

**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. – January 24, 2024**

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 January 24, 2024 at the hour of 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL	DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Trevino, Chavez, Fellow, Garcia and Santana
	DIRECTORS ABSENT:	None
	STAFF PRESENT:	Steven O’Neill, District Counsel; Steve Johnson, District Engineer; Tom Love, General Manager; 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		Lynda Noriega, Lenet Pacheco, David Muse, Che Venegas, Javier Vargas, and Jose Martinez
ADOPTION OF AGENDA		On motion by Director Treviño, seconded by Treasurer Garcia, the agenda was adopted as presented by the following vote:
	AYES:	TREVIÑO, CHAVEZ, FELLOW, GARCIA, AND SANTANA
	NOES:	NONE
	ABSTAIN:	NONE
	ABSENT:	NONE
PUBLIC COMMENT		None.
COMMITTEE REPORTS		Next scheduled committee meeting dates are as follows:
		(a) Government Affairs and Community Outreach – February 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
		(b) Administration and Finance – February 6, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
		(c) Water Resources and Facility Management – February 7, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.
CONSENT CALENDAR		On motion by Treasurer Garcia, seconded by Director Treviño, the consent calendar was approved by the following vote:
	AYE:	TREVIÑO, CHAVEZ, FELLOW, GARCIA AND SANTANA
	NOES:	NONE
	ABSTAIN:	NONE
	ABSENT:	NONE
		(a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on January 10, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
		(b) Joint Tax Transfer Resolution – City of Monrovia Reorganization No. 2023-02
APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY (JPIA)		President Santana requested nominations for a representative and an alternate to the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA). She indicated wanting to remain as the representative and Vice President Fellow as the alternate.

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

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

APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION (SGVWA)

President Santana requested nominations for a representative and an alternate to the San Gabriel Valley Water Association (SGVWA). Treasurer Garcia stated she will not be able to continue being the representative but could serve an alternate. Vice President Fellow stated he could serve as the representative.

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

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

APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (SGVPA)

President Santana requested nominations for a representative to the San Gabriel Valley Protective Association (SGVPA). She stated she would be happy to remain as the representative.

On motion by Director Treviño, seconded by Treasurer Garcia, the appointment of President Santana as representative to the SGVPA was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

APPOINTMENT OF A DELEGATE TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SGVCOG)

President Santana requested nominations for a representative to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG). Treasurer Garcia stated she would like to remain as the representative.

Vice President Fellow and the General Manager discussed including membership renewals in the upcoming budget discussions.

President Santana nominated Treasurer Garcia as representative to the SGVCOG.

On a motion by Vice President Fellow, seconded by Secretary Chavez, the appointment of Treasurer Garcia as representative to the SGVCOG was unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

AB 1234 ETHICS OVERVIEW

Steve O'Neill, District Counsel, provided an ethics training to the Board of Directors covering the following topics: AB 1234, Government Code 53232.1 to 5, the Brown Act, and conflicts of interest.

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

Steve O'Neill, District Counsel, reported working on contracts with Evelyn Rodriguez, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer. He also stated working on the AB 1234 Ethics Training presentation.

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 January. He stated that the Baldwin Park Key Well groundwater elevation was 222.8 feet and has dropped four tenths of a foot from prior week. He added that there is an atmospheric river expected to arrive the following week.

The District Engineer discussed the letter agreements with MWD which cover water deliveries to MWD's cyclic storage account, purchased and paid for over time using RDA funds. He stated that the water placed in storage has already been purchased. He added that due to the low State Water Project entitlement of ten percent, MWD cannot deliver water to cyclic storage.

He then reported that as of January 23, 2024, inflow to the San Gabriel Reservoir increased to 150 CFS due to recent storms. He added that as of January 22, 2024, the Puddingstone Dam has decreased to 74 percent of long-term average and the San Gabriel Dam decreased to 91 percent of long-term average. He then reported that 71 wells were sampled in November and eight wells in December under Title 22 and that no notices of well shutdowns due to contamination were received in January.

The District Engineer mentioned receiving a memo containing the new PFAS results prepared for Watermaster and the producers. He noted that Watermaster wants to send the memo to the U.S. EPA, as they had an interest in it, and that the EPA is requesting additional information on PFAS.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager highlighted the District Engineer's statement about the State Water Project's ten percent allocation. He stated that based on MWD's storage policy, MWD will not deliver into cyclic storage programs unless the total storage balance shows a surplus of water to be added compared to water being taken out of storage. He then stated that in 2023, the Board of Directors authorized the General Manager to purchase 10,000 acre-feet of untreated water. However, after Watermaster completed its purchases in December, Upper District was only able to purchase 3,900 acre feet of untreated water. The General Manager stated that Upper District can still purchase the remaining 6,100 acre feet authorized by the Board between January and April if water is available. He added that MWD indicated there is a possibility of obtaining additional water, specifically for groundwater replenishment, as a firm service delivery.

The General Manager reported that on January 23, 2024, the Groundwater Recharge Coordinating Committee met. He added that committee sessions involve providing updates on maintenance activities, including sediment removal at the Cogswell and San Gabriel Reservoirs.

The General Manager announced that MWD is planning a shutdown of the Upper Feeder, impacting three connections within the Upper District service area, from February 5th to February 14th for maintenance and improvements to MWD's distribution system.

The General Manager stated that the elevator is now operational and electric vehicle chargers have been installed.

The General Manager reported that based on a review of Upper District and Three Valleys Municipal Water District's (Three Valleys) boundaries, there were some areas

where the boundaries overlap or do not coincide. He stated that Upper District is working with Three Valleys and a consultant to make the needed modifications and eventually, go through a LAFCO process to approve the proposed boundary changes.

The General announced that a Women in Water Event will be held at the Pomona Valley Mining Co. on January 25, 2024.

Vice President Fellow and the General Manager discussed where the debris removed from the Cogswell and San Gabriel Reservoirs go.

Treasurer Garcia and the General Manager discussed how the boundaries end up overlapping.

Director Treviño left at 5:32 p.m.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Secretary Chavez discussed the current political climate.

Treasurer Garcia expressed her excitement for the Women in Water event.

Vice President Fellow reported on ongoing activities at the MWD workshops. He expressed that he would like to have the projects clearly outlined, including details on cost and how they will be funded.

The General Manager provided a brief overview of CAMP4Water, MWD’s new process intended to evaluate proposed options for closing its water supply gap.

President Santana concurred with Vice President Fellow’s comments.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Santana requested presentations on both the Puente Hills Landfill Park Project and the significance of PFAS, expressing concern about its impact on the local water supply.

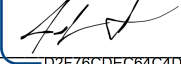
The General Manager discussed a handout included in the agenda packet listing potential future board workshop topics. He encouraged the Directors to share their feedback on the listed items and suggest additional topics they would like to hear.

ADJOURN TO 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 to a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on February 14, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at 248 E. Foothill Blvd., Room #103, Monrovia, CA 91016.

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