

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
602 E. HUNTINGTON DRIVE, SUITE B, MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA 91016  
8:00 A.M. – July 28, 2021**

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Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Upper District held a regular meeting of the Board of Directors via Zoom teleconference on July 28, 2021 at the hour of 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Chavez, Treviño, Garcia, and Fellow.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Santana

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Love, General Manager; Steve O’Neill, District Counsel; Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer; Evelyn Rodriguez, Director of Finance and Administration; Patricia Cortez, Director of Government and Community Affairs; Nichol Delgado, Government and Community Affairs Representative; Venessa Navarrette, Executive Assistant; and Ruben Gallegos, Project Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT**

John Bednarski, Jenny Savron, Adel Hagekhalil, Lynda Noriega, Che Venegas, Randy Schoellerman, David Muse, Dave Michalko, Ben Lewis, Jose Martinez, Tony Zampiello, Anteneh Tesfaye, Roy Frausto, Stephanie Moreno, Ted Gerber, Lizeth Martinez, Kelly Gardner, Rupam Suni, Jared Macias, Lenet Pacheco, Anthony Alberti, Skylar Stephens

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On motion by Director Fellow, seconded by Treasurer Treviño, the agenda was adopted by the following roll call vote:

**FELLOW: AYE**  
**SANTANA: ABSENT**  
**GARCIA AYE**  
**CHAVEZ: AYE**  
**TREVIÑO: AYE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Next scheduled committee meeting dates are as follows:

- (a) Government Affairs and Community Outreach – August 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
- (b) Administration and Finance - August 3, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
- (c) Water Resources and Facility Management - August 4, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**FELLOW: AYE**  
**SANTANA: ABSENT**  
**GARCIA AYE**  
**CHAVEZ: AYE**  
**TREVIÑO: AYE**

- (a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 14, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
- (b) Approval of the proposed amendments to Policy No. 2.15, Medical Benefits, of Upper District’s Policy Manual, adoption of Resolution No. 7-21-622 reflecting the amended policy, and approval of one-time longevity payments to employees depending on their years of service.

**INTRODUCTION OF MR. ADEL HAGEKHALIL**

The General Manager introduced Mr. Adel Hagekhalil, General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District (Metropolitan) and announced the welcome breakfast to be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> for Mr. Hagekhalil.

Mr. Hagekhalil gave a brief introduction on himself and his plans for the future of Metropolitan.

President Chavez thanked Mr. Hagekhalil for attending the meeting and looked forward to working with Metropolitan.

**UPDATE ON MWD'S REGIONAL RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM**

The General Manager then introduced Mr. John Bednardski, Chief Engineer and Group Manager of Engineering Services for Metropolitan.

Mr. John Bednardski gave a brief overview on the sources of water for Southern California. He went over the regional recycled water program, its goals and benefits, as well as the program partners. Mr. Bednardski discussed where the new advanced water treatment plant site will be and the pipeline system that will be installed to transport the purified water throughout Los Angeles County, such as the Main San Gabriel Basin. He also presented the program schedule, recent accomplishments and current efforts of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts that support the program.

Director Treviño, Director Fellow, and Tony Zampiello, Executive Officer of the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, commended Mr. Bednardski for the presentation and Metropolitan for being a leader in recycled water efforts.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

The following items listed on the agenda for the information of the Board were read and ordered received and filed:

- (a) Press Releases and News Articles

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

District Counsel reported on transactional matters and recent consultations with staff regarding the updates to the District's employee handbook. He then discussed the new COVID-19 protocol implemented by another water agency requiring proof of vaccination and the exemptions allowed. He also discussed how unvaccinated employees are being required to perform weekly testing.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The District Engineer provided a report on hydrologic conditions, basin deliveries, reservoir storage and rainfall averages. He stated that the Baldwin Park Key Well groundwater elevation has dropped to 189.3 feet as of July 23, 2021. He reported that the canyon is very dry, inflow being at 5 cubic feet and total storage is at about 11 thousand acre feet, which is down to minimum pool. He then stated that there were no imported water deliveries through USG-3 and that rainfall averages were very low.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The General Manager reported on the current delivery status to the City of Azusa's Surface Water Treatment Plant. He added that water is coming through the San Gabriel Municipal Water District pipeline and has been flowing at 10 cfs for the past month, to be increased to 15 cfs. He also reported on ongoing coordination efforts for potential water deliveries of about 15,000 through USG-3, expected to occur in the fall. The General Manager also gave an update on the Quagga Mussel mitigation plan in case of a future need to take Colorado River water into the basin. He then gave an update on planned increase in outreach efforts as the drought reaches national news attention and questions from local elected officials increase. He stated that staff will be working with the directors for presentations to producers, governing boards and city councils.

**DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Director Fellow reported that a Special Organization Personnel and Technology Committee meeting was held to discuss the Shaw Law Group's findings on the Metropolitan workplace climate assessment.

Director Garcia commended the recycled water presentation by Mr. John Bednarski.

Director Treviño commented on the Shaw Law Group report.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**


None.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

None.

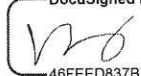
**ADJOURNMENT**

President Chavez asked if there were other business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned to a public hearing and regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on August 11, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. via teleconference or the most rapid means of communication available at the time.

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