

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2024
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:00 a.m. on December 09, 2024, the Board of Directors meeting was held in person at the District office, located at 1402 North Vosburg Drive, Azusa, California. While the Boardroom was open for public attendance, the District strongly encouraged attendees wanting to attend the meeting to participate in the meeting virtually through the remote Zoom link provided below. Attendees in person were asked to please maintain appropriate social distancing to the extent feasible (i.e., maintain a six-foot distance between yourself and other individuals). Face coverings were encouraged but not required for attendees.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER:

President Paulson called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors present at Roll Call: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince (present by Zoom from 78755 Villeta Drive, La Quinta, California 92253).

ALSO PRESENT:

Darin Kasamoto, General Manager; Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager; Linda Esquivel, Executive Assistant; Maria "Gigi" Jarmin, Accounting Specialist; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager, SGVMWD; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Russ Bryden and Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; David Dolphin, City of Alhambra; Jennifer Peterson, City of Sierra Madre; Carlos Solis, City of Azusa.

Via telephone/Zoom: Miles Prince and Albert Lu, SGVMWD; Dennis Albiani and Adam Quinonez, California Advocates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 04, 2024

Financial Statements for November 2024

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

November 14, 2024, Check Nos. 12604 - 12607, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$68,519.75

November 26, 2024, Check Nos. 12608 - 12611, EFT's, and Wires in the amount of \$71,353.30

December 09, 2024, Check Nos. 12612 - 12615, and Wires in the amount of \$3,444.80

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

November 05 - 26, 2024, Check Nos. 44846 – 44867 and EFTs in the amount of \$155,344.48

December 03 - 09, 2024, Check Nos. 44868 – 44914, in the amount of \$329,490.10

Disbursements for State Water Project (SWP) expenses, dated: November 18, 2024, Check No. 1011, in the amount of \$590,823.00

Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

On the motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5 - 0, the Consent Calendar was approved by roll call vote.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2024-842 APPRECIATION FOR DAVID DOLPHIN

Director Paulson acknowledged David Dolphin who is retiring after 20 years of service to the City of Alhambra. Mr. Paulson commended Mr. Dolphin, who is in charge of a number of areas related to water and has an outstanding dedication to the City of Alhambra.

On motion of Director Placido, seconded by Director Eng, and unanimously carried 5-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HONORING DAVID DOLPHIN FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES FOR THE CITY OF ALHAMBRA, Resolution No. 12-2024-842 was approved.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on December 9, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Evelyn Reyes introduced Dennis Albani of California Advocates, who then introduced Adam Quinonez as a new team member at California Advocates. Mr. Albani provided a summary of the recent election results and potential impact on the water community, as well as past and ongoing legislative matters.

ANNUAL CONSULTING AGREEMENT FOR CALIFORNIA ADVOCATES

On motion of Director Eng, and seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, California Advocates' proposal dated November 20, 2024, to provide governmental/public affairs consulting services was approved.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on December 9, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

GRANT REQUESTS FROM THE CITY OF AZUSA AND ALHAMBRA

The General Manager reported that earlier in the year the Board adopted a new policy for grants to the four member cities. The new policy calls for the cities to make formal requests for the grants, which are then brought to the Board for approval. The District received grant requests from the City of Azusa and City of Alhambra for \$50,000.00 each.

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5-0, the grant requests from the City of Azusa and City of Alhambra were approved.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on December 9, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2024-843 APPRECIATION FOR LINDA ESQUIVEL

The General Manager expressed his appreciation to Linda Esquivel for her hard work and dedicated service for 12 years to the San Gabriel Municipal Water District.

On motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Prince, and unanimously carried 5-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT LINDA ESQUIVEL, Resolution No. 12-2024-843 was approved.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on December 9, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

CIVILTEC PROPOSAL FOR PRESSURE REDUCING STATIONS REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Steve Kiggins reported that the Devils-Canyon-Azusa Pipeline has been in service for 50 years, and some valves are no longer functioning correctly. Station refurbishment will ensure both reliable water delivery and pipeline isolation.

On motion of Director Placido, and seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, Civiltec Proposal No. PU24010 in the amount not to exceed \$284,595, dated October 31, 2024, for Pressure Reducing Stations Refurbishment Project was approved by roll call vote.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on December 9, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet

Ms. Reyes works closely with California Advocates to monitor legislation important to the District and the State Water Contractors.

Ms. Reyes also mentioned that the District will be participating in Alhambra's Lunar New Year Festival on February 8, 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Mr. Bryden mentioned that Basin is in good shape. The Key Well is up to 246 feet, which is 20 feet higher than last year's elevation which translates to 160,000-acre feet of additional water in storage.

REPORT OF WQA

No Report

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

General Counsel Ciampa reported an update on legislative issues. The new bill session will have a limit of 35 bills per legislator.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

The General Manager's written report is in the Agenda Packet.

The General Manager reported that he had an open dialogue with the Metropolitan Water District, which indicated that it may have surplus water to sell or exchange. There is also the possibility of a water banking opportunity with the Willow Springs Groundwater Storage Project, and updates will be provided as the potential opportunity progresses.

The Assistant General Manager's written report is in the Agenda Packet.
The Assistant General Manager reported that as of the beginning of December, 1,595 acre-feet of water was left for delivery through the end of the year. The last scheduled Department of Water Resources outages, which started in October, have ended. Therefore, operations are able to increase delivery amounts. The plan is to complete delivery of the remainder of the District's Table A allocation by the end of the calendar year.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

The General Manager's written report is in the Agenda Packet.
The General Manager mentioned that the initial State Water Project Allocation for 2025 was 5%, which is typical for the initial allocation.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

None.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

No Report

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

None.

CLOSED SESSION at 9:10 a.m.

Personal Issue – Government Code Section 54957

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED at 9:24 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: General Counsel Ciampa reported that the closed session was held under Government Code Section 54957 to discuss a personnel issue. The Board was briefed on that matter and no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNED at 9:24 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors will be on January 13, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

s/Mark R. Paulson
President

ATTEST:

s/Miles L. Prince
Secretary