

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
NOVEMBER 16, 2011 at 12:00 P.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, Louie Aguiñaga and John Leung
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Jim Byerrum and 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; Art Kidman, Legal Counsel
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT	Dan Horan, Three Valleys MWD, Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District; Mariana Lake, Valley County Water District
ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED	None.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Mr. Nordbak moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	
<i>Administrative/Finance Committee Report</i>	Mr. Manning reported that the minutes for the meeting held on November 8, 2011 were enclosed for review.
<i>Discussion/Action Regarding General Discharge permit, Sole Source Justification</i>	Mr. Manning reminded the Board of the current challenges and the inability for water purveyors within the San Gabriel Basin to obtain discharge permits. He explained that at the committee meetings in October and November the Administrative/Finance Committee discussed the issue and options for the selection of a consultant. The committee ultimately recommended that the Board consider the unique qualifications of one candidate and recommended negotiating a sole source contract for services with Tracy Egoscue with the law firm of Paul Hastings LLP. He noted that Mr. Byerrum contacted Ms. Egoscue to request that she reduce her hourly rate and that the revised engagement letter reflected the reduced hourly rate.

Mr. Kuhn asked for a clarification of the contract terms and requested that staff contact JPIA to discuss WQA's liability. He also asked about a rate structure to use for billing purposes for those that would be using the permit.

Mr. Manning confirmed that Ms. Egoscue's contract has a \$10,000/month maximum and that the effort was expected to last six months. He explained that the entire effort including other consultants and staff time was estimated at \$150,000. Initially the project would be funded with recent PRP settlements WQA obtained in the SEMOU. Staff planned to obtain Board approval for the budget line item transfer in December. He stated that Stetson Engineers was asked to draft a rate structure for permit users that would allow WQA to cover its costs. Finally, he indicated that staff would contact JPIA about the liability issues.

After general discussion, Mr. Aguiñaga moved to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a sole source contract with Tracy Egoscue for the purpose of obtaining a general discharge permit for the agency. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Engineering Committee
Report***

Mr. Manning reported that the minutes for the meeting held on November 8, 2011 were enclosed for review.

***Discussion/Action Regarding
Renewal of Operation and
Maintenance Task Order for
Avocet Environmental***

Mr. Schoellerman explained that back in 2009 the WQA issued a task order not to exceed \$375K to Avocet Environmental, Inc. (Avocet) to provide three years of operation and maintenance services for the Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility concluding January 31, 2012. He indicated that the committee was recommending that the Board authorize a \$125K task order to Avocet to cover an additional year of operation and maintenance services to coincide with the final year of the five-year State Water Resources Control Board grant.

After general discussion, Mr. Aguiñaga moved to approve a task order to Avocet Environmental Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$125K for an additional year of operation and maintenance of the Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility. Mr. Nordbak seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Manning reported that the minutes for the meeting held on November 9, 2011 were enclosed for review.

Mr. Manning reported that the committee discussed the focus for the advertorial that would be printed in The Rose magazine that would be published on December 25, 2011. He noted that the committee discussed the size of the audience for this publication and opted for the focus to be on who the WQA is and what the WQA does to help inform readers from other parts of the country.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Schoellerman indicated that he had hand-delivered project information to Rosemead residents in the area of the El Monte Operable Unit eastside project with another member of the project team. They met with several residents that are very concerned about the visual impact that the extraction wells will have on their homes. He noted that as a result of the residents' comments some of the equipment was being relocated underground and that additional meetings with residents were expected. He now expects the co-lead agency meeting between the WQA and the City of El Monte's Planning Commission to be scheduled around March 2012. Finally, he noted that he continues to work with the Department of Public Health and the Proposition 84 grant applicants.

**ATTORNEY'S
COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Manning reported that he was moving forward with a basinwide database and groundwater modeling in conjunction with Watermaster, Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD, Three Valleys MWD, and San Gabriel Valley MWD; he indicated that they would work on getting out a request for proposal in the coming months. He also reported that WQA staff member Dan Colby attended GIS training the previous week to have a staff person updated on GIS. He also reported that the BPOU Project Committee had made some changes and created two sub committees 1) Operators Committee and 2) Efficiencies and Innovations (E & I) committee. He noted that the E & I committee would be co-chaired by the CR's and WQA. He commented that these changes made in the BPOU show how things have changed over the years and that there is a real partnership now. Finally, he suggested that agencies monitor DWR's reoperations study and Delta Stewardship Council's recommendations.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

**FUTURE BOARD AND
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 12:00 P.M.

The next Engineering Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 11 2011 at 1:00 P.M..

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 12:00 P.M.

The next WQA Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 12:00 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS'
COMMENTS/
REPORTS**

Mr. Aguiñaga indicated that he received complaints about the lack of drainage in front of the San Gabriel Valley Water Company's Plant 8 in the city of South El Monte.

Mr. Manning responded by saying staff would contact San Gabriel Valley Water Company to bring it to their attention.

Mr. Leung commented that the San Gabriel Valley MWD was developing a tour of their facilities and requested that Mr. Manning attend their next meeting to possibly have the WQA participate in the tour.

CLOSED SESSION

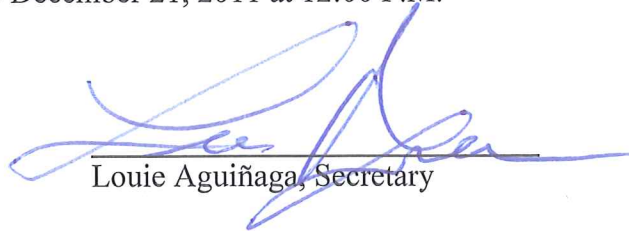
A closed session was not held.

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 December 21, 2011 at 12:00 P.M.



Bob Kuhn, Chairman



Louie Aguiñaga, Secretary