

**A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
729 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021 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 (Watermaster) was duly and regularly held via Zoom Meeting (web-based video conferencing), on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at the hour of 2:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Lynda Noriega, Chair, officially called the meeting to order and presided thereover.

**ROLL CALL OF WATERMASTER MEMBERS**

The following members of Watermaster were present on roll call:

**PRESENT:** Ron Bow, David DeJesus, Dr. Anthony Fellow, Garry Hofer, David Michalko, Lynda Noriega, Steven Placido, Charles Treviño and Martin Zvirbulis

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT**

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

Others present included: Dan Arrighi, Brian Bowcock, Robert Bowcock, Josh Byerrum, Alfredo Camacho, Dan Colby, Ray Cordero, John Corona, Patricia Cortez, Paul Cranmer, Casey Feilen, Greg Galindo, Richard Gonzales, Ed Hills, Erik Hitchman, Steve Kiggins, Benjamin Lewis, Jr., Matthew Litchfield, Tom Love, Jared Macias, Myra Malner, Jose Martinez, Stephanie Moreno, David Muse, Hai-Van Nguyen, Chisom Obegolu, Lenet Pacheco, Jim Prior, Evelyn Reyes, Manny Robledo, Jenny Savron, Sherry Shaw, Adam Sher, Jessica Taylor, Anteneh Tesfaye and Dave Warren.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Chair asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. On motion made by Mr. Treviño, seconded by Dr. Fellow, 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. Treviño, seconded by Mr. Bow, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved:

- a) Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Watermaster held June 2, 2021
- b) Lists of Demands: Items 19393 through 19424, and four electronic debits, in the amount of \$393,540.42 on the Administrative Fund and Items 0721-S, and 0721-U in the amount of \$161,270.80 on the Replacement Water Fund.
- c) Financial Statements, June 2021

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The Attorney, Mr. Fred Fudacz, reported that a status conference regarding the Main San Gabriel Basin (Basin) conditions before Presiding Judge, the Honorable Maureen Duffy-Lewis is scheduled for September 9, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles. Mr. Fudacz will continue to monitor the method of participation either in-person or by teleconference and will provide the information as soon as it is available.

Mr. Fudacz provided an update related to a litigation on the application of water rights, stating that the United States Supreme Court has denied Mr. Michael Abatti's Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Abatti v. Imperial Irrigation District, a final determination that the nation's highest court will not take the case under consideration and that the California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District's decision will stand.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Consulting Engineer, Mr. Steve Johnson, reported that the Baldwin Park Key Well level was 190.8 feet on July 2, 2021, noting a decrease of 0.4 feet from the prior week; about 1.8 feet lower from the prior month, and about 12.0 feet lower than one year ago. He also reported that it includes about 156,000 acre-feet of untreated imported water in cyclic storage accounts, which represents about 20 feet of groundwater elevation at the Key Well. The historic low for the Key Well has been established at 169.4 feet on November 21, 2018.

Mr. Johnson then reported briefly on hydrologic conditions as of June 30, 2021, stating that total rainfall at Puddingstone Dam is 6.23 inches, which is about 34 percent of average; and at the Los Angeles Civic Center, rainfall is 5.82 inches, which is 38 percent of average, for this time of year.

Additionally, Mr. Johnson stated that total combined canyon storage, as of June 29, 2021, was 11,492 acre-feet, about 14 percent of capacity. He also stated that as of June 29, 2021, the San Gabriel Reservoir inflow was 5 cubic foot per second (cfs), release was 6 cfs and the Morris Reservoir inflow was 7 cfs, release was 4 cfs.

Mr. Johnson provided an overview on Basin-wide water deliveries for the period of July

2020 through June 30, 2021. He 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**

Mr. Anthony Zampello reported that a written copy of his report on Outside Activities is included in the Board packet.

He highlighted meetings held on June 10, 2021 and July 6, 2021 with Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD) and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) regarding possible delivery of Colorado River Aqueduct water to the Basin.

## **REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES**

Dr. Anthony Fellow, reporting on behalf of USGVMWD, referenced a report provided by USGVMWD to Watermaster, reporting on the following items approved by the USGVMWD Board on June 9, 2021:

- A Public Hearing held regarding USGVMWD's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan.
- Adopted USGVMWD's 2020 UWMP and Water Shortage Contingency Plan.
- Approved Amendment No. 4 to the USGVMWD's Monrovia Office Lease Agreement, extending the term through March 31, 2022.
- Adoption of Resolution No. 6-21-619 confirming the nomination of Dr. Anthony Fellow for Association of California Water Agencies Region 8 for the 2022-23 term.

Dr. Fellow also reported that the USGVMWD Board received one presentation and approved the following items on June 23, 2021:

- Set Salary Range for the Water Use Efficiency Analyst Position as \$78,741 to \$112,750.
- MWD Water Supply Update by Mr. Demetri Polyzos, Senior Engineer, Water Resources Management Group, MWD.
- Adoption of Resolution No. 6-21-620 Honoring and Commemorating the Outstanding Service and Accomplishments of Mr. Jeffrey Kightlinger, General Manager, MWD.

- Adoption of Resolution No. 6-21-621 Honoring and Commemorating the Outstanding Service and Accomplishments of Ms. Christy Hawkins, USGVMWD, Executive Assistant.

Mr. Tom Love, General Manager, also reporting on behalf of USGVMWD, stated that on July 1, 2021 initiated MWD water deliveries to the Azusa Service Water Treatment Plant through the San Gabriel Pipeline at 10 cfs, noting will likely continue through the summer with a possibility of increasing.

Additionally, he provided the following key dates:

- USGVMWD Special Administration and Finance Committee Meeting – July 13, 2021 at 4:00p.m.
- USGVMWD Board of Directors Meeting – July 14, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
- USGVMWD Board of Directors Meeting – July 28, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Matthew Litchfield, General Manager, reporting on behalf of Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD), reported that the TVMWD Board meetings scheduled for the months of July and August 2021 will be dark.

Mr. Steven Placido, reporting on behalf of San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD), reported that on May 10, 2021, the SGVMWD Board approved the 2020 UWMP.

Mr. Ed Hills, Assistant General Manager, also reporting on behalf of SGVMWD, stated that the 2020 UWMP is available on the SGVMWD website and in electronic format.

## **REPORT FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEE LIAISONS**

Chair Noriega reported that any Outside Committee Liaisons 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:

- Temporary assignment or lease of 874.00 acre-feet of Production Right from Azusa Valley Water Company to City of Monrovia for FY 2020-21
- Temporary assignment or lease of 200.00 acre-feet of Production Right from Azusa Valley Water Company to Valley County Water District for FY 2020-21
- Temporary assignment or lease of 1,800.71 acre-feet of Carry-Over Right from IBY Property Owner, LLC to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2020-21

- d) Temporary assignment or lease of 19.04 acre-feet of Production Right from Carolyn Heinrich to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2020-21
- e) Temporary assignment or lease of 450.00 acre-feet of Production Right from Covina Irrigating Company to California Domestic Water Company for FY 2020-21
- f) Temporary assignment or lease of 300.00 acre-feet of Production Right from Covina Irrigating Company to California Domestic Water Company for FY 2020-21
- g) Temporary assignment or lease of 213.00 acre-feet of Production Right from Covina Irrigating Company to California Domestic Water Company for FY 2020-21
- h) Temporary assignment or lease of 300.00 acre-feet of Production Right from City of Whittier to Covina Irrigating Company for FY 2020-21
- i) Temporary assignment or lease of 335.39 acre-feet of Production Right from Mary Kay Partridge (Dawes) to La Puente Valley County Water District for FY 2021-22
- j) Temporary assignment or lease of 55.00 acre-feet of Production Right from Del Rio Mutual Water Company to California Domestic Water Company for FY 2020-21
- k) Temporary assignment or lease of 160.00 acre-feet of Production Right from Sonoco Products Company to California Domestic Water Company for FY 2020-21
- l) Temporary assignment or lease of 134.83 acre-feet of Integrated Production Right, consisting of 125.24 acre-feet of Production Right and 9.59 acre-feet of Diversion Component, from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2020-21
- m) Temporary assignment or lease of 2,000 acre-feet of Production Right from Azusa Valley Water Company to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2020-21
- n) Change of Designee for Rados Bros. to Stephen S. Rados
- o) Transmittal of SGVMWD monthly report for May 2021

#### **COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS**

Chair Noriega announced that today's meeting will be adjourned in memory of La Puente Valley County Water District, Operation and Maintenance Superintendent, Mr. Paul Zampiendo's wife and Executive Officer, Mr. Anthony Zampiendo's daughter-in-law, *Mrs. Jessica Leigh Zampiendo*, who passed away on June 24, 2021. She expressed

deepest and most sincere condolences to Mr. Paul Zampielo and the entire Zampielo family.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Public Hearing on August 4, 2021 Regarding Any Requests for Waivers of Assessments

#### **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 in memory of Mrs. Jessica Leigh Zampielo, to the next regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. to be held via Zoom Meeting.

SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE

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MARTIN ZVIRBULIS

ATTEST:

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LYNDA NORIEGA  
CHAIR