

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER
729 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 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, July 5, 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, Jennifer Santana, Anteneh Tesfaye and Martin Zvirbulis.

ABSENT: None

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT

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

Others present included: Anthony Alberti, Carlos Cardona, Patricia Cortez, Paul DiMaggio, Cris Fealy, Roy Frausto, Wayne Goehring, Steve Kiggins, Sylvie Lee, Jared Macias, Dusty Moasio, Tara Mulally, Chris Nieto, Jeffrey Pellissier, Tara Robinson, Carlos Solis and Ernesto Venegas.

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 Vice Chair David Michalko, and unanimously carried, the agenda was adopted as presented.

TIME RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Treasurer Anteneh Tesfaye, seconded by Mr. David DeJesus, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Watermaster held June 7, 2023;
- b) Lists of Demands: Items 20155 through 20183, and four electronic debits, in the amount of \$466,462.88 on the Administrative Fund and Items 0723-S and 0723-U in the amount of \$119,931.32 on the Replacement Water Fund;
- c) Financial Statements, June 2023.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE GOVERNMENTAL EXECUTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN

Adoption of Resolution No. 07-23-317 Approving Contribution – Mr. Anthony Zampiello, Executive Officer, stated that this plan has been in place for several years, and is an item that comes before Watermaster for approval each year. He noted that this is part of the annual evaluation process and requires Board action and adoption of a resolution.

On motion made by Mr. Benjamin Lewis, Jr., seconded by Mr. DeJesus, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was then read, adopted, and passed as read:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-23-317

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(see next page)

RESOLUTION NO. 07-23-317

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER
APPROVING AND ADOPTING
THE GOVERNMENTAL EXECUTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (the "Watermaster") has adopted a defined contribution plan (the "Plan), effective January 1, 2012, to provide additional benefits for certain employees; and

WHEREAS, the Watermaster has determined that it is in its own best interest and the best interest of its employees to make contributions to the Plan for the benefit of certain employees; and

WHEREAS, the Watermaster has determined that, unless and until it determines otherwise, for each plan year, the Watermaster shall make contributions to the Plan for the participants listed below as follows:

Eligible Employee	Nonelective Contribution Amount	Matching Contribution Amount	Allocation Date
Executive Officer	\$5,000/mo.	0.00	7/1/2023
Assistant Executive Officer	\$1,600/mo.	0.00	7/1/2023

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Executive Officer and/or Assistant Executive Officer of the Watermaster are hereby authorized and directed to do and perform such other acts as may be necessary or convenient to make the contributions to the Plan described in these resolutions.

SECTION 2. Any acts of the Executive Officer and/or Assistant Executive Officer and any person or persons designated and authorized to act by the Executive Officer and/or Assistant Executive Officer which acts would have been authorized by the foregoing resolutions except that such acts were taken prior to the adoption of these resolutions, hereby ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted as acts in the name of and on behalf of the Watermaster.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Watermaster is authorized, whenever necessary or convenient, to prepare true and correct copies of these resolutions and to certify the correctness of such copies.

Dated: July 5, 2023


Chair

Attest:

Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Martin Zvirbulis, Secretary, hereby certify that I am and at all times mentioned herein have been the qualified and acting Secretary of the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, a district organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the board of directors of the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster duly held on the 5th day of July, 2023, a majority and quorum of the members of said board of directors being present and all voting in favor of said Resolution; and that said Resolution has not been modified, rescinded, altered, or amended and is now in full force and effect.

Executed this 5th day of July, 2023.

MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN
WATERMASTER



Secretary

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN SIX-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE PRODUCTION AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL RELATIVE TO THE WHITTIER NARROWS OPERABLE UNIT

Mr. Zampielo provided background on the Water Production Agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation to accept treated water from the Whittier Narrows Operable Unit treatment facility into Legg Lake. He stated that the current Agreement expired on June 30, 2023; therefore, to continue the deliveries of treated water to Legg Lake, a six-month extension of the Water Production Agreement effective July 1, 2023 was requested for the purpose of negotiating a new long-term agreement.

On motion made by Vice Chair Michalko, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and unanimously carried, authorized the Executive Officer to sign six-month extension of the Production Agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Toxic Substances Control relative to the Whittier Narrows Operable Unit.

REPORT FROM BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Vice Chair Michalko reported that the Basin Water Management Committee (BWMC) met on June 14, 2023 and referenced the Committee report included in the Board packet. He announced that the BWMC meeting for the month of July 2023 will be dark, noting a cancellation notice will be sent.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The Attorney, Mr. Fred Fudacz, reported that a Status Conference before Presiding Judge, the Honorable Maureen Duffy-Lewis regarding Main Basin conditions is scheduled for September 20, 2023. He added that notice to all Parties will be sent next month.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer, reported that the Baldwin Park Key Well level was 232.6 feet on June 23, 2023, a decrease 0.4 feet from the prior week; about 0.7 feet higher from the prior month, and about 47.0 feet higher than one year ago. He also reported that it includes about 376,000 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 June 30, 2023, stating that total rainfall at Puddingstone Dam is 28.06 inches, which is about 155 percent of average; and at the Los Angeles Civic Center, rainfall is 28.40 inches, which is 188 percent of average, for this time of year.

Additionally, Mr. Johnson stated that total combined canyon storage, as of June 27, 2023, was 9,660 acre-feet, about 12 percent of capacity. He also stated that as of June 27, 2023, the San Gabriel Reservoir inflow was 190 cubic feet per second (cfs), release was 190 cfs and the Morris Reservoir inflow was 176 cfs, release was 20 cfs, noting that 20 cfs of the release was diverted from the San Gabriel River at the Azusa/Duarte intake for use by the San Gabriel River Water Committee. He also provided a water quality update.

Mr. Johnson 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.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Zampielo reported that a written copy of his report on Outside Activities is included in the Board packet.

REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

Ms. Jennifer Santana, reporting on behalf of USGVMWD, reported that on June 14, 2023, the USGVMWD Board of Directors approved the following:

- Approved State Legislative Bill Positions
- Approved the Fiscal Year 2023-23 Budget

She also reported that on June 28, 2023, the USGVWMD Board of Directors approved the following:

- Adoption of Strategic Plan
- Adopted Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Additionally, Ms. Santana provided the following key dates:

- Government Affairs and Community Outreach Committee Meeting – July 10, 2023
- Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting – July 11, 2023
- Water Resources and Facility Management Committee Meeting – July 11, 2023
- Board of Directors Meeting – July 12, 2023
- Producer Meeting – July 12, 2023
- Board of Directors Meeting – July 26, 2023 – Cancelled
- Board of Directors Meeting – August 23, 2023 – Dark

Ms. Sylvie Lee, Chief Water Resources Officer, reporting on behalf of Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD), stated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

Mr. Steven Placido, reporting on behalf of San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD), reported that the SGVMWD Board met on June 1, 2023; stating that the discussion included routine items and discussion on their upcoming pipeline project.

REPORT FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Chair Noriega reported that any reports from the Outside Committee Liaisons 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) Permanent transfer of 25.08 acre-feet of Prescriptive Pumping Right from Carolyn Heinrich to Carolyn R. Heinrich Trust Dated January 23, 2023
- b) Temporary assignment or lease of 19.04 acre-feet of Production Right from Carolyn R. Heinrich Trust Dated January 23, 2023 to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2022-23
- c) Temporary assignment or lease of 43.89 acre-feet of Production Right from Philip G. Tate & Sieglinde Tate, Trustees of the Tate Family Trust to La Puente Valley County Water District for FY 2022-23
- d) Temporary assignment or lease of 335.39 acre-feet of Production Right from Mary Kay Dawes to La Puente Valley County Water District for FY 2023-24
- e) Temporary assignment or lease of 15.00 acre-feet of Production Right from Gale & Vicki Banks to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2022-23
- f) Temporary assignment or lease of 208.71 acre-feet of Carry-over Right from IBY Property Owner, LLC to California Domestic Water Company for FY 2022-23
- g) Temporary assignment or lease of 60.00 acre-feet of Production Right from Del Rio Mutual Water Company to California Domestic Water Company for FY 2022-23
- h) Temporary assignment or lease of 300.00 acre-feet of Carry-over Right from Golden State Water Company – San Dimas to Golden State Water Company – San Gabriel for FY 2022-23
- i) Temporary assignment or lease of 1,094.00 acre-feet of Production Right from County of Los Angeles to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2022-23
- j) Temporary assignment or lease of 500.00 acre-feet of Carryover Right from Golden State Water Company – San Dimas to Covina Irrigating Company for FY 2022-23
- k) Temporary assignment or lease of 1,600.00 acre-feet of Production Right from Hanson Aggregates West, Inc to California Domestic Water Company for FY 2022-23

- l) Temporary assignment or lease of 151.00 acre-feet of Production Right from Sonoco Products Company to California Domestic Water Company for FY 2022-23
- m) Temporary assignment or lease of 134.83 acre-feet of Integrated Production Right, consisting of 125.24 acre-feet of Production Right and 9.59 acre-feet of Diversion Component, from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to California Domestic Water Company for FY 2022-23
- n) Change of Designee for Vulcan Materials Company to Robert Bowcock
- o) Transmittal of San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District monthly report for May 2023

COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS

Dr. Fellow extended an invitation to the Association of California Water Agencies Region 8 Meeting on July 13, 2023 hosted by the West Basin Municipal Water District. He added that he is a candidate for the chair position representing Region 8. Additionally, he held a brief discussion regarding the proposed expansion of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

Ms. Santana commented on the recent media coverage regarding atrazine, noting that Mr. Zampiello confirmed that there is no detection of atrazine in the San Gabriel Valley water supply.

Mr. Placido stated that the SGVMWD hosted a briefing for Asian media representatives to share the San Gabriel Valley “water story.” He appreciated Mr. Zampiello for being a panelist and thanked him for a great job.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Public Hearing on August 2, 2023 Regarding Any Requests for Waivers of Assessments

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, August 2, 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.

MARTIN ZVIRBULIS

ATTEST:

LYNDA NORIEGA
CHAIR

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