

**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. – April 27, 2022**

Pursuant to the newly adopted provisions of the Brown Act and consistent with the Board's resolution ratifying the declaration of a state of emergency by the State of California in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Upper District held a regular meeting of the Board of Directors via Zoom teleconference on April 27, 2022 at the hour of 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Love, General Manager; Christine Carson, District Counsel; Steve Johnson, District Engineer; Evelyn Rodriguez, Director of Finance and Administration; Patricia Cortez, Director of Government and Community Affairs; Venessa Navarrette, Executive Assistant; Ruben Gallegos, Project Assistant; Priscilla Lu, Accounting/Financial Analyst; Jennifer Aguilar, Water Use Efficiency Analyst; and Nichol Delgado, Government and Community Affairs Representative.

OTHERS PRESENT

Andy Bullington, Anteneh Tesfaye, Anthony Alberti, Ben Lewis, Carlos, Cris Fealy, Jandy Macias, Jorge Marquez, Jose Martinez, Dan Arrighi, Dave Michalko, Ted Gerber, Roy Frausto, Stephanie Moreno, Javier Vargas, Ernesto, Jenny Savron, Kelly Gardner, KCBS KCAL, KTLA Alex, Leo Barrera, Serge Haddad, Victor Magana, Tony Zampiello and Tara Robinson.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

- (a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 13, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.
- (b) Adoption of Resolution No. 4-22-639, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to Permit the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to Render Election Services for the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022.

**WATER SUPPLY UPDATE AND
DROUGHT ACTIONS**

The General Manager stated that the Metropolitan Board of Directors recently declared a water shortage emergency condition for State Water Project (SWP) dependent areas and adopted an Emergency Water Conservation Program. He then provided a presentation on the drought as well as Metropolitan and the State's increasing response as the drought intensified. He stated that there is insufficient supply to meet normal demands in the SWP dependent areas and that additional conservation is needed to balance supply and demand. He also outlined the two paths for compliance available to member agencies to avoid stiff penalties – Path 1 involves watering restrictions while Path 2 involves staying within specified volumetric limits.

Director Fellow and the General Manager discussed how the use of unrestricted recycled water would help preserve water supply.

The General Manager and the District Engineer discussed the monthly water allocation under the Emergency Water Conservation Program. The General Manager clarified that treated water deliveries to the District's customers are not subject to the restrictions.

The General Manager presented the Baldwin Park Key Well groundwater elevation projection provided by Stetson. He stated that the projection through November 2022 was based on dry conditions and normal demands or about 190,000 AF production. He also stated that Key Well will hit the historic low level by the end of October unless certain steps are taken to make current supplies last until the end of the year. He added that efforts to get regulatory approval to take untreated Colorado River water as replenishment in San Gabriel River is continuing.

Director Fellow stated that Metropolitan is willing to help get Colorado River water into the basin.

Treasurer Treviño commented that the Metropolitan board narrowly approved \$20 million over five years to continue planning for the construction of the Sites Reservoir Project in North Sacramento. He stated that given the lack of progress in the negotiations with the tribes and environmentalists on the proposed Delta tunnel, Metropolitan will be better served funding local projects in Southern California.

Director Fellow agreed with Treasurer Treviño's comments except for the Sites Reservoir Project. He also explained that the General Manager of Metropolitan has been pushing for storage in the Bay Delta and has been meeting with water officials regularly for the success of the project.

The General Manager stated that Upper District will continue working with Watermaster and the producers to develop the best response to Metropolitan's recent drought actions.

Director Fellow and the General Manager discussed how the District is going to coordinate with Metropolitan regarding drought actions. Director Fellow stated that water conservation and Colorado River water replenishment should be priorities.

Vice President Santana echoed Director Fellow's comments regarding the importance of pushing for conservation messaging.

Secretary Garcia and the Director of Government and Community Affairs discussed plans for educating the public about the ongoing drought. Ms. Cortez stated that member agency funds can be utilized for additional outreach to residents. She then discussed plans to generate more social media programs and restoring previous conservation programs.

Director Fellow and the Director of Government and Community Affairs discussed possibly holding town hall events in each director's city in the coming months.

The General Manager reported that the District will continue working with Metropolitan on drought solutions, including delivery of Colorado River water for replenishment and completion of the Regional Recycled Water Project.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Vice President Santana emphasized the importance of water conservation and public outreach during the current severe drought.

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

None.

President Chavez left the meeting. Vice President Santana began presiding over the meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The District Engineer provided a brief report on hydrologic conditions, basin deliveries, reservoir storage, canyon releases and rainfall averages. He stated that the Baldwin Park Key Well groundwater elevation was 184.1 feet as of April 22, 2022. He then reported that no notices of wells shutdown due to contamination were received during the month of April 2022.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager provided an update on the building construction project stating that anticipated office move is around mid-July.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Fellow reported on the recent Metropolitan board meeting topics: water shortage emergency condition and state audit response. He then shared some key items about Metropolitan's response to the state audit.

Secretary Garcia stated that she is looking forward to seeing all creative water solutions for our residents.

Treasurer Treviño thanked Director Fellow for sharing Metropolitan's state audit findings. He stated that he would like to know how the funds allocated to housing were used.

Vice President Santana thanked the General Manager for his water supply update. She then reiterated her support for pursuing Colorado River water.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

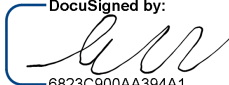
ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

None.

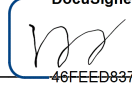
ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Santana asked if there was 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 May 11, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. via teleconference or the most rapid means of communication available at the time.

ATTEST

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