

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2025
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:01 a.m. on September 08, 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 8:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors present at Roll Call: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, 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; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Carlos Solis and Melissa Barbosa, City of Azusa; Steve Johnson, Stetson Engineers; Steve McGee, City of Sierra Madre; Shawn Igoe, City of Monterey Park

Via telephone/Zoom: Albert Lu, SGVMWD; Mayor Robert Parkhurst, City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Melissa Barbosa from the City of Azusa provided an update on the South Reservoir Project, which is currently under construction. Ms. Barbosa thanked the District for the \$3.4 million loan and noted the project is anticipated to be completed in December of 2026.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 11, 2025

Financial Statements for August 2025

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

August 21, 2025, Check Nos. 12753 - 12761, EFTs, and Wires in the amount of \$88,112.09

September 04, 2025, Check Nos. 12762 - 12769, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$83,252.07

September 08, 2025, Check Nos. 12770 - 12772, and Wires in the amount of \$3,229.50

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

August 12 - 31, 2025, Check Nos. 45410 – 45432, and EFTs in the amount of \$595,503.69

September 01 - 08, 2025, Check Nos. 45433 – 45461, and EFT in the amount of \$146,509.60

Disbursements for State Water Project (SWP) expense, dated: August 25, 2025, Check No. 1021, in the amount of \$536,948.00

Visa Recap: July 21, 2025 – August 20, 2025

Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

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

PRESENTATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2025-853 APPRECIATION FOR DARIN J. KASAMOTO

The Board presented a resolution honoring General Manager Darin Kasamoto's 27 years of service to the District. Mr. Kasamoto began as Assistant Manager in 1997 and became General Manager in 2004. City representatives from Azusa, Sierra Madre, and Monterey Park presented proclamations and gifts recognizing his contributions. The resolution recognized his leadership and contributions to the District.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5-0, RESOLUTION NO. 09-2025-853 APPRECIATION FOR DARIN J. KASAMOTO was approved by the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District at their regular meeting held on September 08, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

COOPERATIVE WATER EXCHANGE AGREEMENT (ALHAMBRA EXCHANGE)

Steve Johnson from Stetson Engineers presented on the 1975 Cooperative Water Exchange Agreement (Alhambra Exchange). The agreement was established to address a localized “pumping hole” in the Main San Gabriel Basin where groundwater replenishment is limited. To protect basin conditions for all producers in the Basin, the City of Alhambra agreed to reduce groundwater pumping by approximately 3,000 acre-feet annually. In return, Metropolitan Water District delivers SGVMWD treated water directly to Alhambra—an option only Alhambra is able to accept within the region. This exchange arrangement provides a regional benefit by stabilizing basin levels and ensuring long-term sustainability. The Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster monitors and accounts for the deliveries under the agreement.

ACTION ITEMS

2024 – 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Evelyn Reyes presented the District's 2024-25 Annual Report, summarizing major funding commitments and member city investments. The report also detailed State Water Project deliveries, rebates, irrigation retrofit programs, and OWL Grant programs. Notable projects included the Catalyst SGV Milkweed Project, Margarita Elementary School Desert Garden Oasis, and a water conservation hackathon for high school students.

On motion to receive and file of Director Eng, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5 - 0, the District's 2024-2025 Annual Report was approved.

NOTIFICATION OF LETTERS OF SUPPORT SIGNED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

The General Manager signed two letters of support: (1) requesting amendments to the Fish and Game Code to include golden mussel in invasive species control plans, and (2) supporting Upper District's application for a \$500,000 grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for golden mussel contingency and monitoring plans.

On motion to receive and file of Director Eng, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5 - 0, the Notification of Letters of Support Signed by the General Manager was approved.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GOLDEN MUSSEL UPDATE

The General Manager reported that golden mussel has been detected at Silverwood Lake. Following discussions with Los Angeles County, the County will continue to allow water deliveries provided the responsible agencies develop and implement a suitable golden mussel control plan. Responsible agencies including SGVMWD, Three Valleys Municipal Water District and Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District have formed a task force that meets twice a month and are drafting a control plan, with a draft expected by October 31, 2025. State Water Contractors are also organizing workshops to coordinate regional control strategies.

On motion to receive and file of Director Eng, seconded by Director Prince, and unanimously carried 5 - 0, the San Gabriel Valley Golden Mussel Update was approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

External Affairs Report is included in the Agenda Packet.

Ms. Reyes provided an update on pending legislation, including SB 707, which would extend the sunset date for remote meeting provisions to 2030. The District would not be considered an "eligible legislative body" under the revised language as it does not meet the population requirements. Updates were also provided on the golden mussel trailer bill and Delta Conveyance Project trailer bill negotiations.

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Director Placido mentioned the Watermaster met recently and authorized staff to proceed with compliance and monitoring measures coordinated with the Water Quality Monitoring Program policy. Joint Legal services to be shared with the Water Quality Authority were also approved in connection with the Baldwin Park Operating Unit litigation.

REPORT OF WQA

Director Paulson reported the Water Quality Authority Board adopted an administrative fee of \$12 per acre-foot of prescriptive pumping rights. He noted that due to the cessation of federal funding for basin cleanup, that fee may increase in coming years to continue necessary water quality work.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Legal Counsel Ciampa had no Report.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTOR

The General Manager reported that there was no meeting in August. He noted the Department of Water Resources executed the District's agreement to purchase 5,000 acre-feet of water from Metropolitan Water District, and water deliveries including the Table A allocation are expected to be completed by mid-November.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

The Assistant General Manager reported the District has generated 898 megawatt hours of hydropower in the last two months, yielding \$35,074 in revenue. Power generation is anticipated to continue until October 13, after which Three Valleys MWD will take over capacity at the facility.

Mr. Kiggins mentioned that Three Valleys has expressed interest in exercising their wheeling rights to deliver water through the end of the year.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

There were no committee meeting reports.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

Director Eng and President Placido reported on attending the retirement event for Ken Tang, outgoing Board member of the Alhambra Unified School District. The event was well attended, and Mr. Tang expressed appreciation for receiving a certificate from the District.

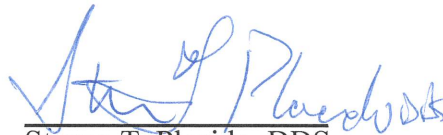
Director Prince announced the upcoming Mount Wilson Trail Race "Recovery Run" on October 4, which will be a 5K event raising funds for trail restoration following the Eaton fire that destroyed the Mount Wilson Trail and Bailey Canyon Trail. The District will be providing water for the runners.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

No additional comments were made.

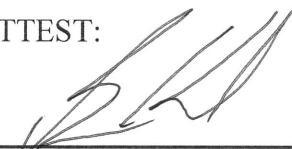
ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:56 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors will be on October 13, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.



Steven T. Placido, DDS
President

ATTEST:



Bruce H Knoles
Secretary