

**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. – August 25, 2021**

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Upper District held a regular meeting of the Board of Directors via zoom teleconference on August 25, 2021, at the hour of 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Treviño, Garcia, Santana, and Fellow.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Chavez.

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Love, General Manager; Chelsea Scharf, District Counsel; Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer; Jenny Savron, Consulting Engineer; Evelyn Rodriguez, Director of Finance and Administration; Patricia Cortez, Director of Government and Community Affairs; Venessa Navarrette, Executive Assistant; Nichol Delgado, Community & Government Affairs Representative; and Ruben Gallegos, Project Assistant.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jenny Savron, Basil Hewitt, Erika Bensch, Wendy Wert, Anteneh Tesfaye, Ben Lewis, David Muse, Javier Vargas, Kelly Gardner, Andy Bullington, Chisom Obegolu, Ted Gerber, Iris Xu, Jared Macias, Lenet Pacheco, Li Zhang, Lynda Noriega, Martha Tremblay, Ning Xu, Parents of Allison Lee, Paul Zampiello, Roy Frausto, Skylar Stephens, Sophie Zhuang, Stephanie Moreno, Tony Zampiello, Arrica Jimenez, Thalia Lo, and Valley County Water District.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

The Director of Government Affairs and Community Outreach presented the “Water is Life” art contest winners. She explained that despite having to host the contest virtually, the contest received tremendous participation and creativity from students. She addressed the contest’s importance in raising water conservation awareness and announced that this year, 12 schools participated and 117 entries were received. She added that winning entries will be submitted to Metropolitan. She then proceeded to present the winning artwork submissions to the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Treasurer Treviño moved to approve the Consent Calendar item (a) . Director Fellow seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

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

(a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on August 11, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION
DISTRICTS RECYCLED WATER
TREATMENT UPDATE**

The General Manager introduced Basil Hewitt and Erika Bensch from the Los Angeles Sanitation District, who provided an update on recycled water treatment.

Mr. Hewitt briefed the Board and attendees on who the Los Angeles Sanitation District (LACSD) is and their purpose in the water sector. He then presented the Whittier Narrows reclamation plant, one of two plants supplying water to Upper District.

Mr. Hewitt continued the presentation by discussing the tertiary process for wastewater and the use of gravity flow to sanitize sewage water. He discussed the role of the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant in cost-effectively removing salt and purifying sewage water.

He continued to discuss the use of anaerobic digesters at joint plants and explained the processes by which microorganisms break down biodegradable material in the absence of oxygen. He also stated that 1 trillion gallons of wastewater are recycled and monitored by flow equalization tanks, which helps water flow into the treatment plant while also optimizing the efficiency of the treatment process.

Director Fellow and Mr. Hewitt discussed infrastructure projects and maintenance. Mr. Hewitt explained that facility plans are looked at periodically and updated as needed.

Director Garcia and Treasurer Treviño commended the LACSD presentation and their efforts to reduce reliance on imported water.

Jennifer Santana and Mr. Hewitt discussed additional measures that would help ensure water deliveries in case of an emergency. Mr. Hewitt explained there are built-in redundancies in the system that ensure continuity of service in case of an emergency.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
NO. 8-21-624, ACTIVATING LEVEL 2
OF THE WATER SHORTAGE
CONTINGENCY PLAN**

Director Fellow stated that due Colorado River Water shortages, Metropolitan recently took action and declared a Water Supply Alert.

Director Fellow moved to approve Resolution 08-21-624 "A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Activating Level 2 of the Water Contingency Plan". Treasurer Treviño seconded the motion which was approved by the following rollcall vote:

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

District Counsel reported on transactional matters discussed with staff.

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.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The District Engineer provided a report on hydrologic condition, basin deliveries, reservoir storage, recent rainfall, and rainfall averages. He stated that the Baldwin Park Key Well groundwater elevation was 188.0 feet as of August 20, 2021. He also reported that there is currently 170,000 acre feet of water in cyclic storage and that local water supply remains scarce.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

The General Manager reported that no imported water is being delivered to the Basin through USG -3. He also reported that water is still being imported for the Azusa Surface Water Treatment Plant through the San Gabriel MWD pipeline at 30 cfs as of July and will continue into September. He then announced the upcoming retirement of Upper District’s Conservation Coordinator and briefly discussed the status of the recruitment process for a Water Use Efficiency Analyst.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

Director Garcia commended Director Santana for inviting LACSD to provide a presentation and emphasized the importance of educating the public about water recycling.

Vice President Santana reported that Ms. Becky Shevlin was selected to serve as the representative for a Los Angeles countywide homelessness committee for all COGs. She then stated that SGVWA will be meeting with legislators on August 31st and September 1st regarding the drought and fire resiliency funding letter to secure funds in case of an emergency. She added that SGVWA also discussed the MWD RTS passthrough and rate structure discussion with a producer focus group.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code section 54957: Performance Review: General Manager.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened after closed session. District Counsel reported that following discussion, instruction was given to staff, but no formal action was taken by the Board.


FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.


ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST

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