

**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. – AUGUST 28, 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 August 28, 2024, at the hour of 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Santana, Fellow, and Garcia

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Treviño, Chavez

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

OTHERS PRESENT

David Muse, Lynda Noriega, Russ Bryden, Kelly Gardner, Anthony C. Zampiello and Anteneh Tesfaye.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion by Treasurer Garcia, seconded by Vice President Fellow, the agenda was adopted as presented by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion by Vice President Fellow seconded by Treasurer Garcia, the consent calendar was approved by the following vote:

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

(a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on August 14, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

WATER 101 – SAN GABRIEL VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Mr. Anthony Zampiello, Chief Administrative Officer, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, provided a presentation on the San Gabriel Valley Protective Association (Protective Association). Mr. Zampiello discussed the history and formation of the Protective Association, the six guiding purposes it adheres to, territory covered, structure, and its duties and responsibilities. He briefly discussed how the three-member Distribution Committee makes recommendations on how available water from the San Gabriel River would be distributed. He also mentioned the importance of the State Water Resources Control Board annual license/permit renewals to keep the appropriations on the San Gabriel River and tributaries. He then discussed the accounting of water between the upper and

lower areas of the San Gabriel River and the growing accrued credit for the Upper Area.

Tom Love, General Manager, and Tony Zampiello discussed the differences between associate members and contractual members.

Vice President Fellow and Mr. Zampiello discussed how the accrued credit for the upper area on the Summary of Findings for Water Year 2022-23 cannot be monetized. Mr. Zampiello added that one way to balance this out is to change the way the distribution is done over time. He then stated that it does not have to be 50/50 all the time if the parties agree.

President Santana and Mr. Zampiello discussed how the Main San Gabriel River Watermaster has the agreement with the County to coordinate and spread local and imported water in the basin.

The General Manager stated that the San Gabriel River Watermaster only handles the accounting of water under the Judgement and does not have the authority to direct flows.

The General Manager and Mr. Zampiello discussed how the three members of the Distribution Committee are appointed and their representation of the San Gabriel River.

Mr. Zampiello discussed how his previous recommendations to the Distribution Committee to manage the flows to the Lower Area could have reduced the Upper Area’s accrued credits.

President Santana thanked Mr. Zampiello for the presentation.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 08-24-663,
HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
ANTHONY C. ZAMPIELLO**

President Santana presented staff’s recommendation for the Board to adopt Resolution 08-24-663, honoring and commemorating the outstanding service and accomplishments of Mr. Anthony Zampiello.

On motion by Vice President Fellow seconded by Treasurer Garcia, Resolution No. 08-24-663, honoring the retirement of Anthony Zampiello was approved by the following vote:

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

The Board presented Mr. Zampiello the adopted resolution for his valued service, in honor of his retirement.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Press Releases and News Articles

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

District Counsel reported working with staff on administrative matters including the General Manager’s evaluation forms, District policy manuals, and issues concerning the construction of the building. He also briefly disclosed corresponding with special counsel regarding the PFAS issue which will be discussed in closed session.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

District Engineer summarized the current tasks Stetson Engineers is working on which include evaluating interconnection options for Sunny Slope and San Gabriel County Water District, looking for ways to use the system for transporting water to agencies with no USG connections, updating the District's emergency response action plan, reconciling legal boundary discrepancies between Upper District and

Three Valleys Municipal Water District, and preparing periodic water supply and demand forecasts requested by Metropolitan.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

The General Manager mentioned that the art contest winners included in MWD’s roadshow were previously displayed in the boardroom. He also announced that Water Resources Facility Management Committee meeting will be held on September 9th instead of September 1st which fell on Labor Day.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Vice President Fellow provided a report on Metropolitan matters including a decision to extend Adel Hagekhalil's administrative leave for 130 days. He mentioned the ACWA Region 8 event with a session featuring Patricia Mulroy and a panel discussion on Women in Water. He also shared his recent experience serving as a moderator for a workshop on journalism.

President Santana thanked staff for the well-designed cards promoting Upper District’s education programs she was able to distribute at her first open house. She also shared a recent personal emergency situation that highlighted the importance of a reliable water supply.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9: potential litigation: two cases.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened after the closed session. District Counsel reported that the Board discussed the matters and gave instructions to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

President Santana asked if there were any other business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was duly adjourned to a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on September 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., at 248 E. Foothill Blvd., Room #103, Monrovia, CA 91016.

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