

**San Gabriel County Water District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
8366 Grand Ave
Rosemead, CA 91770**

October 10, 2023

4:00 P.M.

AGENDA

Call to Order

1. Pledge of Allegiance

- 2. Roll Call** **Director Cammarano** _____
 Director DeLaTorre _____
 Director Taylor _____
 Director Saucedo _____
 Director Mamdapurkar _____

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 September 26, 2023

Motion:
Second:
Action:

6. List of Demands on General Account

a. September 2023 Invoices

Motion:
Second:
Action:

7. District Counsel

8. Action Item

a. Board's consideration of a purchase of a replacement Valve Truck

Motion:

Second:

Action:

9. Miscellaneous Information Items

a. Water Well Report

10. General Manager Report

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Director Comments

13. Adjournment

Motion:

Second:

Action:

Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public review at the District office, located at 8366 Grand Ave., Rosemead, CA 91770.

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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SAN GABRIEL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

- CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel County Water District was called to order on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 8366 Grand Avenue, Rosemead, California at the hour of 4:00 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** Present at the District office were General Manager Jim Prior, Finance and Administration Manager Carmen Corona, Assistant General Manager Casey Feilen, Directors Cammarano, Taylor, DeLaTorre, Saucedo, Mamdapurkar and District Counsel Koczanowicz.
- AGENDA** Upon motion by Director Taylor and seconded by Director Saucedo, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** None
- MINUTES** Upon motion by Director DeLaTorre and seconded by Director Mamdapurkar, the Board voted to approve the minutes for the meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 12, 2023. Motion passed 5-0.
- DEMANDS** Director DeLaTorre motioned to authorize an electronic funds transfer from the general account to the revolving account in the amount of \$83,372.32. The motion was seconded by Director Taylor. No questions were asked by the Board. Motion passed 5-0.
- DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT** District Counsel briefed the Board on a case from 2nd District Court of Appeals, Estrada v. CAL PERS. Ms. Estrada, a payroll manager, pled no-contest to a felony charge of embezzlement from her employer, City of La Habra Heights. She manipulated the payroll deductions to exclude herself from paying for employee-paid benefits, increasing her take-home pay by approx. \$5,700 during a period of three years. Her PERS benefits were suspended, and she was not eligible for another CALPERS job. Estrada sued. Court of Appeals upheld the lower Court's decision in favor of CALPERS, finding that a subsequent reduction of the charge from felony to misdemeanor as part of the plea deal did not negate the original guilty plea and resulting conviction and State law provisions which prohibit future benefits to employees convicted of felonies related to their job duties were applicable.
- ACTION ITEMS** None
- MISC INFORMATION** Receive and File: August 2023 Banking and Investment and Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports were provided to the Board.

Director Cammarano commented on the increased interest rate and General Manager acknowledged that the interest rate has risen significantly in the last several months.

**GENERAL
MANAGER
COMMENTS**

The General Manager informed the Board that the turf on the east side of the front lawn at the district will be installed on Thursday; he also reported that Well 12 will be profiled the week of October 9th and answered questions from Director Taylor regarding the depth of the well (approx. 1100 feet) and Director Saucedo regarding the flow. Casey Feilen stated that well will also be tested due to some nominal detections of arsenic, well below MCLs. Mr. Prior also informed the Board that the Gladys job started on Monday and that he and Mr. Feilen had some interactions with Environmental Working Group, who have been trying to sell water filters to local residents in the Fairview Village area, based on alleged claims that "water company" water needs to be filtered and that they are from that "water company". He and Mr. Feilen confronted some of the salesmen who denied making such claims. Residents that inquired were reassured that District water is safe to drink and does not need to be filtered. Some discussion ensued about possible remedies or actions to stop the company from lying about the quality of District's water or pretending they were from the District.

**FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS**

Board will be making a decision regarding Property Management firm sometime in November or December of this year to be retained for management of the 8331-8351 Grand Ave. rentals.

**DIRECTOR
COMMENTS**

Director Cammarano commented on the beautiful weather.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Director Taylor, seconded by Director Saucedo the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

President

Secretary

[SEAL]

EFT-From the General Account for the Revolving Reimbursement

	Date Paid	Amount Paid
Board of Director's Payroll	9/26/2023	\$ 353.55
Payroll	9/27/2023	\$ 82,120.46
Revolving Reimbursement	9/30/2023	\$ 26,898.82
	Total Amount to be Reimbursed:	\$ 109,372.83

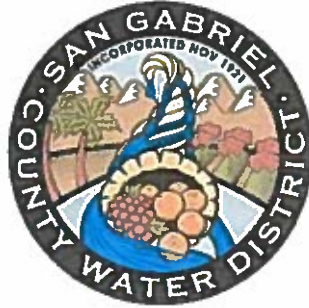
Revolving Account

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09/23	09/06/2023	13400	13300	Brian W. Snaer, DDS	102000	245.00
09/23	09/06/2023	13401	13161	Casey Feilen	102000	326.26
09/23	09/06/2023	13402	13308	Dmitry Tubis, DDS	102000	1,200.00
09/23	09/06/2023	13403	10546	John T. Wang DDS, Inc.	102000	276.00
09/23	09/06/2023	13404	10363	Staples Business Credit	102000	739.41
09/23	09/07/2023	13405	10578	Brandon V. Cuccia, D.D.S.	102000	374.00
09/23	09/07/2023	13406	10098	Petty Cash Reimbursement	102000	232.12
09/23	09/07/2023	13407	12674	U.S. Bank	102000	5,188.99
09/23	09/12/2023	13408	10544	Anagh Mamdapurkar	102000	92.35
09/23	09/12/2023	13409	10350	Domingo Saucedo	102000	92.35
09/23	09/13/2023	13410	10350	Domingo Saucedo	102000	2,000.00
09/23	09/13/2023	13411	11940	Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.	102000	3,745.00
09/23	09/13/2023	13412	13237	Phillip B. Maldonado, DDS	102000	154.00
09/23	09/19/2023	13413	10159	Deluxe	102000	904.37
09/23	09/19/2023	13414	10184	Dental Spa of West Covina	102000	502.00
09/23	09/19/2023	13415	10636	Jacob Running	102000	1,846.00
09/23	09/19/2023	13416	13322	Vicken Marganian, DDS	102000	453.00
09/23	09/26/2023	13417	10544	Anagh Mamdapurkar	102000	92.35
09/23	09/26/2023	13418	10350	Domingo Saucedo	102000	92.35
09/23	09/27/2023	13419	11940	Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.	102000	3,745.00
09/23	09/27/2023	13420	13296	Jeffrey C. Murphy, DDS	102000	331.00
09/23	09/29/2023	13421	10641	19315 Greyhall, LLC	102000	1,497.69
09/23	09/29/2023	13422	10068	Arlen Vartanian D.D.S., Inc.	102000	332.00
09/23	09/29/2023	13423	10534	Beach City Dental	102000	175.00
09/23	09/29/2023	13424	10642	Chen Liang	102000	5.49
09/23	09/29/2023	13425	10047	David Situ	102000	65.73
09/23	09/29/2023	13426	10639	Elbert Tran	102000	1,145.51
09/23	09/29/2023	13427	10125	Giovanna Reis Tija or Nicholas Tija	102000	.42
09/23	09/29/2023	13428	10640	Richard Tamayo	102000	1,023.22
09/23	09/30/2023	13429	10645	Dimlight Inc.	102000	3.49
09/23	09/30/2023	13430	10644	Ghyun Kim	102000	12.91
09/23	09/30/2023	13431	10643	Qi Lan	102000	5.81

Grand Totals: 26,898.82

M = Manual Check, V = Void Check



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To: Board of Directors

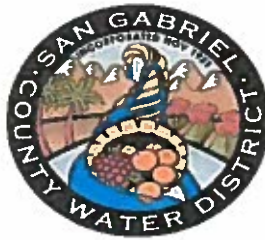
From: General Manager *JP*

Subject: Vehicle Purchase

In the 2023 Budget the Board approved the purchase of a new valve truck to replace the existing valve truck. In January the board was informed that we would have to order the vehicle in January to receive it this year. Last week Anthony Agobian, who purchases the vehicles was notified that that truck would not be built this year and we would have to wait another year to receive the vehicle. Upon hearing this Anthony checked other dealers to see if one was on a lot, he was able to find one in La Mesa that is the same price as the vehicle we ordered this year. If we wait, we will pay approximately 5% more for the vehicle next year and we budgeted the money this year. We did however have to basically purchase the vehicle or lose it. Since we had budgeted for the vehicle and notified the Board about purchasing the vehicle staff felt it was the right thing to do since we only had one day to make the decision. The cost of the vehicle is \$61,822.05, we budgeted \$125,000.00 for the valve truck, which included equipping the cab and chassis once purchased. So, this leaves us around \$63,000.00 to make those modifications which should be more than enough.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that we complete the purchase of this vehicle.



Water Levels as of September 30, 2023

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>SEPTEMBER 2022</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 2023</u>
Baldwin Park Key Well	178.2	227.0

Reservoir Storage in the San Gabriel Canyon:

Cogswell Reservoir	11,136 acre-feet
San Gabriel Reservoir	43,646 acre-feet
Morris Reservoir	28,696 acre-feet
Total Storage Capacity	83,478 acre-feet

As of September 26, 2023 combined storage was 10,690 acre-feet (13 percent of capacity)

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

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	STATIC	PUMPING	STATIC	PUMPING	PUMP DEPTH
<u>Raymond Basin</u>					
Well #16	285	381	287	381	423
<u>Main San Gabriel Basin</u>					
Well #9	NM	411	NM	395	471
Well #11	243	356	222	340	483
Well #12	232	255	213	240	380
Well #14	202.5	273.5	182	270	381
Well #15	382	421	370	409	650