

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:00 a.m. on August 11, 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:

Vice President Prince called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Jose Reynoso, General Manager; Darin Kasamoto, General Manager Emeritus; Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager; Maria “Gigi” Jarmin, Executive Assistant; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager; Albert Lu, External Affairs Specialist; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Dennis Albiani and Adam Quinonez, California Advocates.

Via telephone/Zoom: Director Steve Placido, SGVMWD (participated as member of the public); Carlos Solis, City of Azusa

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 14, 2025

Financial Statements for July 2025

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

July 24, 2025, Check Nos. 12732 - 12742, EFTs, and Wires in the amount of \$88,146.88

August 07, 2025, Check Nos. 12743 - 12748, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$82,537.99

August 11, 2025, Check Nos. 12749 - 12752, and Wires in the amount of \$4,341.20

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

July 15 - 31, 2025, Check Nos. 45352 – 45373, and EFTs in the amount of \$1,786,915.10

August 01 - 11, 2025, Check Nos. 45374 – 45409, and EFT in the amount of \$246,753.60

Disbursements for State Water Project (SWP) expenses, dated: July 28, 2025, Check No. 1019, in the amount of \$1,962,113.00 (Voided on August 11, 2025)

Disbursement for State Water Project (SWP) Dated: August 11, 2025, Check No. 1020, in the amount of \$1,961,894.00 (Replacement)

Visa Recap

Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

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

PRESENTATIONS

STATE LOBBYIST CALIFORNIA ADVOCATES

Dennis Albiani and Adam Quinonez from California Advocates provided an update on legislative activities. Mr. Albiani highlighted their work on infrastructure projects, particularly the Delta Conveyance Project CEQA streamlining effort proposed by the Governor. The project faces strong opposition from Delta legislators, though there appears to be sufficient support in the Assembly, while the Senate remains more challenging. The Governor recently added a \$200 million mitigation fund to help address Delta concerns.

Adam Quinonez provided updates on the golden mussel issue, explaining that the State Water Contractors and Metropolitan Water District are working on a trailer bill to provide liability protection for water districts when transporting water containing golden mussels. He also discussed several other bills of interest, including SB 72 (establishing long-term water supply targets), SB 601 (regulating water bodies), and legislation affecting Brown Act teleconferencing provisions.

GOLDEN MUSSEL UPDATE

General Manager Jose Reynoso presented information about the golden mussel infestation. The invasive species was likely introduced by cargo ship ballast water and was first detected in the State Water Project in October 2024. Within less than a year, it has spread throughout the system. Each female releases over a million microscopic veliger, making containment extremely difficult.

Mr. Reynoso explained that control methods are challenging, as exposure to chemicals like copper, sulfate chlorine or potassium takes 30 days to kill the mussels. This infestation will likely impact the District's 38-mile pipeline within a year, requiring valve maintenance and chemical treatment plans.

The most immediate impact will likely be on the City of Azusa, which relies on water from the canyon spreading basins. A committee has been formed with the San Gabriel Valley Water Association and other entities to develop strategies to address the golden mussel problem.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2025-850 AMENDING 2025-2026 BUDGET

General Manager Reynoso presented Resolution 08-2025-850 to amend the 2025-2026 budget to accommodate the purchase of 5,000-acre feet of water from Metropolitan Water District, which was approved at the previous meeting. Director Eng suggested changing the word "anticipated" to "estimated" regarding the revenue amount specified in the resolution.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Eng, and unanimously carried 4-0 by roll call vote, AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET, RESOLUTION NO. 08-2025-850, with the word “anticipated” changed to “estimated” regarding revenue, was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on August 11, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

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

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 08-2025-851 ESTABLISHING POLICY CONCERNING SIGNING OF POSITIONAL AND COMMENT LETTERS ON LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES

Legal Counsel Ciampa presented the resolution establishing a policy for the General Manager to sign positional and comment letters on legislative and regulatory issues. The policy outlines three scenarios: (1) when the General Manager can sign letters consistent with District policy and report to the Board; (2) situations requiring consultation with the Board President when time does not allow for full Board consideration; and (3) situations requiring full Board approval.

On motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 4-0 by roll call vote, RESOLUTION NO. 08-2025-851 ESTABLISHING POLICY CONCERNING SIGNING OF POSITIONAL AND COMMENT LETTERS ON LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES, RESOLUTION NO. 08-2025-851 was approved.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on August 11, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2025-852 ADOPTING PROPERTY TAX RATE

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 4-0, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND OTHER VOTER APPROVED INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAX LEVIED (TAX CODE AREA 367.05 THROUGH 367.12) was approved.

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Abstain: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet

Ms. Reyes reported that the San Gabriel Valley chapter of the California Special Districts Association will hold its inaugural event with Supervisor Solis on Wednesday, September 10 from 3-5 PM at the Altadena Library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Kelly Gardner reported that Basin production for the year was 189,000 acre-feet, up from 171,000 acre-feet the previous year. Final numbers will be ready by Wednesday, August 13 with invoices going out on Friday, August 15 to producers. Replacement water obligations will be determined in October.

REPORT OF WQA

Director Paulson had no report.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Lega Counsel Ciampa had no Report.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

Assistant General Manager Kiggins reported that deliveries to the pipeline resumed in July after storm drain work was completed in June. The hydroelectric generator produced 427 megawatt hours in July, generating \$17,621 in revenue. The District has 3,997 acre-feet of Table A water left to deliver, which should be completed by early to mid-November.

General Manager Reynoso reported meeting with the four member agencies to discuss the grant program, golden mussel, and tax rates. He also mentioned that he planned to work with engineers on a five-year water system master plan with a ten-year outlook, followed by a cost-of-service analysis to ensure rates can support planned maintenance.

General Manager Reynoso indicated staff are working on a strategic plan update to be presented in September or October, noting that the current strategic plan is a living document that could be updated without a formal multi-day session.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

Reports were covered in the California Advocates presentation.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

There were no committee meeting reports.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

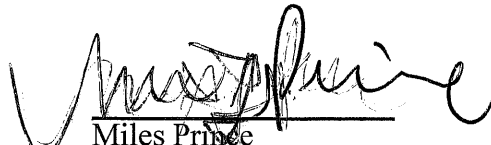
Director Eng reported attending an informative event on August 7 at the Albert Robles Center regarding the Delta Conveyance Project and other State Water Project issues.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

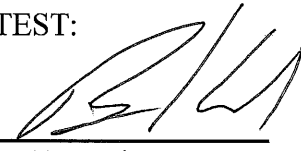
Director Knoles expressed concern about the golden mussel issue, particularly its impact on his division in Azusa, and requested more information about the mussel's origin and how other countries have addressed the problem.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:24 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors will be on September 08, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.


Miles Prince
Vice President

ATTEST:


Bruce H Knoles
Secretary