MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2025
8:00 A.M.

At 8:03 a.m. on November 03, 2025, 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 Placido called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors present at Roll Call: Eng (participating via Zoom pursuant to the "just cause" provisions of AB 2449 due to a potential contagious illness; Director Eng participated by both audio and video and confirmed that no one over the age of 18 years was in the room with him), Knoles, Paulson, Placido

Directors absent: Prince

ALSO PRESENT:

Jose Reynoso, General Manager; Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager; Maria "Gigi" Jarmin, Executive Assistant; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP

Via telephone/Zoom: Director Mike Eng, Darin Kasamoto, General Manager Emeritus and Albert Lu, External Affairs Specialist, SGVMWD; Carlos Solis and Melissa Barbosa, City of Azusa

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Melissa Barbosa from the City of Azusa reported that South Reservoir construction was progressing, with the roof being poured the previous weekend.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 13, 2025
Financial Statements for October 2025
Treasurer's Investment Report Dated September 30, 2025
Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:
October 16, 2025, Check Nos. 12794 - 12798, EFTs, and Wires in the amount of $82,120.22
October 30, 2025, Check Nos. 12799 - 12803, EFTs, and Wires in the amount of $85,507.93
November 03, 2025, Check Nos. 12804 - 12806, and Wires in the amount of $2,583.60
Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:
October 14 -31, 2025, Check Nos. 45536 – 45555, and EFTs in the amount of $135,542.53
November 01 - 03, 2025, Check Nos. 45556 – 45565 in the amount of $426,641.85
Disbursements for State Water Project (SWP) expense, dated: October 27, 2025, Check No. 1023, in the amount of $536,947.00
Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

On the motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 4-0, the Consent Calendar was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at its regular meeting held on November 03, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

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

ACTION ITEMS

Ratification of Contract Award to Stetson Engineers for Preparation of the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)

General Manager Jose Reynoso explained that the $30,000 contract falls within his signing authority and was presented to the Board for ratification. He reported that three firms were contacted, and Stetson Engineers provided the most cost-effective proposal, offering a 15% discount contingent upon participation by all four member agencies, along with the District. The General Manager confirmed Stetson Engineers' qualifications, citing their extensive experience in preparing Urban Water Management Plans and familiarity with District facilities.

Director Eng inquired about the cost comparison among firms and confirmed that Stetson Engineers presented the most economical option.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board ratified the contract award to Stetson Engineers for preparation of the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at its regular meeting held on November 03, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

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

San Gabriel Valley Golden Mussel Update

General Manager Jose Reynoso provided an informational update on the Golden Mussel issue. He reported that weekly coordination meetings continue among the responsible agencies and affected member agencies. Los Angeles County has requested four key action items: (1) preparation of a Golden Mussel Control Plan, (2) development of a long-term funding plan, (3) an amendment to the existing agreement with Watermaster, and (4) preparation of a white paper outlining potential treatment options.

Mr. Reynoso noted the County has taken the position that responsible agencies should implement pre-treatment measures before imported water reaches the spreading basins to prevent the spread of Golden Mussels. However, he emphasized that no scientific evidence currently supports the effectiveness of any pre-treatment method in achieving 100% prevention of mussel transmission.

Treatment options under consideration include chlorine and copper ion applications, each with potential environmental and regulatory implications. Mr. Reynoso stated the District's goal is to complete the four requested deliverables by the end of the calendar year so the County can make a formal written decision on the status of the spreading basins and resumption of State Water Project deliveries. The goal remains to restore water deliveries within approximately five months. Once the County renders its decision, the District and partner agencies will determine the appropriate next steps.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

External Affairs Report is included in the Agenda Packet.
Evelyn Reyes reported on attending the Alhambra High School speech and debate program, where students debated the Golden Mussel issue. Ms. Reyes also provided a legislative update, noting that of 2,397 bills introduced, 917 reached the governor's desk with 794 signed into law.

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Director Placido mentioned the Watermaster met in early October and will meet again this week. Items discussed included the water quality monitoring program policy presentation on PFAS control and approval of the cost-sharing agreement for the Golden Mussel program.

REPORT OF WQA

No Report.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Legal Counsel Jim Ciampa reported on the San Gabriel Valley COG membership status. Mr. Ciampa explained that Municipal Water Districts lack the common powers required for full membership in the SGVCOG under its JPA structure and related legal requirements. The Board previously approved the District's participation as an affiliate member in April, and the SGVCOG formally amended its bylaws in June. Steps are being taken to dissolve the joint powers authority among the District, Upper District and Three Valleys Municipal Water District that was formed solely for membership in the SGVCOG.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTOR/GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

The General Manager's Report was included in the agenda packet.
General Manager Jose Reynoso reported that most State Water Project reservoirs are at approximately 50% capacity, which is typical for this time of year. He noted that a major issue currently being addressed along the California Aqueduct is land subsidence, with repair costs estimated at over $3 billion. To address this, the State Water Contractors are pursuing $150 million per year for ten years from the State's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, which would cover roughly half of the total costs.

Mr. Reynoso also reported the District is coordinating with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) to raise awareness of the issue among the 31 cities within the San Gabriel Valley. Through this effort, State Water Contractors General Manager Jennifer Pierre is scheduled to present at an upcoming COG meeting to garner regional support for the $150 million annual funding request to the Governor. The goal is for all 31 cities to sign letters of support endorsing the funding request. Ms. Pierre may make a similar request to the San Gabriel Valley Civic Alliance.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

The Assistant General Manager's Report is included in the Agenda Packet.
Assistant General Manager Steve Kiggins reported on meeting with engineers from Stetson to review outstanding projects. The Standby Generator for the Hydro facility has been received, with other generators expected in mid-February. Despite challenges with the Golden Mussel, deliveries to the Committee of 9 Canal continue. Deliveries to Covina Valley Water Company were temporarily paused due to seepage concerns but have resumed.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

None.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

None.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:47 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors will be on December 08, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

Steve Placido, DDS
President

ATTEST:

Bruce H Knoles
Secretary