

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2024
8:01 A.M.**

At 8:01 a.m. on September 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 (arrived at 8:03 a.m.)

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; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Russ Bryden and Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Melissa Barbosa and Carlos Solis, City of Azusa; Dave DePinto, DMCI

Via telephone/Zoom: Albert Lu, SGVMWD; David Dolphin, City of Alhambra; George Noriega, City of Monterey Park

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 12, 2024

Financial Statements for August 2024

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:

August 22, 2024, Check Nos. 12558 - 12564, EFTs, and Wires in the amount of \$68,206.01

September 05, 2024, Check Nos. 12565 - 12570, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$64,894.69

September 09, Check Nos. 12571 - 12574, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$2,583.60

Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:

August 13 - 31, 2024, Check Nos. 44671 – 44693 and EFTs in the amount of \$194,278.17

September 09, 2024, Check Nos. 44694 – 44727, in the amount of \$874,473.30

Disbursements of the State Water Project (SWP) Dated:

August 26, 2024, Check No. 1009, in the amount of \$590,824.00

Future Meeting Attendance Approval: SGV Mayors and City Councils Reception –

September 7, Monrovia

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

DIRECTOR PRINCE ARRIVED AT 8:03 A.M.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

DELTA CONVEYANCE FUNDING RESOLUTION NO. 09-2024-839

General Counsel Ciampa advised the Board of the need to table this item until the next Board meeting in order to correct the draft Resolution.

On motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5 - 0, the Delta Conveyance Funding Resolution was tabled and will be considered at the next Board meeting.

CITY OF AZUSA LOAN REQUEST

Melissa Barbosa from the City of Azusa gave a Power Point Presentation of Azusa's South Reservoir Replacement Project (WF-221) to the Board in support of Azusa's request for a \$3.4 million loan.

The General Manager reported the City of Azusa has not previously made any loan requests to the District.

On motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Eng, and unanimously carried 5-0, the City of Azusa request for a \$3.4 million loan to be repaid over a term of 10 years at 0% interest was approved.

PROPOSITION 4

Ms. Reyes reported on the Legislature's enacted of SB 867 and AB 1567, which sets forth a \$10 billion climate resiliency, wildfire and water bond identified as Proposition 4 to be voted on at the November 5 general election.

On motion of Director Eng, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board of Directors adopted a "Support" position on Proposition 4 "The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond of 2024".

APPROVE ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Reyes presented a draft of the 2023-2024 Annual Report, which was designed by Mr. DePinto. She highlighted areas of the Annual Report: Investing in the district's infrastructure, investing in water supply innovation outreach and conservation, and partnering with member cities to promote water education and conservation.

Mr. DePinto pointed out two major items in the 2023-204 Annual Report. First, the District is celebrating 65 years of service and secondly, the District is investing in infrastructure enhancements and exploring supply innovations.

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5 – 0, the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District 2023-2024 Annual Report was approved.

BIDS FOR BACKUP GENERATOR REPLACEMENT

The Assistant General Manager reported the District received two bids for the Backup Generator Project. Upon review of the two bids, Civiltec Engineering recommended rejection of both bids due to costs being substantially higher than their estimate, and to resolicit a modified RFP.

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5 – 0, the bids for the Standby Generator Replacement were rejected and staff was directed to solicit bids for the project under a new RFP.

STAFFING NEEDS

The General Manager asked permission from the Board to hire an additional Accounting Specialist for a three-month period, beginning October. This will result in two Accounting Specialists being on staff for a temporary period, but will provide sufficient time for training until Ms. Esquivel's retirement, at which time her position will be filled by Maria "Gigi" Jarmin as Executive Assistant.

On motion of Director Placido, seconded by Director Knoles, and unanimously carried 5 – 0, the hiring of an additional Accounting Specialist for an initial three-month period was approved, with that employee to remain on staff after the beginning of the new year.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

November 11 is the Veteran's Day Holiday, therefore an alternate date for the Board meeting is warranted.

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Placido, and unanimously carried 5 – 0, the motion to change the November Board Meeting to November 4, 2024, was approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet.

Ms. Reyes briefly reported on the ACWA press related informational items: Legislative Advisory - Last Year of the 2023-24 Legislative Session Ends with Wins For ACWA Members and Newsom Adapts State's Drought Response To Changing Conditions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT

Director Placido reported that he attended a meeting to honor Tony Zampiello and Congresswoman Grace Napolitano for their support and retirement.

Russ Bryden, Executive Officer from Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, provided an update on the overall Basin conditions and commended District staff for their cooperative support on delivering water into the Main San Gabriel Basin.

REPORT OF WQA

Director Paulson reported that the WQA endorsed proposal 4 and took action to approve the annual assessment to producers unchanged at \$12 per acre foot.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

No report.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

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

The General Manager reported that a question had come up from the last Board meeting regarding the District's tax rate being lower for residents in areas in Azusa and Alhambra that were annexed from Metropolitan Water District (MWD). After further discussion, the Board instructed the General Manager and Counsel to further research the issues and to bring back the item at the October Board meeting.

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

The Assistant General Manager reported the District's Table A balance as of September 1st was 8,373-acre feet still to be delivered and he expects to have all of that water in the ground by early December. Civiltec solicited corrosion protection design proposals as part of its May 8, 2023, Agreement for Professional Services for DCAP SCH 1 Pipeline Continuity Bonding, Corrosion Assessment Validation, and Cathodic System Design. Corrpro submitted the lowest proposals, and since they were selected as the District's Corrosion Engineer, staff will work directly with Corrpro going forward.

REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS

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

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

None.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

None.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:17 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be on October 14, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

s/Mark R. Paulson
President

ATTEST:

s/Miles L. Prince
Secretary