

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER
725 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023 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, February 1, 2023, 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: David DeJesus, Dr. Anthony Fellow, Benjamin Lewis, Jr., David Michalko, Lynda Noriega, Steven Placido and Anteneh Tesfaye.

ABSENT: Martin Zvirbulis

(Ms. Jennifer Santana joined later in the meeting.)

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT

Staff present at the meeting included: Anthony Zampielo, Executive Officer; Fred Fudacz, Attorney; Kelly Gardner, Assistant Executive Officer; Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer; Arrica Jimenez, Administration Manager; Ana Mata, Executive Assistant; Ana Rodriguez, Accountant II and Lauren Augino, Water Resources Analyst.

Others present included: Carlos Cardona, Emanuel Cardoso, Dan Colby, Ray Cordero, John Corona, Paul Cranmer, Cris Fealy, Casey Feilen, Roy Frausto, Wayne Goehring, Erik Hitchman, Steve Kiggins, Matthew Litchfield, Tom Love, Jared Macias, Jeffrey Pellissier, Evelyn Reyes, Randy Schoellerman and Carlos Solis.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. On motion made by Dr. Fellow, seconded by Mr. Tesfaye, 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. Michalko, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved:

- a) Minutes of a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of Watermaster held January 4, 2023;
- b) Lists of Demands: Items 20005 through 20042, and three electronic debits, in the amount of \$327,809.59 on the Administrative Fund and Items 0223-S, 0223-T and 223-U in the amount of \$35,863,180.78 on the Replacement Water Fund;
- c) Financial Statements, January 2023;
- d) Authorization to attend Association of California Water Agencies Spring Conference, May 9-11, 2023.

REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Anthony Zampello, Executive Officer, referred to a written Committee report included in the Board packet, stating that the Administrative Committee met on January 18, 2023 to discuss the 2023 Watermaster Committee Assignments and Representatives to Outside Organizations, which requires Watermaster action today.

Recommendation of 2023 Watermaster Committee Assignments and Representatives to Outside Organizations: On motion made by Dr. Fellow, seconded by Mr. DeJesus, and unanimously carried, Watermaster approved the 2023 Watermaster Committee Assignments, as presented.

Chair Noriega stated that if there were others who would like to be included in any of the Committees to contact either the Executive Officer or the Assistant Executive Officer directly.

REPORT FROM THE BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Michalko reported that the Basin Water Management Committee met on January 11, 2023 and referenced the Committee report included in the Board packet, stating no action taken.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The Attorney, Mr. Fred Fudacz, provided an update on the on-site visit/tour and hearing scheduled for April 26, 2023 at the Watermaster offices, stating that progress continues and anticipates a notice to the Parties to the Judgment with the details to be sent by the end of this month.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer, reported that the Baldwin Park Key Well level was 179.0 feet on January 20, 2023, an increase of 0.1 feet from the prior week; about 0.2 feet lower from the prior month, and about 3.0 feet lower than one year ago. He also reported that it includes about 103,000 acre-feet of untreated imported water in cyclic storage accounts, which represents about 13 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.

Mr. Johnson then reported briefly on hydrologic conditions as of January 24, 2023, stating that total rainfall at Puddingstone Dam is 13.72 inches, which is about 145 percent of average; and at the Los Angeles Civic Center, rainfall is 13.38 inches, which is 185 percent of average, for this time of year.

Additionally, Mr. Johnson stated that total combined canyon storage, as of January 23, 2023, was 64,867 acre-feet, about 78 percent of capacity. He also stated that as of January 23, 2023, the San Gabriel Reservoir inflow was 753 cubic feet per second (cfs), release was 1,185 cfs and the Morris Reservoir inflow was 1,214 cfs, release was 750 cfs. He also provided a snowpack and water quality update.

Mr. Johnson also 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.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Zampielo reported that a written copy of a report on Outside Activities is included in the Board packet. He then provided a brief discussion on water supply and next steps.

Mr. Zampielo also reported that the Basin Water Management Committee Meeting scheduled for February 7, 2023 has been rescheduled to February 15, 2023 and will include a Watermaster 101 educational workshop.

Lastly, he referred to an information item, specifically the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District memo that details projections for obligation deliveries over the next five years.

REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

Dr. Anthony Fellow, reporting on behalf of Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD), reported that the USGVMWD Board of Directors approved the following on January 25, 2023:

- Adopted 2023-24 Legislative Policy Principles

Ms. Jennifer Santana, also reporting on behalf of USGVMWD, reported that a Water Resources and Facility Management Committee Meeting is scheduled today at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Tom Love, General Manager, also reporting on behalf of USGVMWD, provided an update on imported water supplies. He also provided an update on the Quagga Mussel Mitigation Plan, noting that he will provide more detail at his upcoming Producer meeting.

Mr. Love added that a Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) water supply update will be provided at the Water Resources and Facility Management Committee Meeting being held today 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Matthew Litchfield, General Manager, reporting on behalf of Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD), stated that the TVMWD Board of Directors meeting on February 1, 2023 included a debrief on the Water Resources Master Plan and professional services agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. to develop a roadmap to enhance TVMWD's water supply portfolio. He added that the item will be presented to the TVMWD Board of Directors for consideration on February 15, 2023.

Mr. Litchfield also reported that TVMWD entered into an agreement with MWD for the Reverse Cyclic Program in the amount of 3,000 acre-feet.

Mr. Placido, reporting on behalf of San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD), stated that Mr. Mike Eng was appointed to the SGVMWD Board of Directors filling the vacancy by Mr. Thomas Wong.

Mr. Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager, also reporting on behalf of SGVMWD, stated that the SGVMWD Board of Directors approved the following on January 23, 2023:

- Adopted Resolution No. 01-2023-818 Grant Application for DWR Drought Relief Funding
- Approved a proposal from Stetson Engineers to prepare a white paper on MWD use of district pipeline for Pure Water Southern California Project.

REPORT FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEE LIAISONS

The Chair reported that any Outside Committee Liaisons reports are included in the Board packet.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- a) Temporary assignment or lease of 4,925.76 acre-feet of Production Right from Co-Tenancy of Laurence R. Pellissier Irrevocable Trust, et al to California Domestic Water Company for FY 2022-23
- b) Temporary assignment or lease of 172.95 acre-feet of Production Right from Bank of America N.A. Trustee of the William Knight Living Trust UTD 05/11/2000 to California Domestic Water Company for FY 2022-23

- c) Temporary assignment or lease of 488.18 acre-feet of Production Right from Cadway, Inc. to California Domestic Water Company for FY 2022-23
- d) San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Water Projections for the Next Five Years
- e) San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District transmittal of monthly report for December 2022

COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS

Ms. Santana commented that it was great to see water flowing in the San Gabriel River. She also stated that she attended the Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly Luncheon on January 27, 2023, and that it included a presentation by Mr. Adán Ortega, Chair, MWD Board of Directors. She mentioned that there has been a large amount of coverage on the Colorado River crisis, and she looks forward to learning more about long-term solutions.

Mr. Tesfaye and Mr. Michalko stated that it was good to see everyone attending the meeting in person.

Chair Noriega reported that in preparation for the Watermaster 101s, a group of Producers met over lunch yesterday to discuss the outline. She stated that feedback was provided to be included in the 101s and found it encouraging to see the participation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No agenda items were provided.

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 the next regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 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

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