

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER
729 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026 AT 2:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) was duly and regularly held in the Conference Room of the City of Azusa Light and Water Administration Facility, at 729 North Azusa Avenue, in the City of Azusa, County of Los Angeles, State of California, 91702 on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at the hour of 2:30 p.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, Cris Fealy, David Michalko, Lynda Noriega, and Jennifer Santana.

ABSENT: Dr. Anthony Fellow, Garry Hofer, and Steven Placido.

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT

Staff present at the meeting included: Kelly Gardner, Executive Officer; Fred Fudacz, Attorney; Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer; Heather Steele, Consulting Engineer; Arrica Jimenez, Director of Administrative Services; Justin Nakano, Director of Water Resources; Ana Mata, Executive Assistant; Ana Rodriguez, Accountant II, and Jocelyn Garcia, Student Intern.

Others present included: Anthony Alberti, Nathan Au, Carlos Cardona, Dan Colby, John Corona, Casey Feilen, Jeff Hanlon, Shawn Harkness, Geo Herrera, Steve Kiggins, Matt Litchfield, Stephanie Lobos, Tom Love, Victor Magana, Damian Martinez, Jose Martinez, Toby Moore, Stephanie Moreno, David Muse, Lenet Pacheco, Jeffrey Pellissier, Jose Reynoso, and Paul Zampielo.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. On motion made by Chair Noriega, seconded by Mr. Paul Cranmer, and unanimously carried, the agenda was adopted as presented.

TIME RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Mr. Cranmer, seconded by Mr. Cris Fealy, Secretary, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved:

- a) Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Watermaster held February 5, 2026;
- b) Lists of Demands: Items 21108 through 21138, and three electronic debits, in the amount of \$416,179.80 on the Administrative Fund and Items 0326-S and 0326-U in the amount of \$87,289.44 on the Replacement Water Fund; and
- c) Financial Statements, February 2026.

REPORT FROM BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. David Michalko, Vice Chair, reported that the Basin Water Management Committee met on February 11, 2026 and referenced the Committee report included in the Board packet. He stated that the discussion included the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's (SGVMWD) Cyclic Storage Deliveries and the current Weck Labs Agreement. He added that the Committee also discussed the Resource Development Assessment (RDA) the consensus and recommendation was to consider the formation of an Executive Ad Hoc Committee to discuss this item.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Secretary Fealy reported that the Administrative Committee met on February 17, 2026 and referenced the Committee report included in the Board packet, stating there is no action required.

Stipulation Re Intervention After Judgment: San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians Led by the Gabrieleno Tongva Tribal Council

He stated that the Committee discussed requirements for intervention and following Mr. Fred Fudacz', Attorney, review, it was recommended that this item be processed and agendized for approval at the next Watermaster Board meeting.

Potential Recission of Resolution of Support for the Los Angeles County Water Plan

Secretary Fealy reported that there have been ongoing discussions regarding the County's commitment on behalf of the general benefit of the Main San Gabriel Basin and region, stated that this item will be tabled for a future Administrative Committee meeting.

Formation of Ad Hoc Committee for the Resource Development Assessment

He reported that to address the RDA rate and buying power including current and future obligations, the Committee agreed the BWMC's recommendation on forming an Executive Ad Hoc Committee appointed by Board Chair to discuss this item.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Fred Fudacz, Attorney, provided a brief update on the Watermaster Further Status Conference to address the impact(s) of the Golden Mussel issue on supplemental water replenishment operations scheduled for April 8, 2026.

Related to the Baldwin Park Operable Unit Agreement renewal process, Mr. Fudacz reported on the meeting held on February 24, 2026 with the Cooperating Respondents and Water Entities.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ms. Heather Steele, Consulting Engineer, reported that the Baldwin Park Key Well level was 263.5 feet on February 20, 2026, an increase of about 0.7 feet from the prior week, an increase of about 6.0 feet from the prior month, and about 19.0 feet higher than one year ago. She also reported that it includes about 217,000 acre-feet of untreated imported water in cyclic storage accounts, which represents about 27.0 feet of groundwater elevation at the Key Well. The historic low for the Key Well has been established at 169.4 feet on November 21, 2018.

Ms. Steele then reported briefly on hydrologic conditions as of February 28, 2026, stating that total rainfall at Puddingstone Dam is 17.07 inches, which is about 129 percent of average; and at the Los Angeles Civic Center, rainfall is 7.58 inches, which is 42 percent of average, for this time of year.

Additionally, Ms. Steele stated that total combined canyon storage, as of February 24, 2026, was 52,389 acre-feet, about 63 percent of capacity. She also stated that as of February 24, 2026, the San Gabriel Reservoir inflow was 502 cubic feet per second (cfs), release was 350 cfs and the Morris Reservoir inflow was 376 cfs, release was 350 cfs.

Ms. Steele then reported that the Azusa Land Reclamation and Peck Road landfills were inspected and found to be operating normally with no violations. She referred to a written report included in the Board packet that included additional water supply and rainfall information.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Kelly Gardner, Executive Officer, referenced that a written copy of her report on Outside Activities is included in the Board packet.

She then provided an update on the Golden Mussel issue, stating that a meeting was held on February 17, 2026, with SGVMD, USGVMD, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding the "Golden Mussel Prevention, Control, and Mitigation Plan for the Delivery of Imported Water in the Main San Gabriel Basin – Phase 1."

She stated that the next BWMC meeting scheduled for March 11, 2026, will include a discussion on the RDA.

Lastly, she provided an update on current Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) activities referring to a report submitted in advance by the LACFCD to Watermaster.

REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

Mrs. Jennifer Santana reported on behalf of Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD), stating that USGVMWD's report is available at the sign-in table. She stated that on February 11, 2026, the USGVMWD Board approved an amendment to their adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26. Additionally, Mrs. Santana reported that the USGVMWD Administration and Finance Committee scheduled for March 3rd has been rescheduled to March 17th, and their Government Affairs and Community Outreach Committee and Special Meeting of the Board of Directors on March 18th has been cancelled.

Mr. Tom Love, General Manager, also reported on behalf of USGVMWD, stating that the Washington D.C. trip where he along with Board members Katarina Garcia and Dr. Anthony Fellow was very productive as they met with legislative representatives on current activities. He announced that the USGVMWD Producer and Board of Directors meetings on March 11, 2026 are cancelled.

Mr. Love then reported on Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) activities, stating that on February 10, 2026, the MWD Board certified the final Environmental Impact Report for Pure Water Southern California. Additionally, he reported that a workshop was held last week where the budget was presented, noting that the discussion included increasing the ad valorem tax rate.

Mr. Jeff Hanlon, Board member, reported on behalf of Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD), stating that he along with Board members and Mr. Litchfield, attended their annual Lobby Day in Sacramento. He noted that discussions primarily focused on the Golden Mussel and Pure Water Southern California. Lastly, he reported briefly on the language related to Assembly Bill 1894, Rubio. Fish and wildlife: aquatic invasive species: genus Caulerpa.

Mr. Matt Litchfield, General Manager, also reported on behalf of TVMWD, stating that this morning's Board meeting included a budget workshop for Fiscal Year 2026-27. He then provided an operational update on the annual shutdown of the Miramar Treatment Plant. Mr. Litchfield reported that there was detection of the Golden Mussel at their treatment plant and is being tested by MWD.

Mr. Jose Reynoso, General Manager, also reported on behalf of SGVMWD, providing an update on the Delta Conveyance Project.

Lastly, Mr. Reynoso provided an update on the following Senate Bills:

- Senate Bill 872, McNerney. Department of Water Resources: supervision of dams and reservoirs.

- Senate Bill 3738, Padilla. MORE WATER (Making Our communities Resilient through Enhancing Water for Agriculture, Technology, the Environment, and Residences) Act

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items listed on the agenda for information of Watermaster were noted, and ordered received and filed:

- Temporary assignment or lease of 500.00 acre-feet of Carry-over Right from Golden State Water Company – San Dimas to Covina Valley Water Company for Fiscal Year 2025-26
- Temporary assignment or lease of 520.72 acre-feet of Production Right from Cadway, Inc. to California Domestic Water Company for Fiscal Year 2025-26
- Permanent Transfer of 2.00 acre-feet of Prescriptive Pumping Right from The Maggiore Family Trust to California Domestic Water Company
- Change of Designee for Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts to David Pierce
- San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District transmittal of monthly report for January 2026

COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS

Ms. Melissa Barbosa, Treasurer, expressed appreciation to the Responsible Agencies for their ongoing efforts and contributions related to addressing the Golden Mussel issue. She thanked Chair Noriega and Mrs. Gardner on their continued work and progress with the County in resuming imported water deliveries on March 1, 2026.

She provided a brief legislative update, that included a trip to Sacramento where they met with state legislators to educate them on the impacts of the Golden Mussel in the San Gabriel Valley.

Lastly, Treasurer Barbosa commended Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio for her support and advocacy on water-related issues affecting the San Gabriel Valley.

Chair Noriega expressed appreciation to Watermaster and the Responsible Agencies for providing public comments at the MWD Board meeting on February 10, 2026 in support of Pure Water Southern California.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were offered.

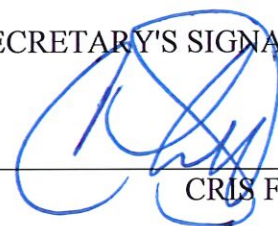
CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

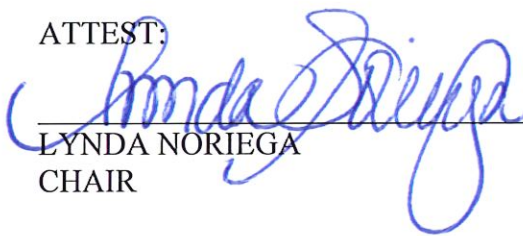
The Chair asked if there were other business to come before Watermaster, and there being none, the meeting was adjourned to a regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the City of Azusa Light and Water Administration Facility at 729 North Azusa Avenue, Azusa, CA 91702.

SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE



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ATTEST:



LYNDA NORIEGA
CHAIR