



San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

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**WQA LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.
AT
1720 W. CAMERON AVE., SUITE 100 IN WEST COVINA, CA**

**The Legislative/Public Information Committee meeting is noticed as a joint committee meeting with the Board of Directors for the purpose of compliance with the Brown Act. Members of the Board that are not assigned to the Legislative/Public Information Committee may attend and participate as members of the Board, whether or not a quorum of the Board is present. In order to preserve the function of the Committee as advisory to the Board, members of the Board who are not assigned to the Legislative/Public Information Committee will not vote on matters before the Committee*

AGENDA

Committee Members: Jorge Marquez, Valerie Munoz and Mark Paulson

Liaison Member: Dan Arrighi

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Discussion Regarding Next Advertorial
- IV. Discussion Regarding 25th Anniversary Reception
- V. Legislative Activities/Reports
 - a. State
 - b. Federal
- VI. Executive Director's Report
- VII. Adjournment



MEMO

DATE: October 3, 2017

TO: San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

FROM: Jackson R. Gualco, Kendra Daijogo & Robert J. Gore

RE: September State Government Relations Report

We succeeded in our efforts to pursue a two-track legislative solution to the intransigence of the attorney general regarding the \$80M in Proposition 1 funds to finance groundwater cleanup.

- The first was the agreement reached with Asm. Cristina Garcia to allow the authorship of her bill, AB 987, to be placed in the hands of Assembly Majority Leader Ian C. Calderon. Mr. Calderon was joined in co-authoring the bill by Sen. Ed Hernandez, O.D., and Ms. Garcia. The bill would provide the legal authority for the sale of the bonds. The attorney general's office advised us that the bill language would not be sufficient for it to issue a clean bond opinion. The bill was referred to the Senate Rules Committee where it currently sits in deference to that advice and the item below.
- Sen. Josh Newman and Sen. Hernandez, the chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus, responded very quickly to our request that SB 5, the natural resources bond measure authored by Sen. Kevin De Leon, be amended to include the remedy to the Prop. 1 legal issue. Ultimately, the fix was included such that the \$80M is effectively taken from Prop. 1 and the bonds are reauthorized in SB 5 provided that the governor signs the bill and the voters approve the bond in June 2018. Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, Alf Brandt of his staff, Mr. Calderon, Sarah Reyes of Sen. Hernandez's office, Senator Newman's staff (Don Wilcox and Monica Schmalenberger) and Bill Craven, the chief consultant to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water played key roles at critical moments during the bond negotiations. Many thanks to them all for their hard and successful work.

- Periodically published “Water Whirled”, an exclusive summation of key water and resources issues pending in the capital; delivered urgent advisories as merited by key developments
- Provided timely updates on issues and officials’ activities

cc: Mr. Gabriel Monares