

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

February 27, 2024

4:00 P.M.

AGENDA

Call to Order

1. Pledge of Allegiance

- 2. Roll Call**
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| 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 February 13, 2024

Motion:
Second:
Action:

6. List of Demands on the General Account

a. Revolving/Payroll Account Reimbursement

Motion:
Second:
Action:

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7. District Counsel

8. Action Items

- a. Consideration and Action on Resolution No. 02-24-526 Opposing the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act, Ballot Initiative No.21-0042A1**

Motion:

Second:

Action:

9. Miscellaneous Information Items

- a. Receive and File: January 2024 Banking & Investment Report**
b. Receive and File: 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.

If you have special needs because of a disability which make it difficult for you to access or participate in the meeting, please contact the District Finance & Administration Manager, (626) 287-0341, by at least noon on the Monday preceding the meeting. The District will attempt to make arrangements to accommodate your attendance.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SAN GABRIEL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

- CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel County Water District was called to order on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 8366 Grand Avenue, Rosemead, California at the hour of 4:00 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** Present at the meeting were General Manager Jim Prior, Finance and Administration Manager Carmen Corona, Assistant General Manager Casey Feilen, Directors Cammarano, Taylor, DeLaTorre, Saucedo and Mamdapurkar and District Counsel Koczanowicz.
- AGENDA** Upon motion by Director Taylor and seconded by Director Mamdapurkar, 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 Taylor, the Board voted to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on January 23, 2024. Motion passed 5-0.
- DEMANDS** Director DeLaTorre motioned to authorize payments from the General Account in the amount of \$390,090.37 (chk#23011-23066) and an electronic funds transfer to the Revolving Account in the amount of \$124,601.63 (chk#13545-13593 and voided Check#13571). The motion was seconded by Director Saucedo. Director Cammarano asked about expenditures related to Nobel Systems subscription and the City of San Gabriel; Director DeLaTorre asked about payments to Cricket Consulting and Granger; Director Mamdapurkar asked about bee removal expenses and Infosend. All questions were answered to Board's satisfaction. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.
- DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT** District Counsel briefed the Board on a Court of Appeals decision in Mojave Pistachios vs. Indio Kern Ground Water Sustainability Agency et al. Appellate Court upheld the lower Court's decision which granted a demurer to the defendants based on the fact that the Plaintiffs failed to pay the Replenishment Fees before filing an action to challenge their legality. Court upheld the longstanding principal that mandates payment of any taxes prior to initiating an action to challenge those taxes. Keith Lemieux from Aleshire & Wynder was one of the attorneys representing the prevailing defendants.
- ACTION ITEMS** Board discussed the selection of Property Management firm for the residential properties on Grand and on a motion by Director Taylor, seconded by Director Saucedo on a 4-1 vote (Director Mamdapurkar voting

no) selected Jill Peterson of Re/Max Masters Realty to provide those services to the District. Staff was directed to enter into an agreement with Ms. Peterson subject to District Counsel review and approval.

**MISC
INFORMATION**

None.

**GENERAL
MANAGER
COMMENTS**

The General Manager reported that the District received a bid for gardening services for the residential properties on Grand for \$13,200 per month, which bid was rejected. He informed the Board that a Resolution in Opposition to a pending tax measure would be on the agenda at the next meeting for Board's consideration; he also stated that staff attended a meeting at American Ground water trust, which was good and informational. Lastly Mr. Prior inquired if any of the Directors wanted to attend the upcoming ACWA conference in Sacramento.

**FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS**

Resolution in Opposition to tax measure will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

**DIRECTOR
COMMENTS**

Director Cammarano commented on District's mitigation plan and fee schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Director Taylor, seconded by Director DeLaTorre the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

President

Secretary

[SEAL]

EFT-From the General Account for the Revolving Reimbursement

	Date Paid	Amount Paid
Director's Payroll	2/13/2024	\$ 353.55
Payroll	2/14/2024	\$ 87,675.41
	Total Amount to be Reimbursed:	\$ 88,028.96

RESOLUTION NO. 02-24-526

**SAN GABRIEL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, BALLOT INITIATIVE NO. 21-0042A1**

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2023, a ballot initiative submitted by the California Business Roundtable, an organization comprised of the senior executive leadership of major California employers, qualified for the November 2024 statewide election; and

WHEREAS, the ballot initiative, named “The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act” (Ballot Initiative No. 21-0042A1), seeks to amend the California Constitution by enacting new and stricter rules for raising and increasing taxes, fees, and charges, and making it more difficult to pass measures needed to fund local services and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Initiative No. 21-0042A1 would require all fees and charges be approved either by voters themselves or by an elected governing body; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance have opined that Ballot Initiative No. 21-0042A1 will reduce state and local revenues, potentially substantially; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Initiative No. 21-0042A1 would have significant negative impacts on the District’s operations and ability to deliver its core services; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of local governments, labor, education and public safety leaders, infrastructure advocates, and businesses strongly oppose Ballot Initiative No. 21-0042A1; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of interested parties, including Governor Gavin Newsom and the State Legislature, have petitioned the California Supreme Court to enjoin submission of Ballot Initiative No. 21-0042A to the voters, arguing that it is constitutionally invalid; and

WHEREAS, the District’s General Counsel has drafted this Resolution based upon the information available, with the understanding this information is complete, true, and accurate.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the San Gabriel County Water District Board of Directors, hereby oppose “The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act” (Ballot Initiative No. 21-0042A1), which has qualified for the November 2024 Statewide Election.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held February 27, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SECRETARY



BANKING & INVESTMENT REPORT

January 2024

Cash & Investments

LAIF Investment	\$	10,309,701
Capital Emergency Fund	\$	<u>5,000,000</u>
LAIF TOTAL	\$	15,309,701
LAIF Interest Rate	4.012%	
Time-Value Investment	\$	1,497,710
Citizens Bank - General	\$	2,286,695
Citizens Bank - Revolving	\$	73,893
Citizens-Bank - Safety Lunches	\$	24,001
Xpress Bill Pay Holding (Online)	\$	<u>31,699</u>
Citizens Bank - General/Revolving & Other	\$	2,416,287

**I hereby certify that the forgoing is true and correct and in accordance with the District's Investment Policy.*

Date: 2/27/2024

Treasurer

	<u>Jan-23</u>	<u>YTD Jan-23</u>	<u>Jan-24</u>	<u>YTD Jan-24</u>
Cash Receipts	\$ 957,675	\$ 957,675	\$ 967,189	\$ 967,189
Disbursements	\$ 911,882	\$ 911,882	\$ 978,293	\$ 978,293
Water Sales	\$ 623,455	\$ 623,455	\$ 662,472	\$ 662,472
Water Payments	916,326			
A/R Payments	43,154		Meter Charges \$ 278,033	
LAIF Interest	-		Water Charges \$ 384,439	
Time Value Interest	7,813		<u>Total Billed \$ 662,472</u>	
Safety Lunches	<u>(104)</u>			
	<u>\$ 967,189</u>			



Water Levels as of January 31, 2024

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>JANUARY 2023</u>	<u>JANUARY 2024</u>
Baldwin Park Key Well	179.0	223.6

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 February 6, 2024 combined storage was 32,642 acre-feet (39 percent of capacity)

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	
	STATIC	PUMPING	STATIC	PUMPING	PUMP DEPTH
<u>Raymond Basin</u>					
Well #16	269	356	281	375	423
<u>Main San Gabriel Basin</u>					
Well #9	NM	403	286	395	471
Well #11	236	351	217	337	483
Well #12	224	248	207.5	230	380
Well #14	193	269	175	266.5	381
Well #15	377	416	364	402	650