

**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. – September 28, 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 September 28, 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; 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; Jennifer Aguilar, Water Use Efficiency Analyst; and Priscilla Lu, Accounting/Financial Analyst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Anthony Alberti, Ben Lewis, Cris Fealy, Carolyn Schaffer, Ccardona, Dan Arrighi, David Muse, Javier Vargas, Jenny Savron, Jose Martinez, Kelly Gardner, Kim Badescu, Lenet Pacheco, Lynda Noriega, Martin Zvirbulis, Melissa Barbosa, Randy Schoellerman, Stephanie Moreno, Stephen Arakawa, Tara Robinson, Tony Zampiello, Cynthia Sternquist and Victor Magana.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion by Secretary Garcia, seconded by Director Fellow, the agenda was adopted as presented by the following roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City Mayor, offered their youth commissioners’ help for the upcoming WaterFest on October 15th. She then praised the District’s Flower Garden Virtual Workshop and asked the directors to consider bringing back a conservation program for cities. She thanked the Executive Assistant for her meeting notifications. She also asked President Chavez and the General Manager to agendize holding in-person board meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Secretary Garcia moved to approve Consent Calendar item (a). Vice President Santana seconded the motion, which was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

(a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 14, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 09-22-647,
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 9-18-594
AS IT RELATES TO DESIGNATED
POSITIONS UNDER THE DISTRICT'S
CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The General Manager stated that every two years, the Board reviews and updates as necessary Upper District's Conflict of Interest Code as required by the Political Reform Act. He stated that the proposed amendments to Exhibit B include deletion of the Assistant General Manager/Chief Engineer position and title changes of certain designated positions.

Director Fellow moved to approve staff recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 09-22-647, amending Upper District's Conflict of Interest Code, and direct staff to file the 2022 Biennial Review Certification with said amendments to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Executive Office.

Secretary Garcia seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

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

**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 09-22-648,
RECOGNIZING WATER
PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION
WEEK**

The General Manager stated it would be appropriate to recognize the week of October 1-9, 2022 as Water Professionals Appreciation Week.

Director Fellow and President Chavez discussed the program honoring women in water. The General Manager stated that although there is no specific target award yet, staff can certainly work on developing a program. The Executive Manager for Government and Community Affairs added that Upper District will take the lead in launching a Women in Water Chapter for the San Gabriel Valley in the coming months.

Director Fellow moved to approve staff recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 09-22-648, declaring October 1-9, 2022 as Water Professional Appreciation Week. Secretary Garcia seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

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

**UPDATE ON STATE WATER PROJECT
AND BAY DELTA ISSUES**

The General Manager introduced Mr. Stephen Arakawa, Manager of Bay-Delta Initiatives from Metropolitan.

Mr. Arakawa provided an update on State Water Project and Bay Delta efforts and discussed: the State Water Project background, Bay Delta regulatory processes and timeline, statewide benefits of the Sites Reservoir, Metropolitan Delta islands management, and the impact of California aqueduct subsidence on water supply. He emphasized the importance of adapting to the future and the need for infrastructure investments to protect water resources.

Director Fellow and Mr. Arakawa discussed Governor Newsom's potential for moving the Bay Delta project forward.

Vice President Santana thanked Mr. Arakawa for his presentation.

President Chavez and Mr. Arakawa discussed changes on the Bay Delta Project when a new governor takes office.

Director Fellow added that environmental efforts costing millions of dollars end every time a new governor takes office.

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 preparations for the closed session meeting regarding the General Manager's performance evaluation, board resolution amending the Conflict of Interest Code, copier lease review, and WaterFest related matters. He also provided an update on the San Diego County Water Authority vs. Metropolitan case indicating that a court ruling is anticipated in the coming weeks.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The District Engineer provided a report on hydrologic conditions, basin deliveries, reservoir storage, and rainfall averages. He reported that the Baldwin Park Key Well groundwater elevation was 170.2 feet as of September 23, 2022, noting continuing drop in the Key Well. He then reported that no notices of wells shutdown due to contamination were received during the month of September 2022.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager reported that the USG-3 will be turned on starting October 1st for the scheduled 14,695 AF water delivery. He stated that conservation messaging related to the MWD Upper Feeder shutdown was successful. He also reported that staff continues to provide presentations on drought actions and water supply situation to the local elected. He then announced the targeted move-in to the new building scheduled for the week of October 23rd, a dedication event in November, and an open house in January.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Fellow reported on a resolution recently adopted by Metropolitan encouraging actions to reduce or eliminate potable water use for non-functional turf irrigation. He also reported that the process for electing a new Metropolitan board chair has started. He then announced an upcoming Metropolitan tour to Hoover and Parker Dams.

Secretary Garcia thanked the Board for having an informative presentation.

Vice President Santana highlighted an article included in the Board's agenda packet regarding monitoring of microplastics in water.

President Chavez requested the General Manager to send condolences to Adan Ortega on behalf of Upper District.

Director Fellow requested to have a presentation from the City of Arcadia on their PFAS efforts.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

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

Secretary Garcia left the meeting.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened after closed session. District Counsel reported that a discussion was held by the Board and that no formal action was taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Chavez asked if there were other business to come before the Board, there being none, the meeting was adjourned to a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on October 12, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. via teleconference or the most rapid means of communication available at the time.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

SEAL