

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
248 E. FOOTHILL BLVD, ROOM #103, MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA 91016
4:00 P.M. – September 27, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the office of the District, 248 E. Foothill Blvd, Rm. 103, City of Monrovia, County of Los Angeles, State of California, within said Water District, on September 27, 2023 at the hour of 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL	DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Chavez, Fellow and Santana
	DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Garcia and Treviño
	STAFF PRESENT:	Tom Love, General Manager; Martin Koczanowicz, District Counsel; Steve Johnson, District Engineer; Patty Cortez, Assistant General Manager, External Affairs; Evelyn Rodriguez, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer; Venessa Navarrette, Executive Assistant; Jennifer Aguilar, Water Use Efficiency Analyst; and Katherine Vazquez, Government and Community Affairs Assistant
OTHERS PRESENT		Kelly Gardner, Lynda Noriega, Jenny Savron, Karina Cervantez, Steve Kiggins, Lenet Pacheco, David Muse, Victor Magana, Dave Michalko, Jose Martinez, Chisom Obegolu, and Irene, Monrovia resident.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA		On motion by Vice President Fellow, seconded by Secretary Chavez, the agenda was adopted as presented by the following vote: AYES: CHAVEZ, FELLOW AND SANTANA NOES: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: GARCIA AND TREVIÑO
PUBLIC COMMENT		None.
COMMITTEE REPORTS		None.
CONSENT CALENDAR		On motion by Vice President Fellow, seconded by Secretary Chavez, the consent calendar was approved by the following vote: AYE: CHAVEZ, FELLOW AND SANTANA NOES: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: GARCIA AND TREVIÑO
		(a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 13, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
PURE WATER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW		John Bednarski, Chief Engineer and Group Manager of Engineering Services for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) provided a presentation on the Pure Water Southern California (Pure Water) environmental review. Mr. Bednarski has been working with the Pure Water Program since 2012. He provided background on the program and how they partnered with Southern California Edison, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine a pipeline alignment up the San Gabriel River.

Mr. Bednarski explained the steps that the Pure Water program has gone through such as hiring a program management consultant to augment MWD's staff dedicated to the program. He stated Edison has committed to providing power to the facilities in Carson within MWD's proposed timeframe, adding MWD is also working with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts to determine their responsibilities in the water treatment process. He added that MWD obtained approval for 12 miles of pipeline through the cities of Carson and Lakewood and has started the design process of this portion, potentially shortening the project timeframe.

Mr. Bednarski stated that MWD has had discussions with the Upper District and other member agencies to determine the amount of program water needed in their service areas. He stated that MWD entered into a letter of intent with the City of Los Angeles regarding their interest in putting some of their water from Operation NEXT into MWD's backflow pipeline. He added that MWD is currently developing a CEQA document for the different pipeline measurements. Mr. Bednarski presented a map showing what the City of Los Angeles would be responsible for. He then mentioned working with the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District to provide replenishment water adding that water from Pure Water could be delivered through their Azusa pipeline to the Weymouth Treatment Plant.

Mr. Bednarski described potential program setbacks depending on how quickly MWD is able to get CEQA certified. He explained other alternatives to expedite program water delivery to the region. He then reported that MWD's outreach team is collaborating with member agencies to promote the importance of the program.

Mr. Bednarski discussed the funding MWD received from partner contributions and grants. He also stated MWD will be providing the cost estimate of the program to the program subcommittee in November 2023.

Vice President Fellow expressed concern about the delay in the project.

The General Manager and Mr. Bednarski discussed what the MWD General Manager's position is on the schedule for Pure Water.

President Santana asked for clarification on the timing of the City of Los Angeles' decision regarding the pipeline size and if MWD will be setting a deadline for the City of Los Angeles.

Lynda Noriega and Mr. Bednarski discussed the purpose of having the City of Los Angeles' water go through MWD's pipelines.

Chisom Obegolu mentioned there are percolation issues in the spreading grounds and asked if MWD is collaborating with member agencies or counties to see if they can help improve the recharge basins.

President Santana asked if the 27 cities MWD has talked to have any issues regarding the pipeline.

**APPROVAL OF GENERAL
MANAGER CONTRACT
AMENDMENT**

Martin Koczanowicz, District Counsel, presented the draft amendment to the General Manager's employment contract. He stated that the amendment will extend the contract term to June 30, 2026 and increase the annual compensation to \$330,000, effective July 1, 2023.

On motion by Vice President Fellow, seconded by Secretary Chavez, the Board of Directors approved the amendment to the General Manager's employment contract by the following vote:

AYE: CHAVEZ, FELLOW AND SANTANA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: TREVIÑO and GARCIA

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 work with staff regarding the General Manager's contract amendment and review of a property management agreement.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Steve Johnson, District Engineer, provided the engineer's report. He addressed Chisom Obegolu's concern about the percolation issues in the recharge basins. He then reported that the Key Well elevation is 227.0 feet as of September 22, 2023, first time in two months that it has not dropped. He added the Key Well is almost 50 feet higher than a year ago.

The District Engineer reported that for the San Gabriel Reservoir, the inflow from the watershed has dropped to 100 CFS. He added that deliveries through USG-3 was almost 7,000 CFS in August and about 4,200 CFS in September 2023. He also reported that rainfall at Puddingstone Dam is currently at 760% of long-term average and San Gabriel Dam is at 870% of long-term average.

Lastly, he stated 74 wells were sampled in August and 53 wells in July, under the Title 22 Program. He also reported that there were no notices of new wells shutdown due to water quality issues.

President Santana asked if the San Gabriel River flows are coming from local water and when the numbers on PFAS/PFOS sampling from local wells will be provided.

Kelly Gardner stated that the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster did a voluntary sampling of all wells, results of which will be presented to the Basin Water Management Committee.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager stated he will be out of the office starting October 10th, returning on the 23rd. He addressed concerns on the decline of the percolation rate. He then provided an update on the elevator upgrade scheduled for November 10th to December 3rd, stating there will only be one board meeting in November on the 8th and that the next committee meetings and board meetings would be after the completion of the elevator upgrade. Lastly, he presented the Board with the new Upper District logo in the boardroom.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Secretary Chavez expressed his appreciation of Mr. Bednarski's presentation.

Vice President Fellow reported that there was a recent ethics complaint against him at MWD which has since been resolved.

President Santana concurred with Secretary Chavez's comments about the Pure Water project moving forward. She stated there will be a discussion of the Integrated Resources Plan at the next Water Resources Facility Management Committee meeting and how this will help incorporate the importance of Pure Water for the region.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

None.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

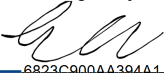
President Santana asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was duly adjourned to a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on October 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at 248 E. Foothill Blvd., Room #103, Monrovia, CA 91016.

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