

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
SEPTEMBER 20, 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, Ed Chavez, Greg Nordbak, Jim Byerrum, Louie Aguiñaga and John Leung

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Mike Whitehead

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; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT Tom Lindros, Knollwood Associates; Ron Reich, Suburban Water Systems; Judy Gryneta, local citizen; Dan Horan, Three Valley Municipal Water District.

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED None.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PUBLIC HEARING

To Receive Comments on the Proposed 2011/2012 Fiscal year \$7.25/Acre-Foot Assessment on Those Holding Prescriptive Water Pumping Rights in the San Gabriel Basin The Chairman reported that the WQA did receive a written set of comments to the proposed assessment. He noted that copies of the comments were enclosed in the information items in the agenda packet.

The Chairman opened up the public hearing to receive comments on the proposed 2011/2012 fiscal year \$7.25/acre-foot assessment on those holding prescriptive pumping rights in the San Gabriel Basin.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR Mr. Aguiñaga moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with the following abstentions:

Mr. Byerrum abstained from Project Demand No. 3385

ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 11-003

Mr. Byerrum moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-003, a resolution of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority imposing an annual prescriptive pumping right assessment to pay for the authority budget for fiscal year 2011/2012. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approve.

Mr. Kuhn noted that the assessment of \$7.25/acre-foot had remained the same for the last nine years.

Mr. Leung enters the meeting.

***Administrative/Finance
Committee Report***

Mr. Manning reported that the minutes for the meeting held on September 13, 2011 were enclosed for review.

***Discussion/Action Regarding
ACWA Committee
Appointment Nominations for
the 2012-2013 Term***

Mr. Manning reported that committee recommended the following slate of nominees to serve on the various ACWA Committees for the 2012-2013 term:

Ken Manning – Groundwater Committee

Randy Schoellerman – Water Quality and Groundwater Committee

Art Kidman – State Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee

Stephanie Moreno – Communications Committee

After brief discussion, Mr. Nordbak moved to approve the recommended slate of ACWA committee nominations as presented. Mr. Byerrum seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Discussion/Action Regarding
Draft 404 Status Report***

Mr. Manning reported that this draft report is updated semi-annually and is prepared to comply with section 711 for WQA activities through June 30, 2011. He indicated that the Administrative/Finance Committee reviewed the draft plan and recommended that it be approved by the Board and be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

After general discussion, Mr. Aguiñaga moved to approve the draft 404 Status Report for September 2011. Mr. Ed Chavez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Engineering Committee
Report***

Mr. Manning reported that the minutes for the meeting held on September 13, 2011 were enclosed for review. He noted that there were no items that required any action from the Board.

***Legislative/Public
Information Committee
Report***

Mr. Manning reported that the minutes for the meeting held on September 14, 2011 were enclosed for review.

***Discussion/Action Regarding
Public Outreach Proposal***

Mr. Manning reported that the Legislative/Public Information Committee reviewed a draft proposal that was submitted by the San Gabriel Valley Tribune for the suggested public outreach program. He indicated that staff had determined that all of the proposed ads were not necessary and some of that same information could be presented through the social media program. He noted that staff had

reduced the initial proposal by about \$18,000 to \$70,203.

After general discussion, Mr. Chavez moved to approve the public outreach proposal. Mr. Nordbak seconded that motion and it was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff submitted five applications for Prop. 84 section 75025 funding. He noted that San Gabriel Valley Water Company submitted an application for their Plant 8 Project separately on their own. He noted that staff would follow up with the local legislators along with the Department of Public Health on the applications that were submitted. He also reported that the joint meeting with the City of El Monte to approve the CEQA documentation for the El Monte Eastside Remedies would be scheduled for some time in November or December.

Mr. Kuhn asked if the projects that the WQA submitted applications for were in competition for funding with San Gabriel Valley Water Company's Plant 8 application that was submitted. He indicated that the last time the WQA was in Sacramento discussing this funding opportunity the WQA left the perception that the San Gabriel Valley was working together to acquire funding and didn't want this separate application to show something otherwise.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that there was 20-25 applications submitted state wide for this Prop. 84 funding and that all applications submitted would be competing for the same money.

Mr. Aguiñaga excuses himself from the meeting.

Mr. Manning reported that staff had discussed with Mr. Monares setting up a meeting with the local legislators and the Department of Public Health to review and follow up on WQA's applications.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Manning reported that he and Mr. Schoellerman would be in Sacramento on October 5 -6, 2011 to attend the ACWA Groundwater Committee meeting and to also give a presentation at the Groundwater Resources Association conference. He also reported that he has continued his discussions on the discharge issues and requested a proposal from Tracy Egoscue to assist the WQA in obtaining a general permit for basin discharges. He estimated the cost for this to be around \$100-150K and would discuss a funding plan with other agencies in the basin. He noted that he would bring this item to the full Board for consideration in October. He also noted that he has been at the WQA now for six months and has enjoyed his time here so far. He lastly reminded everyone of the meeting changes that were made that begin in October for the Legislative/Public Information Committee and the WQA Board Meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Discussion/Action Regarding Proposal from Tracy Egoscue for assistance in obtaining a general permit for basin discharges.

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 12:00 P.M.

The next Engineering Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October, 11 2011 at 1:00 P.M, if needed.

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 12:00 P.M.

The next WQA Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday October 18, 2011 at 12:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mr. Nordbak commented that he will not be at the next board meeting on October 18, 2011. He also commented that he was very pleased with Mr. Manning and the direction he has the agency moving in.

Mr. Leung apologized for entering the meeting late.

CLOSED SESSION

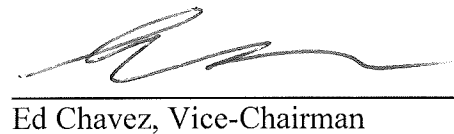
A closed session was not held.

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 October 18, 2011 at 12:00 P.M.



Bob Kuhn, Chairman



Ed Chavez, Vice-Chairman