

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
248 E. FOOTHILL BLVD, ROOM #103, MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA 91016
4:00 P.M. – JUNE 26, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the office of the District, 248 E. Foothill Blvd, Rm. 103, City of Monrovia, County of Los Angeles, State of California, within said Water District, on June 26, 2024 at the hour of 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Fellow, Garcia, Chavez and Treviño

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Santana

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Love, General Manager; Steve O’Neill, District Counsel; Tuan Nguyen, Consulting Engineer; Patricia Cortez, Assistant General Manager, External Affairs; Evelyn Rodriguez, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer; Venessa Navarrette, Executive Assistant; Jennifer Aguilar, Water Use Efficiency Analyst; and Katherine Vazquez, Government and Community Affairs Assistant.

OTHERS PRESENT

Randy Schoellerman, David Muse, Lenet Pacheco, Charley Bell, Kimberly Grochow, and Jose Martinez.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion by Director Treviño, seconded by Treasurer Garcia, the agenda was adopted as presented by the following vote:

AYES: TREVIÑO, CHAVEZ, GARCIA, AND FELLOW
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: SANTANA

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Next scheduled committee meeting dates are as follows:

- (a) Government Affairs and Community Outreach – August 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
- (b) Administration and Finance – August 6, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
- (c) Water Resources and Facility Management – August 7, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion by Treasurer Garcia, seconded by Director Treviño, the consent calendar was approved by the following vote:

AYES: TREVIÑO, CHAVEZ, GARCIA, AND FELLOW
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: SANTANA

- (a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 12, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTION FOR THE SOUTHERN NETWORK, SEAT A

Vice President Fellow shared the names of the individuals available on the ballot. Patty Cortez, Assistant General Manager of External Affairs, shared the details about the candidates and explained the process for selection.

Director Treviño shared his support of Director Jo Mackenzie of Vista Irrigation District for the position. Vice President Fellow agreed with that recommendation.

On motion by Director Treviño, seconded by Vice President Fellow, the Board instructed the General Manager to cast the vote for Director Jo Mackenzie of Vista Irrigation District to the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors for the Southern Network, Seat A by the following vote:

AYE: TREVIÑO, CHAVEZ, GARCIA, AND FELLOW
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: SANTANA

AMENDMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ECOTECH SERVICES, INC.

The General Manager shared a background of EcoTech Services and the programs the District has implemented with EcoTech Services' assistance.

On motion by Director Treviño, seconded by Treasurer Garcia, the Board authorized the General Manager to amend the professional services agreement with EcoTech Services, Inc., for the administration of Upper District's WaterSmart Home program and technical consulting services by extending the term to June 30, 2025, and increasing the contract amount by \$150,000 with a not-to-exceed total contract amount of \$370,000 by the following vote:

AYES: TREVIÑO, CHAVEZ, GARCIA, AND FELLOW
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: SANTANA

WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY UPDATE

Vice President Fellow welcomed Randy Schoellerman, P.E., Water Quality Authority's Executive Director. Mr. Schoellerman provided an update related to the WQA Act, assessments, Section 406 Plan, basin operable units, PFAS related actions, and status of federal and state grant funding. He reported on the EPA PFAS rule including the MCLs and final required MCLs for compliance with the federal regulation. Mr. Schoellerman explained the impacts to the basin and potential treatment options. He shared that the WQA has been submitting comment letters on the regulation and seeking funding to support treatment processes. Mr. Schoellerman then shared details of WQA's current and future projects as well as related grant funding.

Vice President Fellow asked if any other entities within the state have asked the WQA to be a model for their own water quality agency. Mr. Schoellerman explained that it has happened in the past and many agencies have been interested in WQA's processes and procedures.

Treasurer Garcia and Mr. Schoellerman discussed how the San Gabriel basin is considered the largest compared to other basins under CERCLA.

Secretary Chavez asked for clarification on the 2050 sunset date, why the date was extended for more than the typical ten years and its relation to the funding sources. Mr. Schoellerman explained that the agreements, funding, and projects need to be in place for at least 20 years which then required a longer sunset date for WQA. Secretary Chavez and Mr. Schoellerman discussed how the MCL unit would be comparable to a drop within the Rose Bowl filled with water.

Director Treviño commended WQA stating the agency has set the standard. Mr. Schoellerman thanked Director Treviño for his comments.

BRANDING CONCEPTS

The General Manager shared that branding is part of the strategic planning and why it is necessary for the District. He shared that there will still be future presentations on the subject before board decision is anticipated.

Ms. Cortez welcomed Charley Bell from 789, Inc. to provide a presentation on the potential branding concepts for the District. Mr. Bell shared a presentation detailing

a revised mission, vision, tagline, community identity name, and the final three logo designs. He shared that some of the colors are coming out a little different on the screens compared to the printed version.

The General Manager asked the Board to take the documents home and provide any initial feedback to Ms. Cortez. He shared that he would like to have a special board workshop in August or September to get detailed feedback on the logo and designs. Ms. Cortez shared that she truly would like to get every board member's feedback as well as staff feedback to ensure the entire agency is behind the change.

Treasurer Garcia asked about the third logo and the versatility mentioned in the presentation. She shared that she would like to see iterations of how that could be applied and used. Mr. Bell shared that he would be happy to provide those options at the workshop.

INFORMATION ITEMS

(a) Press Releases and News Articles

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

District Counsel reported working with staff on administrative matters, including an amendment to the cyclic storage agreement with MWD and a USBR Water Smart Grant resolution. He shared that the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act was deemed unconstitutional by the Supreme Court and will no longer be on the ballot in November.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Tuan Nguyen, Consulting Engineer reported on hydrologic conditions, basin deliveries, reservoir storage, canyon inflows and releases, and rainfall average. He stated that the Baldwin Park Key Well groundwater elevation was 239.4 feet as of June 21, 2024, a decrease from the prior month. He reported that USG-3 started releasing imported water at 250 CFS. He also reported that no notices of wells shutdown due to contamination were received during the month of May 2024.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager reported that the priority over the past winter was to spread the local stormwater and that the Distribution Committee dictated the releases be split between the Upper and Central basins. He reported that since Morris Dam was reaching minimum pool, it was time to stop the deliveries to Central Basin, swap out the plate on USG-3, and begin releasing imported water at 250 CFS. He shared that there is a flow limitation on USG-3 until September due to County construction but once that work is done, the plates will be switched to release at a higher flow rate until the region receives local stormwater. He explained that the goal is to not miss any opportunities to put cyclic storage into the basin for the remainder of the year.

The General Manager shared that discussions are continuing with the producers on passing through the MWD RTS charge and how that can be done effectively with the rates. He also shared that Upper District workforce development is continuing with Bill Kelly returning in July to work with all the employees on team building, staff development initiatives, and performance review processes. The General Manager announced that there will be no board or committee meetings in July individual update meetings with each director will be scheduled. He reported that despite MWD's organizational challenges, agency initiatives are continuing as planned and that its interim General Manager has been actively working with the member agency managers.

Vice President Fellow shared that all the stories about MWD lately have been ridiculous. He stated that the focus of the MWD Board lately has been on due process, which is positive.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Vice President Fellow shared how the recent BizFed Institute meeting he attended with the General Manager was very educational.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

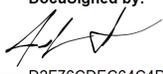
None.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Fellow asked if there were any other business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned to a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on August 14, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., at 248 E. Foothill Blvd., Room #103, Monrovia, CA 91016.

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