Ms. Kast could assist in other areas such as facilitating a strategic planning workshop. The meeting would be used to gather input from Basin agencies and from stakeholders.

Mr. Nordbak commented that he had a huge problem with this item as well as a personal issue with it. He also commented that Ms. Kast quit, and it would be irresponsible for the Board to grant her this contract when she chose to walk away. He indicated that he would not support this item.

Mr. Whitehead commented that he felt that Mr. Nordbak brought up some good points. He also commented that it would be a good idea to retain Ms. Kast and that it would actually save the agency money in the long run.

Mr. Kuhn commented that he also felt that it would save the agency money in the long run to retain Ms. Kast during this transition time.

After general discussion, Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the additional task order for Ms. Kast in the amount of \$10,000. Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion and it was approved.

AYES: KUHN, BYERRUM, AGUINAGA, WHITEHEAD,
LEUNG

NOES: NORDBAK

Discussion/Action Regarding

Mr. Manning reported that in an effort to increase the community

***Proposal from Coro
California for a
Comprehensive Social Media
Communications Plan***

understanding of the water situation in the San Gabriel Valley, Coro of Southern California had proposed a social media project for the San Gabriel Basin. He indicated that he had discussions with the Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD, Three Valleys MWD, San Gabriel Valley MWD and the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster to solicit their interest and participation. He noted that the cost of the project was \$23,000 and would be shared amongst the interested agencies. However, because of the timing and availability of the Coro fellows, Mr. Manning recommended that WQA enter into a contract with Coro for the entire amount and then seek reimbursement from each of the participating agencies.

Mr. Nordbak requested that legal counsel review this item to make sure it was within the WQA's guidelines.

After general discussion, Mr. Nordbak moved to approve the proposal from Coro of California for a comprehensive Social Media Communications Plan. Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Discussion/Action Regarding
Review of Contract with
WQA's General Counsel***

Mr. Kuhn asked the rest of the Board if they were interested in discussing and reviewing the contract with WQA's general counsel. There being interest from the Board, Mr. Kuhn requested that this item be added to the next Board meeting agenda as a closed session item for discussion.

**REPORT ON
CONSULTANTS**

None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the activated carbon and UV lamps were replaced at the Whitmore project over the past few weeks and that the project had been operating well. He also reported that he attended a public outreach meeting for the West Side El Monte Operable Unit project. He noted that it wasn't well attended.

Mr. Leung requested that Mr. Schoellerman ask EPA to do more public outreach in the future and make it easier for the public to understand their projects.

**ATTORNEY'S
COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Manning reported that he had done quite a bit of traveling over the last couple of weeks attending meetings. He reported that he went back to Washington D.C. and also was in Sacramento meeting with some of the San Gabriel Valley legislators. He also reported that he had many meetings with various stakeholders and was looking to continue these meetings on a regular basis. He noted that he was working with staff to get the interior of the office repainted and new carpeting in the conference room as per the lease agreement with the property

owner. Finally, he reported that he was working on a WQA groundwater workshop and had scheduled it for May 18, 2011.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS None

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 1:00 P.M.

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 12:00 P.M.

The next Engineering Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 1:00 P.M.

The next WQA Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday April 19, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/ REPORTS

Mr. Whitehead reported on the meetings he attended in Washington, D.C. He indicated that there had been good progress in amending the language in the legislation to allow an extension for use of the Restoration Funds.

Mr. Nordbak reported on the Orange County MWD meeting that he attended where the speaker was Jack Foley.

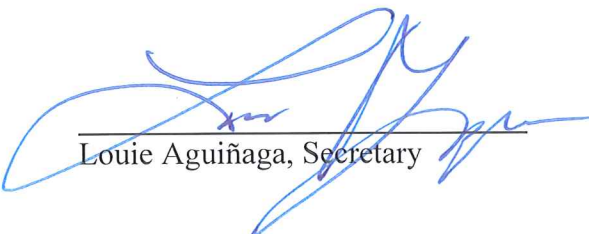
Mr. Aguiñaga reported that he was in Washington, D.C. for a conference with the National League of Cities and that he was able to also meet with legislators and get up to speed on some of the WQA issues they are working on.

Mr. Kuhn wanted to give his condolences to Mr. Kidman for his loss. He also reported on his trip to Washington, D.C. and the discussions that took place regarding earmarks and what they really are. He also noted that he would be participating in a New Water Supply Coalition ad-hoc committee meeting.

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 Board meeting was adjourned to April 19, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.


Bob Kuhn, Chairman


Louie Aguiñaga, Secretary