

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
729 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020 AT 2:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and as a precaution to protect both staff, its constituents, and elected officials, a regular meeting of the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster was duly and regularly held via Zoom Meeting (web-based video conferencing), on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at the hour of 2:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Lynda Noriega, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. and presided thereover.

**ROLL CALL OF WATERMASTER MEMBERS**

The following members of Watermaster were present on roll call:

**PRESENT:** Dan Arrighi, Ron Bow, David DeJesus, Dr. Anthony Fellow, Benjamin Lewis, Jr., David Michalko, Lynda Noriega, Steven Placido and Charles Treviño

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff present at the meeting included: Anthony Zampiello, Executive Officer; Kelly Gardner, Assistant Executive Officer; Fred Fudacz, Attorney; Arrica Jimenez, Administration Manager; Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer; Ana Mata, Executive Assistant; and Lauren Augino, Water Resources Analyst.

Others present included: Anthony Alberti, Brian Bowcock, Robert Bowcock, Tom Coleman, Ray Cordero, Patricia Cortez, Paul Cranmer, Robert DiPrimio, Roy Frausto, Wayne Goehring, Richard Gonzales, Ed Hills, Garry Hofer, Steve Kiggins, Julian Lee, Matthew Litchfield, Tom Love, Jared Macias, Myra Malner, Jose Martinez, Stephanie Moreno, Hai-Van Nguyen, Steve Patton, Jeffrey Pellissier, Evelyn Reyes, Kevin Sage, Jenny Savron, Randy Schoellerman, Jessica Taylor, Anteneh Tesfaye, Ernesto Venegas, Dale Wert, Paul Zampiello and Martin Zvirbulis.

**NOMINATION OF PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES FOR WATERMASTER FOR  
CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

The Chair reported that the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) submitted a resolution certifying that its director Mr. Steven T. Placido was nominated as its Public Representative for Watermaster for calendar year 2021.

On motion made by Mr. Michalko, seconded by Mr. DeJesus, and unanimously carried, accept SGVMWD's nomination of public representative for Watermaster for calendar year 2021 be received and filed.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Chair asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. On motion made by Dr. Fellow, seconded by Mr. Treviño, and unanimously carried, the agenda was adopted as presented.

## **TIME RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were offered.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion made by Mr. Bow, seconded by Mr. Michalko, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved:

- a) Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Watermaster held November 4, 2020
- b) Lists of Demands: Items 19172 through 19201 and two electronic debits, in the amount of \$311,868.37 on the Administrative Fund and Items 1220-S and 1220-U in the amount of \$162,533.56 on the Replacement Water Fund.
- c) Financial Statements, November 2020
- d) Stipulation Re Intervention After Judgment of:
  - i. IBY, LLC

## **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, COMMEMORATING AND INVITING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED BY BENJAMIN LEWIS, JR. AS BOARD MEMBER AND PRODUCER MEMBER OF WATERMASTER (Resolution No. 12-20-305)**

Resolution No. 12-20-305 – The Chair stated that a Resolution of appreciation has been prepared commemorating the services of Mr. Benjamin Lewis, Jr.

The Executive Officer, Mr. Anthony Zampiello, then read Resolution No. 12-20-305 expressing appreciation, commemorating and inviting public attention to the outstanding services rendered by Mr. Benjamin Lewis, Jr. as Board Member and Producer Member of Watermaster.

On motion made by Mr. Michalko, seconded by Mr. Bow, and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted and passed as read:

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-20-305**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, COMMEMORATING AND INVITING PUBLIC  
ATTENTION TO THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED BY**

**BENJAMIN LEWIS, JR.**

**AS BOARD MEMBER, AND PRODUCER MEMBER OF WATERMASTER**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12-20-305**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, COMMEMORATING AND INVITING PUBLIC  
ATTENTION TO THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED BY**

**BENJAMIN LEWIS, JR.**

**AS BOARD MEMBER, AND PRODUCER MEMBER OF WATERMASTER**

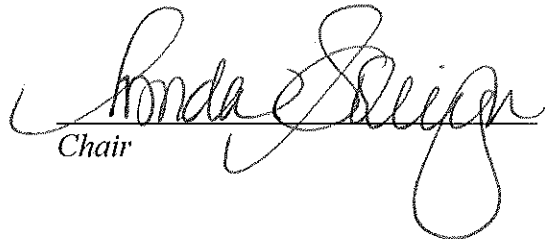
*WHEREAS, BENJAMIN LEWIS, JR. was nominated by Producers and appointed by the Court as a Producer Member of Watermaster for the 2019 & 2020 calendar year term; and*

*WHEREAS, during his tenure as a Producer Member of Watermaster, Mr. Lewis rendered dedicated, professional, and outstanding services to the benefit of Watermaster, the Court, the Basin and the public;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL  
BASIN WATERMASTER as follows:**

1. *Full measure of appreciation is hereby expressed and acknowledged for the effective and beneficial services rendered by Benjamin Lewis, Jr. during his participation in the duties and affairs of Watermaster, as a Producer Member thereof;*
2. *Public attention is hereby called and directed to the services rendered by Mr. Lewis during his served term of office as a Watermaster Board Member*
3. *This Resolution shall be maintained in the permanent records of Watermaster in recognition of Mr. Lewis' outstanding performance of duty.*

*Dated this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of December, 2020*

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

Chair Noriega thanked Mr. Lewis for his service as a Watermaster Board Member in his recent two-year term. She stated that he has brought a lot of history and knowledge and looks forward to his continued participation in Watermaster activities.

Additionally, Chair Noriega welcomed Mr. Garry Hofer, who will be representing California American Water Company, and a returning Member on the 2021 Watermaster Board of Directors.

Dr. Fellow, on behalf of Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD), thanked Mr. Lewis for his service as a Watermaster Board Member and wished him all the best.

Mr. Bow thanked Mr. Lewis for his service as a Watermaster Board Member and looks forward to seeing him continue on Watermaster Committees.

Mr. DeJesus thanked Mr. Lewis for his service as a Watermaster Board Member. He expressed appreciation for his kindness and responsiveness when asking a question. He added that he looks forward to continuing working with him on Watermaster activities.

Mr. Michalko echoed his fellow Board Members' remarks and added that he has enjoyed working with Mr. Lewis and looks forward to continuing.

Mr. Placido thanked and expressed appreciation to Mr. Lewis for his service as a Watermaster Board Member. He wished him all the best.

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, COMMEMORATING AND INVITING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED BY DAN ARRIGHI AS BOARD MEMBER, OFFICER AND PRODUCER MEMBER OF WATERMASTER (Resolution No. 12-20-306)**

Resolution No. 12-20-306 – The Chair stated that a Resolution of appreciation has been prepared commemorating the services of Mr. Dan Arrighi.

The Executive Officer, Mr. Zampiello, then read Resolution No. 12-20-306 expressing appreciation, commemorating and inviting public attention to the outstanding services rendered by Mr. Dan Arrighi as Board Member, Officer and Producer Member of Watermaster.

On motion made by Mr. Treviño, seconded by Mr. Bow, and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted and passed as read:

***RESOLUTION NO. 12-20-306***

***A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION,  
COMMEMORATING AND INVITING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE OUTSTANDING  
SERVICES RENDERED BY***

***DAN ARRIGHI***  
***AS BOARD MEMBER, OFFICER, AND PRODUCER MEMBER OF WATERMASTER***

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12-20-306**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION,  
COMMEMORATING AND INVITING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE  
OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED BY**

**DAN ARRIGHI**

**AS BOARD SECRETARY, AND PRODUCER MEMBER OF WATERMASTER**

*WHEREAS, DAN ARRIGHI was nominated by Producers and appointed by the Court as a Producer Member of Watermaster for the 2007 calendar year term and has been continuously reappointed each year through the calendar year 2020 term; and*

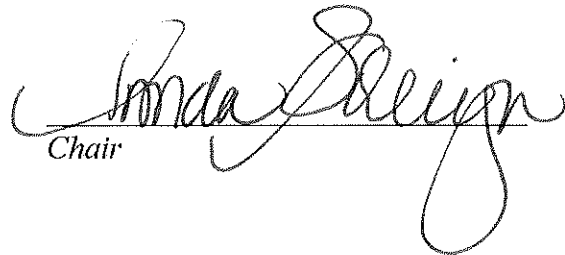
*WHEREAS, Mr. Arrighi was elected to serve as Secretary of Watermaster in 2009 and each year after through 2020; and*

*WHEREAS, during his tenure as a Producer Member and Board Secretary of Watermaster, Mr. Arrighi has rendered dedicated, professional, and outstanding services to the benefit of Watermaster, the Court, the Basin, water community and the public at large;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL  
BASIN WATERMASTER as follows:**

1. *Full measure of appreciation is hereby expressed and acknowledged for the effective and beneficial services rendered by Dan Arrighi during his participation in the duties and affairs of Watermaster, as a Producer Member and Board Secretary thereof;*
2. *Public attention is hereby called and directed to the services rendered by Mr. Arrighi during his served term of office; and*
3. *This Resolution shall be maintained in the permanent records of Watermaster in recognition of Mr. Arrighi's outstanding performance of duty.*

*Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020*

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Vice-Chair

Mr. Zampielo, on both a professional and personal level, expressed great appreciation to Mr. Arrighi for all his contributions to Watermaster, water industry and community.

Chair Noriega thanked Mr. Arrighi for his service as a Watermaster Board Member. She expressed appreciation for his guidance and knowledge during her transition from Valley County Water District (VCWD) to California Domestic Water Company. Chair Noriega added that Mr. Arrighi will be missed and looks forward to his involvement in the water industry and community.

Mr. Bow thanked Mr. Arrighi for his service as a Watermaster Board Member. He expressed appreciation for the genuinely caring sentiments he received from him throughout his career. He encouraged the new generation in the water industry to look to Mr. Arrighi for his wealth of institutional knowledge. Mr. Bow again expressed appreciation to Mr. Arrighi for being a great colleague and more importantly for being a good friend.

Dr. Fellow thanked Mr. Arrighi for his service as a Watermaster Board Member. He emphasized Mr. Arrighi is an overall good man.

Mr. Treviño thanked Mr. Arrighi for his service and generous time given as a Watermaster Board Member. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Arrighi for his mentorship and counsel relating to the matters of the San Gabriel Valley. Mr. Treviño described Mr. Arrighi as a friend, a gentleman, and well-respected.

Mr. Michalko expressed appreciation to Mr. Arrighi for the camaraderie and stated that he will be missed. He also thanked him for their friendship and looks forward to seeing him again soon.

Mr. Placido mentioned that he has known Mr. Arrighi for a very long time through the Boys Scouts of America (Boy Scouts), and was pleasantly surprised to see Mr. Arrighi serving on the Watermaster Board when he was first appointed. Mr. Placido added that not only has Mr. Arrighi helped the Watermaster Board move forward as an organization, he has also helped a lot of kids and troops through the Boys Scouts. He wished Mr. Arrighi good luck and best wishes.

Mr. Lewis thanked and expressed appreciation to Mr. Arrighi for his service as a Watermaster Board Member. He described Mr. Arrighi as an excellent resource for his knowledge and history in the water industry and community.

Mr. DeJesus thanked and expressed appreciation for his time and involvement as a Watermaster Board Member. He also thanked him for his valuable insight to the water industry and trusts that he will continue doing so. Mr. DeJesus wished him the very best.

Mr. Brian Bowcock complimented Mr. Arrighi for his patriotic rendition of the Pledge of Allegiance at the Watermaster Board meetings, water industry and community events. He wished him the very best.

Mr. Robert Bowcock emphasized Mr. Arrighi is “family” and will be missed. He acknowledged and commended Mr. Arrighi as one who has done more than anyone in this organization could ever have hoped to surpass.



Mr. Arrighi thanked everyone for the kind words and wished everyone love and to stay safe.

**REQUEST FROM SUNNY SLOPE WATER COMPANY TO PURCHASE 1,000 AF OF WATER FROM USGVMWD FOR PRODUCER CYCLIC STORAGE**

The Executive Officer, Mr. Zampiello, reported that the Sunny Slope Water Company submitted a request to purchase 1,000 acre-feet of water from USGVMWD for its producer cyclic storage account. He stated that there is capacity available within the limits of its existing account.

On motion made by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Michalko, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized the purchase of 1,000 acre-feet of water from USGVMWD, for Sunny Slope Water Company's individual producer cyclic storage account.

**APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION**

The Executive Officer, Mr. Zampiello, referred to a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding included in the board packet. He provided a brief summary of Watermaster's participation in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan from its inception, and noted that Watermaster is a charter member of the group. He also provided an explanation of the benefits extended to Watermaster as a continuing participant in the Leadership Committee. Mr. Zampiello stated that he holds the Greater Los Angeles Groundwater management seat, and the Assistant Executive Officer, Mrs. Kelly Gardner, serves as the Chair of the Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Steering Committee.

On motion made by Mr. Bow, seconded by Mr. DeJesus, and unanimously carried, the Memorandum of Understanding for Integrated Regional Water Management Planning and Implementation for the Greater Los Angeles County Region was approved.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The Attorney, Mr. Fred Fudacz, reported that the hearing to confirm the nominees to the 2021 Watermaster Board of Directors and the approval of the Amendment to the Puente Basin Water Agency – Storage and Export Agreement before Presiding Judge, the Honorable Maureen Duffy-Lewis scheduled for December 14, 2020 at the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, has been rescheduled to December 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Additionally, Mr. Fudacz, provided a brief update on the matter with the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (LACDPR) related to Watermaster assessments for Legg Lakes water usage as part of a water production agreement for the Whittier Narrows Operable Unit. He reported that discussions continue in resolving the matter.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Consulting Engineer, Mr. Steve Johnson, reported that the Baldwin Park Key Well level was 199.3 feet on November 30, 2020, noting a decrease of 0.3 feet from the prior week; a decrease of about 1.2 feet from the prior month, and about 12.0 feet lower than one year ago. The historic low for the Key Well has been established at 169.4 feet on November 21, 2018. He also stated that it includes an estimated 193,000 acre-feet of untreated imported water in cyclic storage accounts, which represents about 24 feet of groundwater elevation at the Key Well.

The Consulting Engineer then reported briefly on hydrologic conditions as of November 30, 2020 stating that total rainfall at Puddingstone Dam is about 0.20 inches, which is about 8 percent of average; and at the Los Angeles Civic Center, rainfall is about 0.11 inches, which is about 6 percent of average, for this time of year.

Additionally, Mr. Johnson stated that total combined canyon storage, as of November 23, 2020, was 15,053 acre-feet, about 18 percent of capacity. Excluding minimum pool storage, about 4,500 acre-feet is available for direct use or groundwater replenishment. He also stated that as of November 23, 2020, the San Gabriel Reservoir inflow was 27 cubic feet per second (cfs), release was 0 cfs and the Morris Reservoir inflow was 18 cfs, release was 45 cfs.

Mr. Johnson provided an overview on Basin-wide water deliveries through November 30, 2020.

Lastly, Mr. Johnson reported that all three landfills were inspected and found to be operating normally with no violations. He referred to a written report included in the Board packet that includes additional water supply and rainfall information.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Executive Officer, Mr. Zampielo, reported that a written copy of a report on Outside Activities is included in the board packet.

He highlighted that the Letter of Intent between MWD, USGVWMD, TVMWD and Watermaster for the Regional Recycled Water Project has been fully executed.

Mr. Zampielo provided a brief discussion related to the cyclic agreements stored in calendar year 2019 that allows Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to deliver water to the Main Basin in advance of demand for the water by Watermaster, USGVWMD, and Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) on behalf of its member agencies, noting that the payment schedule for the purchase of water delivered into the cyclic accounts will be purchased over five years.

Lastly, he wished everyone Happy Holidays.

## REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

Dr. Anthony Fellow, reporting on behalf of USGVMWD, reported that at this morning's USGVMWD Special Board of Directors meeting, an update on the Delta Conveyance Project was provided by a MWD representative.

He then referenced a report provided by USGVMWD to Watermaster, reporting on the following items that were approved by the USGVMWD Board on November 18, 2020:

- Adopted Resolution No. 11-20-613, Honoring and Commemorating the Outstanding Service of Alfonso "Al" Contreras, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Board Member.
- Adopted Resolution No. 11-20-614, Honoring and Commemorating the Outstanding Service of Margarita Vargas, VCWD Board Member.
- Adopted USGVMWD's Long-Range Financial Plan, Reserve Policy and Debt Management Policy.
- Amended the General Manager's Contract, effective July 1, 2020, extending the term by three years, including a one-year severance provision for termination without cause, and increasing annual compensation.

Mr. Tom Love, also reporting on behalf of USGVMWD, provided the following key dates:

- USGVMWD Government Affairs and Community Outreach Committee Meeting – December 8, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
- USGVMWD Regular Board of Directors Meeting – December 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Lastly, Mr. Love wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mr. Matthew Litchfield, reporting on behalf of TVWMD, provided an update on the progress related on a PM-26A connection as part of the future Big Dalton Spreading Grounds expansion project. He stated that staff (MWD, County of Los Angeles and the City of Glendora) met yesterday, noting that tentative terms have been reached that includes cost-sharing and a MOU.

He reported that TVMWD is moving forward with a legislative proposal to modify the Brown Act to ensure minimum standards for public participation, revise notice requirements to allow for greater public participation in teleconference meetings of local agencies.

Mr. Litchfield wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Mr. Placido, reporting on behalf of SGVMWD, reported that the next SGVMWD Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2020.

Mr. Ed Hills, also reporting on behalf of SGVMWD, stated that the initial State Water Project allocation for calendar year 2021 is 10 percent. He wished everyone a blessed and Merry Christmas.

In response to question by the Executive Officer, Mr. Zampello, Mr. Hills stated that the SGVMWD Board approved the Delta Conveyance Project in November 2020.

## **REPORT FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEE LIAISONS**

The Chair reported that any Outside Committee Liaisons reports are included in the Board packet.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

The following items listed on the agenda for information of Watermaster were noted, and ordered received and filed:

- a) Permanent transfer of 2,372.51 AF of Prescriptive Pumping Right and 1,800.71 AF of Carry-Over Right, from Molson Coors USA LLC to IBY, LLC.
- b) Change of Designee for Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts to Kristen Ruffell
- c) Change of Designee for Sterling Mutual Water Company to Beverly Dominguez
- e) Transmittal of SGVMWD Monthly Report for October 2020

## **COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS**

Dr. Fellow wished everyone a Merry Christmas and looks forward to seeing everyone in January 2021.

Mr. Treviño wished everyone safe and Happy Holidays.

Mr. Bow wished everyone Happy Holidays, and a safe and healthy 2021.

Mr. Arrighi wished everyone blessed and safe holidays.

Mr. Michalko wished everyone a safe, Merry Christmas and hope that 2021 will bring back face-to-face meetings.

Mr. DeJesus and Mr. Lewis wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mr. Placido wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chair Noriega wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She added

that she looks forward to a better 2021. She stated that there is a need for rain and with the below average start this rain year, it may be of concern in 2021. Additionally, Chair Noriega wished everyone the very best for 2021 and thanked everyone for their continued support and participation.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No agenda items were provided.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

A closed session was not held.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair asked if there were other business to come before Watermaster, and there being none, the meeting was adjourned, to the next public hearing and regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. to be held via Zoom Meeting.

SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE

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DAN ARRIGHI

ATTEST:

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LYNDA NORIEGA  
CHAIR