

**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. – October 25, 2023**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Trevino, Chavez, Fellow, and Santana.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Garcia

**STAFF PRESENT:** Martin Koczanowicz, District Counsel; Steve Johnson, District Engineer; Tom Love, General Manager; Evelyn Rodriguez, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer; Jennifer Aguilar, Water Use Efficiency Analyst; and Katherine Vazquez, Government and Community Affairs Assistant.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

John Robinson, David Muse, Lynda Noriega, Kelly Gardner, and Jessica Hernandez.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On motion by Director Treviño, seconded by Vice President Fellow, the agenda was adopted as presented by the following vote:

**AYES: TREVIÑO, CHAVEZ, FELLOW, SANTANA**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**  
**ABSENT: GARCIA**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion by Vice President Fellow, seconded by Director Treviño, the consent calendar was approved by the following vote:

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

- (a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on October 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

**RECYCLED WATER 101**

John Robinson from John Robinson Consulting, Inc. provided a presentation on Upper District's Recycled Water Program covering Phase I – Rose Hills, Phase IIA – Whittier Narrows, Phase IIA – Rosemead Extension, Phase IIB Package 1, Phase IIB Package 2, Proposition 84 Grant Projects and the Groundwater Recharge Project. He went over the program history, cost, funding sources and success factors of the recycled water projects.

Treasurer Garcia arrived at 4: 14 p.m.

Secretary Chavez and Mr. Robinson discussed the criteria used to develop recycled water projects and make them feasible as well as the long payback period for such projects.

Mr. John Robinson stated that having Pure Water Southern California (Pure Water) supply water to the groundwater basin would be key for Upper District..

Vice President Fellow and Director Treviño thanked Mr. John Robinson for his work with Upper District.

Vice President Fellow and Mr. Robinson discussed the importance of Pure Water and the associated cost of operating one main plant versus several satellite plants.

President Santana and Mr. Robinson discussed the future of recycled water projects such as Rose Hills and Whitter Narrows.

#### **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 the draft agreement with MWD relating to untreated water deliveries.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The District Engineer reported on hydrologic conditions, basin deliveries, reservoir storage, canyon inflows and releases, rainfall averages as well as USG-3 deliveries during the month of September. He stated that the Baldwin Park Key Well groundwater elevation was 227.5 feet as of October 20, 2023.

He then reported that effective November 1, 2023, USG-3 flow will be reduced to allow for a scheduled maintenance work at Santa Fe Dam. He also reported that 21 wells were sampled under Title 22 and that no notices of wells shutdown due to contamination were received during the month of September 2023.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The General Manager reported that once the maintenance work at Santa Fe Dam is complete, Upper District will work with MWD and the County to have the new USG-3 orifice plate put in service. He stated that Upper District is also working with MWD and Stetson Engineers, Inc. on potential improvements to increase the ability to put more water into the basin during wet years.

The General Manager reported that MWD recently provided a presentation on affordability and initial cost recovery concepts for Pure Water and that he will present these items at the next Water Resources Facility Management Committee meeting. He then reported that the Administrative Assistant position has been filled and that Upper District is now fully staffed.

#### **DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Director Treviño shared that the Regional Oversight Committee will be meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the County is receiving \$330 million a year in Prop W taxes and that he would like some funding to be leveraged for Upper District and MWD projects.

Secretary Chavez requested adjourning the meeting in memory of former Assemblywoman Cindy Montañez.

Treasurer Garcia expressed her appreciation for the recycled water presentation and the planned affordability collaboration with Valley County Water District. She also wished President Santana a happy birthday.

Vice President Fellow reported that MWD's Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee met and hosted a panel on water affordability. He stated that more than 50%

of San Gabriel Valley Water Company customers are low income, the highest in the State of California.

Vice President Fellow and the General Manager reported that ActiveSGV will be hosting a bike tour along the San Gabriel River on November 4, 2023.

President Santana commended the recycled water presentation adding how refreshing it is to hear about water supply solutions from Pure Water and recycled water projects.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

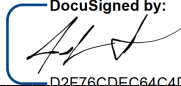
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**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

None.

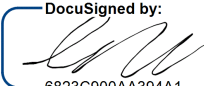
**ADJOURNMENT**

President Santana asked if there were any other business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was duly adjourned in memory of Cindy Montañez to a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on November 08, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at 248 E. Foothill Blvd., Room #103, Monrovia, CA 91016.

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