

**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE AND
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 09, 2018 AT 11:00 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. |
| COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT | Bob Kuhn, Valerie Munoz |
| WATERMASTER LIASON PRESENT | None |
| COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT | Mark Paulson |
| OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT | Jorge Marquez |
| STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT | Ken Manning, Executive Director; Randy Schoellerman, Assistant Executive Director/Senior Engineer; Mary Saenz, Director of Finance and Dan Colby, Project Resource Manager |
| MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT | Jeff Helsley, Stetson Engineers; Lenet Pacheco, Valley County Water District; Margarita Vargas, Valley County Water District |
| PUBLIC COMMENT | None. |

Discussion Regarding Task Order for Avocet Environmental to Implement Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility Expanded Site Investigation Planning Project

Mr. Manning reminded the committee that WQA received a State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Proposition 1 Grant for additional site investigation work in the vicinity of the Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility (WSGRF).

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the grant includes hydropunch and cone penetrometer tests at seven locations at the property to the northwest of the WSGRF with a total budget of \$226,995. He continued that the investigation will provide much needed data to further refine contamination sources in and around the WSGRF. He reported that work is supported by various agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC). He reported that the grant required a 50% match. He

added that the balance of WQA's match will come from prior engineering services that can be considered part of the match under Proposition 1. He informed the committee that the SWRCB, the adjacent property owner and tenant are all in agreement with the scope of work.

After detailed discussion, the committee recommended approval of the Avocet Task Order not to exceed \$226,995 to implement the Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility Expanded Site Investigation project.

***Discussion Regarding Task Order
for Wildermuth Environmental for
Database Development***

Mr. Manning reminded the committee that staff has been working with Wildermuth Environmental Inc. (WEI) for database management activities and to develop new water quality graphics that can be used to further WQA's message.

Mr. Schoellerman reported that staff has reviewed some mockups of the new graphics that are animations on a time lapse basin showing how the contaminant plume has evolved since WQA's inception. He reported that the Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. (WEI) proposal consisted of database migration and several time lapse animations of the Basin and individual operable units at a cost estimate of \$95K. He stated that the current fiscal year 18/19 budget includes \$60,000 for Database and Mapping activities. Therefore, staff is recommending a scaled down proposal from WEI in the amount not to exceed \$42K.

Mr. Kuhn suggested it may be more cost effective to approve the full WEI proposal instead of a piecemeal approach if additional funding can be made available.

Ms. Munoz agreed noting that outreach materials such as these are very important to WQA's mission.

After detailed discussion, the committee recommended approval of the WEI Task Order not to exceed \$42,000 to go to the full Board for approval with the additional discussion of approving the full proposal at a cost estimate of \$95,005.

Project Updates

Mr. Schoellerman reported that the San Gabriel Valley Water Company (SGVWC) received a Proposition 1 grant for their Plant B6. He explained that the grant will be utilized to construct and test a new innovative and efficient ultra violet light (UV) treatment system that will ultimately replace the existing UV treatment system.

He reported that the new owners of the former Crown City well were moving forward with destruction of the onsite well.

He stated that the groundbreaking ceremony for the Puente Valley Operable Unit Intermediate Zone Remedy was well attended with representatives of all stakeholders.

He reported that the city of Monterey Park has finished construction of its centralized treatment facility and has begun testing for the required Department of Drinking Water's 97-005 permit

He informed the committee that in addition to SGVWC the DTSC also received a Proposition 1 Grant for the Whittier Narrows Operable Unit Remedy project.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Mr. Manning reported that he was invited to speak about water quality issues at the Community Water Center in Visalia. He also noted that he would be providing a workshop to the Upper District staff on the history of Water Policy in the San Gabriel Basin.

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.


Chairman


Secretary