

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER
725 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, March 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, Benjamin Lewis, Jr., David Michalko, Lynda Noriega, Steven Placido, Anteneh Tesfaye and Martin Zvirbulis.

ABSENT: Dr. Anthony Fellow and Jennifer Santana.

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; Arrica Jimenez, Administration Manager; Ana Mata, Executive Assistant; Ana Rodriguez, Accountant II and Lauren Augino, Water Resources Analyst.

Others present included: Melissa Barbosa, Tom Coleman, Paul Cranmer, Cris Fealy, Casey Feilen, Roy Frausto, Greg Galindo, Erik Hitchman, Steve Kiggins, Sylvie Lee, Tom Love, Jared Macias, Jose Martinez, Dusty Moisio, Chisom Obegolu, Jeffrey Pellissier, Tara Robinson, Mike Ti and Ernesto Venegas.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

- a) Regular Meeting of Watermaster held February 1, 2023;
- b) Lists of Demands: Items 20043 through 20069, and three electronic debits, in the amount of \$335,149.12 on the Administrative Fund and Items 323-S and 323-U in the amount of \$157,167.80 on the Replacement Water Fund;
- c) Financial Statements, February 2023.

REQUEST TO EXECUTE EXTENSION AGREEMENT FOR CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA FOR PRODUCER CYCLIC STORAGE ACCOUNT

Mr. Anthony Zampielo, Executive Officer, reported that the City of South Pasadena requested an extension agreement to the terms of its Individual Producer Cyclic Storage Account. He stated that this is a routine item, and no additional storage has been requested by the City of South Pasadena.

On motion made by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. DeJesus, with Mr. Tesfaye abstaining, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized the extension agreement for City of South Pasadena/Watermaster Cyclic Storage Agreement for a period of five years, to expire on March 1, 2028.

REPORT FROM THE BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Michalko reported that the Basin Water Management Committee met on February 15, 2023 and referenced the Committee report included in the Board packet, stating no action taken. He acknowledged the great participation from the Producers and encouraged them to continue.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The Attorney, Mr. Fred Fudacz, provided an update on the Status Conference and tour of the Pure Water Southern California program/demonstration facility scheduled for April 26, 2023 at the Watermaster offices, stating that on February 27, 2023 the Parties to the Judgment were notified of the details.

Additionally, Mr. Fudacz provided a brief update on the renewal of insurance process underway related to the Baldwin Park Operable Unit Project.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer, reported that the Baldwin Park Key Well level was 185.6 feet on February 17, 2023, an increase of 2.4 feet from the prior week; about 6.6 feet higher from the prior month, and about 4.0 feet higher 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 February 21, 2023, stating that total rainfall at Puddingstone Dam is 13.81 inches, which is about 105 percent of average; and at the Los Angeles Civic Center, rainfall is 14.16 inches, which is 131 percent of average, for this time of year.

Additionally, Mr. Johnson stated that total combined canyon storage, as of February 21, 2023, was 43,772 acre-feet, about 53 percent of capacity. He also stated that as of February 21, 2023, the San Gabriel Reservoir inflow was 219 cubic feet per second (cfs), release was 500 cfs and the Morris Reservoir inflow was 496 cfs, release was 500 cfs, noting that 60 cfs of the release was diverted from the San Gabriel River at the Azusa Duarte intake for use by Committee of Nine. 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.

Lastly, Mr. Johnson provided a general overview of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 San Gabriel River Watermaster's 59th Annual Report (Report). Copies of the Report were distributed to all members of the Board. He noted that coming into FY 2021-22, the upper area (Main Basin) had an accrued credit of 217,686 acre-feet. It was determined that the lower area's annual entitlement, based on 10-year rainfall average, was 53,500 acre-feet. The amount of water the lower area received was 76,091 acre-feet of useable water. Based on these amounts, the upper area's credit increased by 22,591 resulting in a total credit of 240,277 acre-feet, as of September 30, 2022.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

On behalf of Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, Chair Noriega reported that the Producer Meeting scheduled for March 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. will include a Strategic Planning Workshop and encouraged participation.

Ms. Sylvie Lee, Chief Water Resources Manager, reporting on behalf of Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD), stated that the Department of Water Resources has increased the State Water Project allocation to 35 percent. She also stated that TVMWD's Water Resources Master Plan and Drought Contingency Plan process will begin next week. Lastly, Ms. Lee reported that TVMWD has partnered with the City of Glendora and Puente Basin Water Agency on a feasibility study scheduled to kick-off next week.

Mr. Placido, reporting on behalf of San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD), stated that on February 13, 2023, the SGVMWD Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 02-2023-820, Grant Application for Recycled Water Feasibility Study.

Mr. Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager, also reporting on behalf of SGVMWD, stated that at the February, 13, 2023 Board Meeting, the SGVMWD Board approved a Professional Services Agreement with Bucknam and Associates to assist with grant opportunities.

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) Permanent transfer of 8.36 acre-feet of Prescriptive Pumping Right from Estate of Susan Andrade to San Gabriel Valley Water Company
- b) Change of Designee for Anton C. and Anita Garnier Family Trust to Anton C. Garnier
- c) Change of Designee for Estate of Susan Andrade to Thomas A. Nunez
- d) San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District transmittal of monthly report for January 2023

COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS

Mr. Tesfaye thanked Mr. Zampello and Mrs. Kelly Gardner, Assistant Executive Officer, for further educating him on the Main Basin and encouraged others to take the same opportunity.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Consideration of Extension Agreement for City of Sierra Madre for Producer Cyclic Storage

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, April 5, 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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