

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
248 E. FOOTHILL BLVD., SUITE 200, MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA 91016
4:00 P.M. – January 25, 2023**

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 January 25, 2023, at the hour of 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL	<p>DIRECTORS PRESENT: Fellow, Chavez, Garcia, and Santana.</p> <p>DIRECTORS ABSENT: Treviño.</p> <p>STAFF PRESENT: Tom Love, General Manager; Steve O’Neill, District Counsel; Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer; Evelyn Rodriguez, Executive Manager - Finance and Administration; Patricia Cortez, Executive Manager - Government and Community Affairs; Venessa Navarrette, Executive Assistant; Ruben Gallegos, Project Assistant; and Jennifer Aguilar, Water Use Efficiency Analyst.</p>
OTHERS PRESENT	Cris Fealy, Kelly Gardner, Steve Kiggins, Stephanie Moreno, Jenny Savron, Tony Zampiello, Karina Cervantez, and Jose Martinez.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	On motion by Vice President Fellow, seconded by Treasurer Garcia, the agenda was unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">TREVIÑO: ABSENT GARCIA: AYE CHAVEZ: AYE FELLOW: AYE SANTANA: AYE</p>
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	None.
CONSENT CALENDAR	<p>Director Treviño joined the meeting.</p> <p>On motion by Vice President Fellow, seconded by Treasurer Garcia, the consent calendar was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">TREVIÑO: AYE GARCIA: AYE CHAVEZ: AYE FELLOW: AYE SANTANA: AYE</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on January 11, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.</p>
APPOINTMENT OF: A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE ACWA JPIA; A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE SGVWA;	President Santana explained that there are four organizations that need representation and requested the Board to consider each position individually. She requested to remain on the San Gabriel Valley Protective Association (SGVPA) since it meets only once per year.

**A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SGVPA;
AND DELEGATE TO THE (SGVCOG)**

President Santana requested nominations for a representative and an alternate to the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA).

Vice President Fellow nominated President Santana as representative and himself as the alternate to ACWA JPIA.

On motion by Secretary Chavez, seconded by Treasurer Garcia, the appointments of President Santana as representative and Vice President Fellow as alternate to ACWA JPIA was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

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

President Santana requested nominations for a representative and an alternate to the San Gabriel Valley Water Association (SGVWA).

President Santana nominated Treasurer Garcia as representative. Vice President Fellow nominated himself as the alternate.

On motion by Vice President Fellow, seconded by Treasurer Garcia, the appointments of Treasurer Garcia as the representative and Vice President Fellow as alternate to SGVWA was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

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

President Santana requested nominations for a representative to the San Gabriel Valley Protective Association (SGVPA).

President Santana nominated herself for the position.

On motion by Vice President Fellow, seconded by President Santana, President Santana's appointment as the representative to SGVPA was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

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

President Santana requested nominations for a delegate to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG).

Vice President Fellow nominated Secretary Chavez. Secretary Chavez declined the nomination.

Treasurer Garcia and President Santana discussed SGVCOG's meetings and meeting schedule.

Treasurer Garcia nominated herself.

On motion by Treasurer Garcia, seconded by Vice President Fellow, Treasurer Garcia's appointment as the delegate to SGVCOG was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

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

**ADOPT THE 2023-24 LEGISLATIVE
POLICY PRINCIPLES.**

The General Manager explained that the agenda item is consistent with the two-year legislative cycle and that each year, staff presents the policy principles to the Board for approval.

The Executive Manager of Government Affairs shared a brief presentation on how the priorities and policy principles are created, presented, and approved by the Board. She explained the current legislative priorities and provided some background on why these principles are important.

Director Treviño commended Patty for her comprehensive presentation.

President Santana expressed appreciation for having the health of the Bay Delta and ecosystem as priorities.

Vice President Fellow shared how he feels about the Sites Reservoir and the reasons why this project is so important for water capture and drought prevention.

President Santana stated that being an environmental steward and being drought resilient do not have to be mutually exclusive.

On motion by Director Treviño, seconded by Vice President Fellow, the Board of Directors unanimously adopted the 2023-24 Legislative Priorities and Policy Principles and authorized the General Manager and/or the Executive Manager of Government Affairs to direct advocacy consultants on positions consistent with these principles by the following roll call vote:

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

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 working with staff on transactional matters including preparation of the reverse cyclic storage agreement with Metropolitan, State Water Project allocation, updates on the Employee Handbook, the implications of AB 473, and executing the oath documents for the newly reelected directors.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The District Engineer provided a report on hydrologic conditions, basin deliveries, reservoir storage and rainfall averages and the recent storms. He shared that in April, LA County is going to clean out some sediment in the canyon reservoirs. He added that the 8-station index measured 37.3 inches of rainfall through January and that snowpack in local mountains is about 270% of average. He then stated that the Baldwin Park Key Well groundwater elevation rose to 179.0 feet from the prior report. He reported that canyon storage increased and water is still flowing into the canyon.

He also reported that no notices of wells shutdown due to contamination were received during the month of December 2022.

Treasurer Garcia the District Engineer discussed the cleanliness of water coming from the canyon and how turbidity can impact percolation in the spreading grounds.

President Santana and the District Engineer discussed how the cleanups being done by the County in the canyon helps keep the reservoirs functioning properly.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager reported on water supply and the impacts of various levels of State Water Project (SWP) allocations on Metropolitan and its member agencies. He stated that he is working with the County to release the water allocated to Upper District prior to May 1st. Due to the storm releases, there is no capacity at this time, which may delay release of the SWP allocation. He explained that while imported water levels are looking good right now, the new SWP allocations will likely be very conservative. He added that anything less than 20% SWP allocation would not increase the amount of water to the region. He then shared that the Quagga Mussel Control Plan would not be executed this year but would hopefully be in place next time the situation calls for it.

The General Manager stated that the boardroom should be ready for in-person meetings for the first meeting in February if everything goes as planned. He then asked that the Board adjourn the meeting in memory of Rob Hunter.

Secretary Chavez and the General Manager discussed asked how additional stormwater in the spring would be handled when the spreading grounds are at capacity.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Treviño requested that the Board adjourn in memory of the 11 people killed in the mass shooting in Monterey Park over the weekend.

Secretary Chavez shared the sentiment about the victims in Monterey Park.

Treasurer Garcia shared the sentiment. She then thanked Steve Johnson for his report about the spreading grounds and water levels.

Vice President Fellow talked about Food ED, an organization that plants drought resistant plants in schools, and how impressed he was with their projects.

President Santana echoed the sentiments for the Monterey Park victims.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Santana stated that committee appointments will be presented at the next meeting and requested directors interested in the appointments to contact her or the General Manager.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Santana asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Rob Hunter and the 11 victims of the Monterey Park shooting to a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on February 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY**SEAL**