

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER
729 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025 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, December 10, 2025, 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, Dr. Anthony Fellow, David Michalko, Lynda Noriega, Steven Placido, Jennifer Santana and Martin Zvirbulis.

ABSENT: Garry Hofer

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; Ana Mata, Executive Assistant; Ana Rodriguez, Accountant II; Lauren Augino, Water Resources Analyst II, and Jocelyn Garcia, Student Intern.

Others present included: Anthony Alberti, Carlos Cardona, Dan Colby, John Corona, Cris Fealy, Casey Feilen, Geo Herrera, Steve Kiggins, Bruce Knoles, Sylvie Lee, Stephanie Lobos, Tom Love, Victor Magana, Toby Moore, Jose Reynoso, Tara Robinson, and Paul Zampello.

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. 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. Steven Placido, seconded by Mr. David Michalko, Vice Chair, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Watermaster held November 5, 2025;
- b) Lists of Demands: Items 21019 through 21047, and three electronic debits, in the amount of \$323,196.14 on the Administrative Fund and Items 1225-S and 1225-U in the amount of \$5,310,181.00 on the Replacement Water Fund, and
- c) Financial Statements, November 2025.

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, COMMEMORATING AND INVITING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED BY MARTIN ZVIRBULIS DURING HIS TENURE AS A BOARD MEMBER, OFFICER AND PRODUCER MEMBER OF WATERMASTER (Resolution No. 12-25-341)

Resolution No. 12-25-341 – The Chair stated that a Resolution has been prepared expressing appreciation, commemorating and inviting public attention to the outstanding services rendered by Mr. Martin Zvirbulis, Secretary, during his tenure as a Board Member, Officer and Producer Member of Watermaster.

On motion made by Dr. Fellow, seconded by Chair Noriega, and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted and passed as read:

RESOLUTION NO. 12-25-341

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, COMMEMORATING AND INVITING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED BY MARTIN ZVIRBULIS DURING HIS TENURE AS A BOARD MEMBER, OFFICER AND PRODUCER MEMBER OF WATERMASTER

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RESOLUTION NO. 12-25-341

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION,
COMMEMORATING AND INVITING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE
OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED BY**

MARTIN ZVIRBULIS

AS BOARD MEMBER, OFFICER AND PRODUCER MEMBER OF WATERMASTER

WHEREAS, MARTIN ZVIRBULIS was nominated by Producers and appointed by the Court as a Producer Member of Watermaster for the 2021 calendar year term and has been continuously reappointed each year through the calendar year 2025 term; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zvirbulis was elected to serve as Secretary of Watermaster in 2021 and each year after through 2025; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a Producer Member and Board Secretary of Watermaster, Mr. Zvirbulis has rendered dedicated, professional, and outstanding services to the benefit of Watermaster, the Court, the Basin, water community and the public at large;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL
BASIN WATERMASTER as follows:**

1. *Full measure of appreciation is hereby expressed and acknowledged for the effective and beneficial services rendered by **Martin Zvirbulis** during his participation in the duties and affairs of Watermaster, as a Producer Member and Board Secretary thereof;*
2. *Public attention is hereby called and directed to the services rendered by **Mr. Zvirbulis** during his served term of office; and*
3. *This Resolution shall be maintained in the permanent records of Watermaster in recognition of **Mr. Zvirbulis**' outstanding performance of duty.*

Dated this 10th day of December, 2025

Chair

ATTEST:

Vice Chair

Chair Noriega expressed appreciation in working with Mr. Zvirbulis while serving on the Watermaster Board. She thanked him for his leadership, direction and perspective that helped her along the way as Chair of the Board. Chair Noriega stated that he will be missed and hopes to see him in the future.

Dr. Fellow expressed appreciation and respect to Secretary Zvirbulis for his dedicated service on the Watermaster Board.

Mrs. Jennifer Santana also expressed appreciation in working with Secretary Zvirbulis.

Ms. Melissa Barbosa, Treasurer, expressed appreciation to Secretary Zvirbulis for his mentorship and collaboration with her on the Watermaster Board.

Mrs. Kelly Gardner, Executive Officer, thanked Secretary Zvirbulis for his leadership, support and guidance.

Vice Chair Michalko thanked Secretary Zvirbulis for his service on the Watermaster Board.

Mr. Cranmer also thanked and expressed appreciation to Mr. Zvirbulis.

Mr. Placido also thanked Secretary Zvirbulis for his service on the Watermaster Board and emphasized the important role held.

Secretary Zvirbulis thanked the Watermaster Board and Producers for the collaboration and exchange of ideas while serving on the Watermaster Board.

REQUEST FROM LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT TO PURCHASE 100.00 ACRE-FEET OF WATER FROM UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT FOR PRODUCER CYCLIC STORAGE

Mrs. Gardner reported that La Puente Valley County Water District has submitted a request to purchase 100.00 acre-feet of water from Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD) for its producer cyclic storage account. She noted that there is available capacity within their existing account.

On motion made by Vice Chair Michalko, seconded by Dr. Fellow, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized the purchase of 100.00 of cyclic storage water from USGVMWD for La Puente Valley County Water District's individual producer cyclic storage account.

REPORT FROM BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Vice Chair Michalko referred to a written Basin Water Management Committee (BWMC) report included in the Board packet. He reported that the BWMC met on November 12, 2025, stating that the discussion included the Resource Development Assessment, the Azusa Land Reclamation Zone V Operations Plan, an update on the Golden Mussel and Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Regulations.

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIESGolden State Water Company – San Gabriel District, Section 28, “Application for Water Treatment Facility” – Farna Wells and Persimmon Well

Ms. Heather Steele, Consulting Engineer, reported that Golden State Water Company (GSWC) – San Gabriel District has submitted an application for a proposed Treatment Facility at its Farna Wells No. 1 and No. 2, and Persimmon Well No. 1 in the City of Arcadia based on the presence of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) at the existing wells. The proposed Treatment Facility will consist of granular activated carbon treatment, capacity to treat up to approximately 2,350 gallons per minute (gpm), and the produced groundwater will be treated to non-detected levels of PFAS and delivered to GSWC’s distribution system.

GSWC’s Farna Well No. 1 was constructed to a depth of 540 feet below ground surface (bgs) and is perforated from 274 feet to 365 feet bgs, 415 feet to 435 feet bgs, and 442 feet to 455 feet bgs with a current pumping capacity of about 1,200 gpm.

GSWC’s Farna Well No. 2 was constructed to a depth of 600 feet bgs and is perforated from 229 to 600 feet bgs with a current pumping capacity of about 750 gpm.

GSWC’s Persimmon Well No. 1 was constructed to a depth of 800 feet bgs and is perforated from 156 feet to 360 feet bgs and 366 to 798 feet bgs with a current pumping capacity of about 432 gpm.

The aquifer in the vicinity of the proposed Treatment Facility is a multi-layer aquifer and consists of unconsolidated materials ranging from sand to coarse gravel and rocks with a major clay layer located between 165 and 190 feet bgs. Construction of the proposed Treatment Facility will not conflict with any Basin Clean-up plan and pumping will be consistent with historic pumping, and there is no new pumping anticipated.

Ms. Steele recommended that Watermaster approve the Golden State Water Company’s application for a Treatment Facility at Farna Wells No. 1 and No. 2, and Persimmon Well No. 1, subject to conditions stated in the staff report.

On motion made by Mrs. Santana, seconded by Secretary Zvirbulis, and unanimously carried, Watermaster approved Golden State Water Company’s application for a Water Treatment Facility at Farna Wells No. 1 and No. 2, and Persimmon Well No. 1, subject to the conditions in the staff report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Fudacz reported that on December 5, 2025 a hearing before Presiding Judge Maureen Duffy-Lewis was held confirming the Watermaster Board of Directors’ nominees for Calendar Year (CY) 2026; and a Status Conference on Main San Gabriel Basin conditions and addressed the impact of the Golden Mussel issue on supplemental replenishment operations.

Related to the Baldwin Park Operable Unit (BPOU) Agreement renewal process, he reported that an introductory meeting with the Water Entities and Corresponding Respondents is scheduled for December 11, 2025.

Lastly, Mr. Fudacz provided the following key dates:

- February 5, 2026 – Status Conference regarding the Golden Mussel issue
- December 1, 2026 – Status Conference and Hearing on Appointment of Watermaster Members for CY 2027
- March 2, 2027 – Hearing on Petition for Court Approval of BPOU Settlement Agreement

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ms. Steele reported that the Baldwin Park Key Well level was 246.1 feet on November 26, 2025, a decrease of about 0.3 feet from the prior week, a decrease of about 2.2 feet from the prior month, and about 1.0 feet higher than one year ago. She also reported that it includes about 230,000 acre-feet of untreated imported water in cyclic storage accounts, which represents about 29.0 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 November 30, 2025, stating that total rainfall at Puddingstone Dam is 6.42 inches, which is about 247 percent of average; and at the Los Angeles Civic Center, rainfall is 6.91 inches, which is 347 percent of average, for this time of year.

Additionally, Ms. Steele stated that total combined canyon storage, as of December 2, 2025, was 25,494 acre-feet, about 31 percent of capacity. She also stated that as of December 2, 2025, the San Gabriel Reservoir inflow was 113 cubic feet per second (cfs), release was 0 cfs and the Morris Reservoir inflow was 0 cfs, release was 40 cfs. She also provided a water quality update.

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

(Secretary Zvirbulis left the meeting.)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Gardner referred to a report on Outside Activities included in the Board packet.

She highlighted that a Public Hearing on the Draft Annual Five-Year Water Quality and Supply Plan is scheduled for January 7, 2026, noting as required by the Rules and Regulations, a notice of public hearing will also be published in the San Gabriel Valley's key local newspapers on December 10 and 17, 2025.

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

REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

Dr. Fellow provided a brief update on current Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) activities, stating that the Special Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors on December 9, 2025 included a Commendatory Resolution honoring Mr. Larry Dick, Municipal Water District of Orange County, on his retirement, as well as, the induction of his successor, Mr. Randall Crane, representing the same district. He added that the discussion also included an update on Assembly Bill 523 MWD proxy vote authorization.

Mrs. Santana reported on behalf of USGVMWD, stating that on November 12, 2025, its Board of Directors approved a purchase of untreated water for cyclic storage in the amount of 7,500 acre-feet, and honored Mr. Ruben Gallegos, Community Outreach Specialist, upon his retirement. She added that at today's USGVMWD Board of Directors meeting, Ms. Evelyn Rodriguez, Chief Financial Officer, will be honored upon her retirement.

Mr. Tom Love, General Manager, also reported on behalf of USGVMWD, stating that he along with Mrs. Gardner provided comments related to the guiding principles for Pure Water Southern California Partnerships during public comment at MWD's Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee held on December 8, 2025.

Mr. Placido reported on behalf of San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD), stating that its Board meeting held on December 8, 2025, included routine items.

Mr. Jose Reynoso, General Manager, also reported on behalf of SGVMWD, raising awareness on a proposed development and potential impacts on projects within his service area that carries local water usage.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- a) Temporary assignment or lease of 20.30 acre-feet of Production Right from Jeanne Rana Living Trust to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for Fiscal Year 2025-26
- b) Permanent Transfer of 7.00 acre-feet of Prescriptive Pumping Right from The Maggiore Family Trust Dated 8-31-2015 to California Domestic Water Company
- c) Permanent Transfer of 3.00 acre-feet of Prescriptive Pumping Right from Estate of David Loucks to San Gabriel Valley Water Company
- d) Temporary assignment or lease of 168.00 acre-feet of Production Right from Lucy A. Rosedale & Harry Edwin Rosedale III, Trustees of the Harry E. Rosedale Trust dtd May 24, 1985 to Canyon Water Company for Fiscal Year 2025-26
- e) Letter to Azusa Land Reclamation Zone V Operation Plan, Underwater Fill

COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS

Treasurer Barbosa thanked Mrs. Gardner for an impressive presentation at the Status Conference, and is hopeful that the County attends the February 5, 2026 Status Conference to address the Golden Mussel issue in order to restore imported water deliveries. Lastly, she wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Mr. Cranmer commended Mrs. Gardner for delivering a clear and concise presentation at the Status Conference and for a doing an outstanding job.

Mr. Placido wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Chair Noriega wished everyone a Merry Christmas. She thanked Mrs. Gardner and Mr. Fudacz for a great job at the Status Conference.

Vice Chair Michalko commended Mrs. Gardner for a great job at the Status Conference. He then announced that today's Board meeting will adjourn in memory of Mr. John Dale Reese, Chair Noriega's father who passed away on December 2, 2025.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Amendment of Los Angeles County Public Works Spreading Agreement
- b) Rescind a Resolution of Support for the Los Angeles County Water Plan

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 in honor and memory of Mr. John Dale Reese, and to the next regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, January 7, 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

MARTIN ZVIRBULIS

ATTEST:

LYNDA NORIEGA
CHAIR