

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
725 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK A.M.**

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A special meeting of the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) was duly held in the Watermaster Conference Room of the City of Azusa Light and Water Administration Facility, at 725 North Azusa Avenue, in the City of Azusa, County of Los Angeles, State of California, 91702 on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at the hour of 8:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Lynda Noriega, Chair, called the meeting to order and presided thereover.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Noriega led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL OF WATERMASTER MEMBERS**

The following members of Watermaster were present on roll call:

**PRESENT:** Melissa Barbosa, Paul Cranmer, Dr. Anthony Fellow, Garry Hofer, David Michalko, Lynda Noriega, Steven Placido, Jennifer Santana and Martin Zvirbulis.

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff present at the meeting included: Russ Bryden, Executive Officer; Fred Fudacz Attorney; Kelly Gardner, Assistant Executive Officer; and Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer.

Others present included: Anteneh Tesfaye

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Chair asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. On motion made by Dr. Anthony Fellow, seconded by Mr. Martin Zvirbulis, Secretary, and unanimously carried, the agenda was adopted as presented.

**TIME RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were offered.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A Closed Session was held to discuss the Executive Officer's Annual Performance Evaluation.

**REGULAR MEETING RESUMES**

The Chair announced that action was taken in Closed Session. After evaluation of the Executive Officer's annual performance, the Board voted unanimously to place the Executive Officer on Paid Administrative Leave, effective immediately, pending separation on March 14, 2025, and it was determined that Mrs. Kelly Gardner, Assistant Executive Officer would administer over Watermaster staff, functions and operations until further notice.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair asked if there were other business to come before Watermaster, and there being none, the meeting was adjourned to a regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the City of Azusa Light and Water Administration Facility at 729 North Azusa Avenue, Azusa, CA 91702.

SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE



MARTIN ZVIRBULIS

ATTEST:

  
LYNDA NORIEGA  
CHAIR