

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
MAY 24, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.**

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| 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, Ed Chavez, and Margaret Clark (alternate) |
| BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT | John Leung and Louie Aguiñaga |
| STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT | Ken Manning, Executive Director; Randy Schoellerman, Assistant Executive Director/Senior Engineer; Stephanie Moreno, Admin/IS Assistant; Michelle Sanchez, Admin/Accounting Assistant; Dan Colby, Project Resource Manager; Art Kidman, Legal Counsel |
| MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT | Tom Lindros, Knollwood Associates; Jonathan Contreras, Valley County Water District; Dan Horan, Three Valleys MWD; Scott Goulart, Aerojet; Mariana Lake, Valley County Water District; Tom Schmidt, EMOU West Side Performing Settling Defendant; Charles Trevino, Upper District; Michael Nutt, Suburban Water Systems |
| ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED | None. |
| PUBLIC COMMENT | Mr. Schmidt commented that they will be breaking ground soon for their project, and commended the WQA Board and staff for their assistance and efforts to help make it happen. |
| CONSENT CALENDAR | Mr. Byerrum moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with the following abstentions: Mr. Whitehead abstained from Project Demand Nos. 3312 and 3319 Mr. Byerrum abstained from Project Demand No. 3318. |
| ACTION ITEMS | |
| <i>Legislative/Public Information Report</i> | Mr. Kuhn reported that the minutes for the Legislative/Public Information committee meeting were enclosed for review. |

*Discussion/Action Regarding
Letter of Support for AB 1292
(Hernandez)*

Mr. Manning reported that the committee discussed drafting a letter of support for AB 1292 that authorizes the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to contract with DPH to issue tax-exempt revenue bonds. The bond funds would be utilized to meet the 20 percent match needed for the state to continue receiving federal funding.

After general discussion, Mr. Chavez moved to approve the letter of support for AB 1292. Mr. Nordbak seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

*Discussion/Action Regarding
Opposition for SB 34
(Simitian)*

Mr. Manning reported that the committee discussed drafting a letter in opposition for SB 34. He indicated that the Gualco Group had submitted one on behalf of other water agencies in opposition prior to the committee's recommendation. He also indicated that it was staff recommendation to ask the Gualco Group to send a letter to the author adding our agency to the list of agencies they represent as opposing the bill. He also noted that the bill was currently parked in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

After general discussion, Mr. Chavez moved to approve the request to add the WQA to the list of agencies that oppose SB 34. Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

*Discussion/Action Regarding
SB 659 (Hernandez)*

Mr. Nordbak requested that this item be added to the agenda for discussion/action. Mr. Byerrum seconded the motion and it was unanimously added to the agenda.

Mr. Nordbak asked if there has been any change in the language of this bill that refers to the city representatives and their seats on the WQA Board.

Mr. Manning reported that he has had discussions with Mr. Hernandez's staff and they have assured him that the language that refers to the city representatives on the WQA Board will be taken out.

After detailed discussion, Mr. Nordbak moved to support SB 659 if amended. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Administrative/Finance
Committee Report***

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

*Discussion/Action Regarding
Proposal for Audit Services
for Fiscal Year 2011 and
2012*

Mr. Manning reported that the WQA conducted a full RFP process in June of 2009 to select an independent audit firm. This resulted in the Board of Directors approving a contact for audit services with Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. (MHM) for the fiscal years of 2009 and 2010. He indicated that they have submitted a

proposal for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and 2012, with a fixed fee of \$23,100 for each year.

After general discussion, Mr. Nordbak moved to approve the audit proposal for MHM. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

AYES: KUHN, CHAVEZ, BYERRUM, WHITEHEAD, NORDBAK

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: CLARK

Engineering Committee Report

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the minutes for the Engineering Committee meeting were enclosed for review. He noted that the committee discussed the Prop 84 funding applications and that they were still waiting to hear from the Department of Public Health on when they may release the next round of funding applications. He noted that in the mean time staff has been preparing the applications in the anticipation of the release date.

OTHER ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the El Monte Westside group was set to begin construction and noted it as a milestone. He also noted that EPA has also begun construction on some performance wells in the SEMOU.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Mr. Kidman reported that there was a need for a closed session.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Manning thanked those that attended the WQA Groundwater Forum on May 18th. He indicated that he would like to make the forum an annual event and also noted that the video of the forum would be used in the social media project that staff was currently working on. He also reported that during the last visit to Washington, DC they discussed the issue of changing the language in the Restoration Fund to allow WQA to use the funds for 15 years of operation and maintenance, he indicated that there was talk about putting that language in the appropriations bill to make this happen but has yet to hear if that language actually made it in prior to the deadline. He also thanked Gould for their assistance with this issue. He lastly reported that he has a meeting with Stetson Engineers, Watermaster, and Wildermueth to discuss how to better utilize data and for future mapping.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Manning reported that the draft budget will be discussed again at the next Board meeting.

FUTURE BOARD AND

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was

COMMITTEE MEETINGS scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 1:00 P.M.

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. and a meeting would not be held in the month of June.

The next Engineering Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 1:00 P.M.

The next WQA Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday June 21, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS'
COMMENTS/
REPORTS**

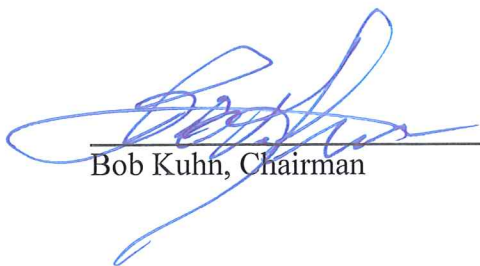
Mr. Whitehead commended staff on the Groundwater workshop.

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was held. There was no reportable action.

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 June 21, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.



Bob Kuhn, Chairman



Ed Chavez, Vice-Chairman