

**A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY  
JULY 20, 2010 at 9:30 A.M.**

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<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	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.
<b>ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS</b>	Bob Kuhn, Greg Nordbak, Jim Byerrum, Mike Whitehead, Carol Montano, Margaret Clark and Ed Chavez
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	None.
<b>STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Grace Kast, Executive Director; Randy Schoellerman, Assistant Executive Director/Senior Engineer; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance; Michelle Sanchez, Admin/Accounting Assistant; Art Kidman, Legal Counsel; Dan Colby, Project Resource Manager.
<b>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT</b>	Tom Lindros, Knollwood Associates; Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District; Jonathan Contreras, Valley County Water District; Dan Horan, Three Valleys MWD; Claudine Meeker, City of Alhambra.
<b>ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED</b>	None.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	None.
<b>CONSENT CALENDAR</b>	Mr. Nordbak moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Byerrum abstained from project demand No. 3163 and Mr. Whitehead abstained from project demand No. 3164.
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	
<i>Legislative/Public Information Committee Report</i>	Mr. Kuhn reported that the minutes for the committee meeting held on July 7, 2010 were enclosed for review.  Ms. Kast gave a brief update on the discussions at the committee meeting. She indicated that Mr. Gualco participated in the meeting via telephone to discuss the Water Bond language. She noted that Mr. Gualco proposed two options for the Board to consider on how to proceed with the language. She reported that the first option was to request that the \$100M be shifted to the State Water Resources Control Board to be administered as part

of their Cleanup and Abatement Account. The second option would be to retain the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Health (DPH) and clarify the language to make sure the funds are available for treatment and remediation. She also noted that any changes made to the language would require a 2/3 vote. She indicated that the committee discussed each option in detail and recommended the second option. She noted that Mr. Gualco felt that it was important to continue the activities immediately and that the committee felt comfortable enough to go ahead and authorize Mr. Gualco to move ahead with option 2 and to have it ratified at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Chavez commented that he felt the meeting went very well and it was very helpful to have Mr. Gualco participate in the discussions. He also noted that he felt that option 2 was the best choice to try and get the language fixed now rather than later.

Ms. Clark noted that she was not in attendance to the committee meeting and requested that the committee minutes be corrected.

Ms. Kast also reported on the discussion regarding future public information activities and noted that the next advertorial would be at the end of July and that the committee reviewed a schedule of publications for the next year. She also noted that she was in communication with Central Basin MWD regarding their efforts to obtain an appropriation from the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund. She lastly noted that staff has requested Mr. Furman to participate in the Legislative Committee meeting next month to provide an update on the New Water Supply Coalition.

***Ratification of Direction  
Given to the Gualco Group  
Regarding Water Bond***

Mr. Chavez moved to approve the ratification of direction given to the Gualco Group regarding the Water Bond. Ms. Montano seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Engineering Committee  
Report***

Mr. Kuhn reported that the minutes for the committee meeting held on July 13, 2010 were enclosed for review.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that Mr. Adam Stein of Advantageous Systems LLC (ADS) gave a brief presentation on new treatment technology for removal of perchlorate from groundwater and discussed the opportunity of installing a pilot-scale treatment system somewhere within the basin at no cost to the purveyor.

***Discussion/Action Regarding  
Line Item Transfer Request  
for Group Insurance***

Ms. Kast reported that due to an unanticipated amount of insurance reimbursements in the last six months, they were expected to exceed the budget by approximately \$10,000. She recommended increasing the budget for Group Insurance and decreasing the budget for Travel and Mileage. She indicated that the Travel and Mileage expenses were less than budgeted due to fewer trips taken by WQA staff as well as the cancellation of attendance at the 2010 Spring ACWA Conference.

Mr. Byerrum moved to approve the line item transfer request for

Group Insurance. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Discussion/Action Regarding  
Line Item Transfer Request  
for Legal Counsel***

Ms. Kast reported that the Board of Directors authorized certain unexpected legal services to address situations outside of the normal course of business resulting in legal expenses that were expected to exceed the budgeted amount. She recommended increasing the budgeted amounts for legal services and decreasing a corresponding amount in budgeted contingency and budgeted reserves.

Mr. Byerrum moved to approve the line item transfer request for Legal Counsel. Ms. Clark seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Discussion/Action Regarding  
Proposed Cost of Living  
Adjustment for Fiscal Year  
2010/2011***

Ms. Kast reported that per Procedure No. 40 the April CPI is used to calculate a cost of living adjustment for the fiscal year. She indicated that in April 2010 the CPI was 1.9%. She noted that the adjustment would apply to both the salaries and the salary ranges for the non-exempt employees and to just the salary ranges for the exempt employees. She reported that the approved budget assumed a 2.5% COLA.

Mr. Chavez moved to approve the 1.9% proposed cost of living adjustment for fiscal year 2010/2011 as presented. Ms. Montano seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

***Discussion/Action Regarding  
WQA Committees***

Mr. Kuhn announced the following committee assignments and asked if there were any objections:

1. Administrative/Finance – Chavez, Clark, and Whitehead
2. Engineering – Kuhn, Byerrum, and Montano
3. Legislative – Clark, Whitehead, and Kuhn
4. Public Information/Education – Byerrum, Montano, and Chavez

There being no objections, the committee assignments were approved as presented.

***Discussion/Action Regarding  
Authorization for the  
Executive Director to Retain  
Outside Consulting Services  
for Management  
Organization Services***

Ms. Kast reported that as part of the reorganization of the agency she was seeking authorization to retain an outside consultant to assist with the process. She also noted that she would not be conducting this process alone and that she would be working through a committee process.

Mr. Kuhn reported that there had been discussion on reorganizing the agency and was suggesting setting the following Ad-hoc committees to assist in the reorganization process: a management committee, a policy and procedures committee, and an employment policy committee that would be set up and utilized at a later time. He recommended the following members to participate on these Ad-hoc committees:

1. Management – Kuhn, Whitehead, and Byerrum
2. Policies and Procedures – Clark, Chavez, Byerrum

Ms. Kast reported that after doing her initial research it was clear that her current authorization limit of \$5,000 would not be sufficient; therefore, she was requesting an additional \$15,000 from the Board that would only be used to the extent that it was needed after the initial \$5,000 was exhausted.

Mr. Byerrum moved to approve the authorization for the Executive Director to retain outside consulting services.

Mr. Nordbak commented that he would not support this authorization. He would not approve the hiring of an outside consultant without the contract coming before the full Board.

Mr. Chavez seconded the motion and it was approved by a 6-1 vote.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

None.

**ATTORNEY'S  
COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**FUTURE BOARD AND  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The next Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. was cancelled.

The Administrative/Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 12:00 P.M.

The Engineering Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 1:00 P.M.

The next WQA Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday August 17, 2010 at 9:30 A.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS'  
COMMENTS/  
REPORTS**

Many members of the Board congratulated Mr. Whitehead on his new position at his company.

Mr. Byerrum congratulated Mr. Nordbak on being named the Chairman of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District.

Mr. Nordbak thanked the members of the Board for their understanding on him stepping down as WQA Chairman.

Mr. Kuhn thanked Mr. Nordbak for staying on the WQA Board.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A closed session was held.

- (a) Conference with Legal Counsel –  
Existing Litigation

Existing Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of  
Section 54956.9

- CV 02-4565 ABC (RCX) – [South El  
Monte]

- (b) Conference with Legal Counsel –  
Anticipated Litigation

Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to  
Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: One (1)  
Potential Case

**RECONVENE OPEN  
SESSION**

Mr. Kuhn reported that 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 August 17, 2010.



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Bob Kuhn, Chairman



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Margaret Clark, Secretary