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**San Gabriel County Water District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
January 12, 2021  
4:00 P.M.**

**VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

- 2. Roll Call**
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| Director Taylor    | _____ |
| Director DeLaTorre | _____ |
| Director Cammarano | _____ |
| Director Cici      | _____ |
| Director Chan      | _____ |

**3. Additions, Re-order and Adoption of the Agenda:**

**Motion:**  
**Second:**  
**Action:**

**4. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda items**

**Anyone wishing to discuss items on and not on the agenda may do so at this time**

**5. Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held December 8, 2020**

**Motion:**  
**Second:**  
**Action:**

**6. List of Demands on General Account**

**a. December 2020 Invoices**

**Motion:**  
**Second:**  
**Action:**

**7. District Counsel**

**8. Action Item**

**9. Miscellaneous Information Items**

**a. Water Well Report**

**10. General Manager Report**

**11. Future Agenda Items**

**12. Director Comments**

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion:**

**Second:**

**Action:**

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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
SAN GABRIEL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel County Water District was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 8366 Grand Avenue, Rosemead, California at the hour of 4:00 p.m., available to the public via teleconference.

**ROLL CALL** The Board of Directors of the San Gabriel County Water District convened a regular meeting on December 8, 2020. Present at the District office were General Manager Jim Prior and Directors Taylor and Cammarano, Casey Feilen and Carmen Corona. On the phone were Directors Chan, De La Torre, and Cici. Also, present, District Counsel O'Neill, and member of the public Cookie Cici.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** The Board president opened up nominations for Board president: Director DeLaTorre nominated Director Taylor. Director Cici nominated Director DeLaTorre, who declined the nomination. Director Cici withdrew his nomination. The Board president closed the nominations. On motion of DeLaTorre, and seconded by Director Cici, the board voted 5-0 to elect Director Taylor as president.

Director Chan nominated himself as vice president. Director Cammarano nominated DeLaTorre as vice-president. The Board president closed nominations. Director Chan made a motion to appointment himself as vice president. The motion failed for lack of a second. Director Cammarano made a motion to elect Director DeLaTorre as vice president, which was seconded by Director Cici.

Director Chan commented as follows:

“This item we have before us stems from a single Constituent complaint about some of the content of my PERSONAL Social Media account. It bears no relevancy to my performance as a Board Member or as Vice President. Some members have decided to inject politics into an apolitical position. Quite frankly, I was surprised and saddened by their decision to take such action.

First and foremost, I wish to make it clear that it NEVER IS my intention to offend anyone. Most of you who know me know that I sometimes use my quirky sense of humor to express certain opinions and make certain points. It does NOT mean that I take serious Social issues lightly. Unfortunately, some people may sometimes MISUNDERSTAND my sarcasm and humor. No matter WHAT accusations are made against me, the People know that I am NOT a Racist.

This Board does not get to twist my words and claim racism for their political expediency. I am aware that some here have a political legacy in this town and want to carry the water for others in power. This is neither the place nor the way to accomplish your goals.

Also, be assured that the irony of this Agenda Item is NOT lost on me. . . It seems that we now have several WHITE Board Members ganging up on the ONLY Asian Board member and accusing ME of “Racism”. So I question their true motivation. . . And, are THEY the REAL Racists here? I also find that it is USUALLY those CLAIMING to be the MOST “tolerant and open-minded” who are the FIRST to be INTOLERANT and BULLYING of ANY opinions THEY don’t agree with.

This action is CLEARLY nothing more than a Political Prosecution! Let me remind you that we were NOT elected to play Politics on this Board. We are elected to oversee and ensure the proper and efficient production, delivery, and service of Water to our Customers. Public meetings of public business are NOT the proper time or place to play these Political games. That time would be during the next Election Cycle.

HERE, on this Board, I am committed, (and, so should YOU all be!), to helping guide the Management of our Water District for the benefit of ALL our Ratepaying Constituents, FAIRLY and JUDICIOUSLY, to the best of my ability. That is the Oath I took, and the task I am fully-committed to fulfilling EVERY DAY!

One more point. . . Even IF someone MAY have been offended, or objected to any of my personal remarks, it seems to me that the extreme action of my REMOVAL as this Board’s Vice President is disproportionately harsh and unfair, in light of any perceived “offense” that I may have committed.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that you vote NO on the issue of my removal as Vice President of this Board. Thank you.”

Director Cammarano responded that the District received several emails in response to Director Chan’s comments. The emails took offense with Director Chan’s comments, and stated that they found Director’s Chan’s comments to be racist and suggested a recall of Director Chan. Director Cammarano commented that she takes offense at the injection of politics and racism into the board’s process, and that all directors have to live up to the code of ethics they agreed to abide by. She further responded that she was disappointed by Director’s Chan’s comments and looks forward to moving the board forward in the coming year.

The board voted 5-0 to approve Director DeLaTorre as vice-president.

Director Cammarano moved, and seconded by Director DeLaTorre, to appoint Jim Prior as Board secretary. The motion was approved 5-0.

Director Cammarano motioned and seconded by Director Chan to appoint Carmen Corona as treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Director DeLaTorre and seconded by Director Cici, the Board adopted the agenda on a vote of 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cookie Cici congratulated Directors Taylor and Cammarano on their reelections and urged all the Board members to stay safe.

**MINUTES**

Upon motion by Director Chan, and seconded by Director Cici, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and special meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 24, 2020.

**DEMANDS**

Director DeLaTorre moved to authorize payments on the general account with check numbers 21074-21121 in the aggregate amounts of \$369,610.94 and to authorize an electronic funds transfer to the revolving account in the amount of \$100,739.88 with check numbers 12268-12291. This included voided check number 12287. Motion seconded by Director Cammarano. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISTRICT COUNSEL**

District counsel reported that the District Counsel reported on activities of the Water Replenishment District of the appointment of its General Manager.

**ACTION**

On motion of Director Cammarano, and second by Director DeLaTorre, the Board unanimously approved resolution 12-20-511 implementing the 2020-2021 budget.

On motion of Director Chan seconded by Director Cammarano, the board voted 5-0 to approve resolution 12-25-512 authorizing certain District positions and compensation levels.

**INFORMATION**

The General Manager presented the Water Well report and noted that all wells are at low levels. Director Chan commented on the pump depth of well 15.

**GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

The General Manager reported on attending the virtual ACWA conference, the end of year luncheon for district employees, and extended happy holidays to all the Board members.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Directors Chan, Cammarano, Cici, Taylor and DeLaTorre all extended happy holiday wishes to the staff and thanked the staff members for their efforts in a very challenging year.

The Board members also urged all staff to stay safe.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Board conducted a closed session pursuant to Govt code section 54957, to review the performance of the General Manager. District counsel reported that the board reviewed the performance of the General Manager, and no formal action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Director Taylor and seconded by Director Cici the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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**EFT-From the General Account for the Revolving Reimbursement**

	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Sick Cash Out Payroll	12/1/2020	\$ 20,681.25
Board of Director's Payroll	12/8/2020	\$ 445.90
Payroll	12/9/2020	\$ 65,267.30
Payroll	12/23/2020	\$ 64,916.48
Revolving Reimbursement	12/31/2020	\$ 19,538.93
	<b>Total Amount to be Reimbursed:</b>	<b>\$ 170,849.86</b>



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# Revolving Account

GL Period	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Vendor Number	Payee	Check GL Account	Amount
12/20	12/03/2020	12292	13366	Anthony Agobian	102000	150.00
12/20	12/07/2020	12293	13190	Patrick Rowland	102000	169.71
12/20	12/08/2020	12294	13529	Eric Chan	102000	92.35
12/20	12/10/2020	12295	13283	Jared Dibenedetto	102000	166.44
12/20	12/10/2020	12296	13605	Jim Jenkins	102000	105.00
12/20	12/10/2020	12297	13911	Kaxport Cleaning Service, Inc.	102000	120.00
12/20	12/10/2020	12298	13350	L. Andrew Mutch, DDS	102000	545.00
12/20	12/10/2020	12299	11940	Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.	102000	2,530.00
12/20	12/10/2020	12300	10217	P. Kansagra, DDS Inc.	102000	975.00
12/20	12/10/2020	12301	10098	Petty Cash Reimbursement	102000	269.96
12/20	12/11/2020	12302	13190	Patrick Rowland	102000	1,500.00
12/20	12/15/2020	12303	10218	San Gabriel Valley OFS WC	102000	141.50
12/20	12/15/2020	12304	12674	U.S. Bank	102000	2,292.38
12/20	12/15/2020	12305	10162	USC Foundation	102000	419.00
12/20	12/21/2020	12306	13300	Brian W. Snaer, DDS	102000	226.00
12/20	12/21/2020	12307	10040	Costco Membership	102000	60.00
12/20	12/21/2020	12308	10219	Jennifer Wong	102000	175.00
12/20	12/21/2020	12309	10145	May Chong Louie-Au	102000	315.00
12/20	12/21/2020	12310	10052	Oscar Valenzuela	102000	175.00
12/20	12/21/2020	12311	10063	San Gabriel Valley Tribune	102000	206.08
12/20	12/23/2020	12312	13465	Anthony Maas	102000	175.00
12/20	12/23/2020	12313	13754	Cohen, Sedgh, Manavi & Pakravan Dental	102000	430.00
12/20	12/23/2020	12314	13350	L. Andrew Mutch, DDS	102000	771.00
12/20	12/23/2020	12315	13429	Matt Pearson	102000	200.00
12/20	12/23/2020	12316	11940	Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.	102000	2,530.00
12/20	12/23/2020	12317	13163	Carlos Cardona	102000	200.00
12/20	12/23/2020	12318	13605	Jim Jenkins	102000	200.00
12/20	12/28/2020	12319	13127	Jim Prior	102000	185.00
12/20	12/30/2020	12320	13217	Anthony Pliscopo	102000	200.00
12/20	12/30/2020	12321	13913	Grabatee	102000	330.51
12/20	12/30/2020	12322	13163	Carlos Cardona	102000	185.00
12/20	12/31/2020	12323	13754	Cohen, Sedgh, Manavi & Pakravan Dental	102000	1,459.00
12/20	12/31/2020	12324	10145	May Chong Louie-Au	102000	1,450.00
12/20	12/31/2020	12325	10082	Ramirez Pediatric Dental Corp.	102000	395.00
12/20	12/31/2020	12326	13494	Roy H. Chang, DDS	102000	195.00

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Grand Totals:

19,538.93

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**Water Levels as of December 31, 2020**

Listed below are the water levels in the Baldwin Park Key Well and Wells owned and operated by San Gabriel County Water District.

The Baldwin Park Key Well is located in the central portion of the San Gabriel Valley within the City of Baldwin Park and is used by the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster to monitor changes in the groundwater supply for the Basin. Each vertical foot is equivalent to about 8,000 acre-feet of groundwater in the Main Basin. The Key Well elevation is measured at sea level.

	<u>December 2019</u>	<u>December 2020</u>
Baldwin Park Key Well	212.5	200.2

**Reservoir Storage in the San Gabriel Canyon:**

Cogswell Reservoir	10,438 acre-feet
San Gabriel Reservoir	44,106 acre-feet
Morris Reservoir	<u>29,944 acre-feet</u>
Total Storage Capacity	84,488 acre-feet

As of December 31, 2020, combined storage was 13,910 acre-feet (16 percent of capacity)

**San Gabriel County Water District**

Listed below are water levels measured at static and pumping and also pump depth.

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	
	STATIC	PUMPING	STATIC	PUMPING	PUMP DEPTH
<u>Raymond Basin</u>					
Well #16	286	364	301	373	423
<u>Main San Gabriel Basin</u>					
Well #9	309	396	NM	408	462
Well #11	243	offline	231	342	460
Well #12	235	260	230.5	254	360
Well #14	201	287	194	274	360
Well#15	392	430	375	415	660