

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:01 a.m. on March 10, 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 8:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors present at Roll Call: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince

ALSO PRESENT:

Darin Kasamoto, General Manager; Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager; Maria "Gigi" Jarmin, Executive Assistant; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Jose Reynoso, City of Sierra Madre; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster.

Via telephone/Zoom: Albert Lu, SGVMWD; Steven McGee, Sierra Madre; Carlos Solis, Azusa Light & Water; Jonathan Horton, SGVCOG; Melissa Barbosa, City of Azusa.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Jose Reynoso provided an update on the Arcadia/Sierra Madre joint well. He also mentioned that the City Sierra Madre is hosting an Earth Day event where the District will be participating.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 10, 2025

Financial Statements for March 2025

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

March 20, 2025, Check Nos. 12662 - 12670, EFTs, and Wires in the amount of \$69,196.08

April 03, 2025, Check Nos. 12671 - 12676, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$64,820.33

April 14, 2025, Check Nos. 12677 - 12681, and Wires in the amount of \$6,992.00

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

March 11 - 31, 2025, Check Nos. 45089 – 45107, and EFTs in the amount of \$90,901.66

April 01 - 14, 2025, Check Nos. 45108 – 45162, and EFTs in the amount of \$273,368.08

Disbursements for State Water Project (SWP) expenses, dated: March 10, 2025, Check No. 1015, in the amount of \$572,416.00

Future Meeting Attendance Approval: Pasadena

Pasadena Educational Foundation, Celebrating Our Schools – April 29, Pasadena

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

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR SB 496

Evelyn Reyes requested the District take a support position for SB 496 (Hurtado) - Safe and clean fleets. SB 496 bill aims to provide local agencies with greater flexibility to comply with Advanced Clean Fleets vehicle purchase requirements while continuing to work toward the State's emission goals.

On the motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5 - 0, the Board approved the District taking a Support position on SB 496, with recommended amendments that address water utilities' CARB compliance for their vehicles.

SET WATER RATES FOR 2025 – 2026 – RESOLUTION NO. 04-2025-845

The General Manager reported the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster requires that the District set its water and RDA rates prior to the May Watermaster Board Meeting. In 2024, the Administrative/Finance Committee reviewed the current rate being charged by DWR to the District and the recent trend of increases and recommended that rates of \$260 and \$860 be adopted, respectively, for the water rate and RDA rate. The Committee also recommended that the District's member cities be notified that the District projects the following water rates going forward: 2026, \$280 per acre foot and 2027 \$300 per acre foot.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Prince, and unanimously carried 5-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING WATER RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 04-2024-831, Resolution No. 04-2025-845 was passed, approved, and adopted, to set the District's water rate at \$260 per acre-foot and RDA rate at \$860 per acre-foot.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at its regular meeting held on April 14, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

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

INTERIOR PAINTING AT OFFICE, STUCCO REPAIR AND EXTERIOR PAINTING AT OFFICE, AZUSA FLOW FACILITY, SAN DIMAS FACILITY AND RIVERSIDE AVENUE METER FACILITY.

Steve Kiggins mentioned that after getting multiple bids, he is requesting approval of the award of a contract in the amount of \$83,950.00, to US National Corporation painting and stucco repair at four District facility sites, with a 10% contingency, for a total amount not to exceed \$92,345.00.

On motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, the award of the contract to US National Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$92,345.00, with contingency, for the interior/exterior painting and stucco repair at District's facilities was approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING ASBESTOS MASTIC ABATEMENT AND FLAT ROOF REPLACEMENT, AZUSA FLOW CONTROL BUILDING FELT AND FASCIA BOARD REPLACEMENT

Legal Counsel Ciampa suggested that this project to be re-bid in light of various changes to the scope of work to be undertaken after unexpected conditions were discovered.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Prince, and unanimously carried 5-0, this item was tabled to a future meeting.

SAN DIMAS FACILITY ASPHALT REPLACEMENT AND CONCRETE FLOW LINE INSTALLATION

Steve Kiggins is requesting award of this project to Century Paving in the amount of \$53,130.00 to, replace asphalt paving and add a 3-inch' concrete flow line at the San Dimas facility. With a 10% contingency, the total project amount is not to exceed \$58,443.00.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Prince, and unanimously carried 5-0, the contract in the amount not to exceed \$58,443.00, with contingency, for the San Dimas facility asphalt replacement and concrete flow line installation was awarded to Century Paving.

CONSIDERED CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN SGVCOG AS AN AFFILIATE MEMBER

Darin Kasamoto stated that Three Valleys Municipal Water District and Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District have decided not to participate in the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) as affiliate members (those districts and the District previously shared a membership in SGVCOG at a total cost, of \$13,000). With the determination that municipal water districts can no longer participate as full member of SGVCOG, Director Prince mentioned that it would be valuable for the District to continue to participate, just so one local water agency will be involved in some capacity at SGVCOG. The External Affairs Committee's recommendation is to try out the new

affiliate membership in SGVCOG for a year, which will cost \$5,000.00. Kelly Gardner mentioned that Watermaster Board voted to join as well as an affiliate member of SCVCOG for a one year trial.

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Eng, and unanimously carried 5-0, continued membership in SCVCOG as an affiliate member was approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet

Ms. Reyes provided an update on AB 259 (Rubio) - Open meetings. The bill passed the Assembly Local Government Committee, but it was amended to extend the sunset date to January 1, 2030, instead of removing the sunset date entirely. Ms. Reyes also mentioned there are several bills the State Water Contractors are watching and supporting. She will be reviewing those bills and provide a report on them at the next Board meeting. Director Eng mentioned attending the Earth Day event in Monterey Park and that event had a very good turn-out and a plant give-away. He mentioned Monterey Park's Environmental Commission and numerous students were also involved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Director Placido reported that in the Watermaster meeting, a presentation about the recommended Operating Safe Yield (OSY) took place. He also mentioned the Watermaster Board voted to approve becoming an affiliate member of SGVCOG. Kelly Gardner also added that as a recommendation, there will be no increase to Watermaster's assessments, and OSY is recommended to continue from last year at 160.000 acre-feet.

REPORT OF WQA

Director Paulson stated Water Quality Authority reviewed and approved the Authority's most recent audit.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Legal Counsel Ciampa updated Board on recent legal developments concerning the Geotech work for the Delta Conveyance Project.

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 mentioned from last month's report the draft term sheet for the potential transfer of some of MWD's 2025 SWP Table A allocation, which was approved by the MWD Board. Last week, MWD modified the original term sheet, and the new terms made it infeasible for the District to participate due to the cost being increased from \$500 to \$700 per acre-feet. Mr. Kasamoto, responded to MWD regarding the price impact, and MWD agreed to take the original price to their upper management for approval. He will provide an update as this progresses.

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

The Assistant General Manager stated that real estate developer Taylor Morrison needs to make storm drain improvements, which will require 6-8 weeks of shutting down the DCAP due to the closed proximity and depth of the storm drain in relation to the District's facilities.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

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

The General Manager commented on what Legal Counsel Ciampa reported regarding the DCP planning process and added that any significant delay to the project is also adding cost, which will result in an even more expensive project. He mentioned the State Water Project allocation for 2025 increased to 40% from 35% in March. The allocation will likely increase above 40% by the end of this season. He also mentioned that Kern County Water Agency has also approved a portion of their funding for the next round of preliminary DCP funding, so at this point there is sufficient contractor commitment to keep the DCP project moving forward.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

None

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

Director Prince mentioned that he attended the Sierra Madre Wisteria and Earth Day combined festival event, which the District sponsored. He also mentioned that he received numerous comments regarding the District's hiring of Jose Reynoso.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:27 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors will be on May 12, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

s/Steven T. Placido, DDS
President

ATTEST:

s/Bruce H. Knoles
Secretary