



**SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

APPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

- 1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Sharer at 6:00pm at the Los Alamos Community Services District, located at 82 St. Joseph Street, Los Alamos, CA. Members of the public had the option to participate virtually or in-person.

Board of Directors Present: Dan Chabot, Juan Gomez, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather.

Directors Absent: Tom Durant

Alternates present, but not acting on behalf of a Director: Bart Haycraft

- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**

No public comment.

- 4. CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Approve Minutes from March 19, 2024, SABGSA Board Meeting**

Motion by Director Wrather, second by Director Mosby to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 Board meeting, as presented.

Ayes: Dan Chabot, Juan Gomez, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather.

Nos: None; **Absent:** Tom Durant; **Abstain:** None

- b. Agency Finances, Budgeting, and Training**

Motion by Director Chabot, second by Director Pata to approve the financial report dated March 31, 2024, as presented.

Ayes: Dan Chabot, Juan Gomez, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather.

Nos: None; **Absent:** Tom Durant; **Abstain:** None

- 5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. Executive Director Updates:**

- The GSP Annual Report for Water Year 2023 was uploaded to the SGMA portal on March 21, 2024.
- GSP Consultation Meeting with DWR: SABGSA Board Chair Randy Sharer, SABGSA Executive Director Stephanie Bertoux, Mike McAlpin (GSI Water Solutions), and Jeff Barry (GSI Water Solutions) met with DWR Representatives on April 9, 2024 to review the recommendations and potential corrective actions to the GSP outlined in the DWR Staff Report. The meeting was positive. DWR provided clarity on specifics of recommended corrective actions, expectations for the Periodic Evaluation (5-Year Update – guidance document posted on SABGSA’s website) and encouraged SABGSA to continue to fill data

gaps identified in the GSP. No immediate corrective action is required.

- DWR released two additional resource guides: 1.) Funding SGMA Implementation and 2.) Groundwater Well Permitting: Observations and Analysis of Executive Orders N-7-22 and N-3-23. Both resource guides are posted on SABGSA's website.
- The Ordinance for the metering program is being drafted by SABGSA's legal counsel. The Metering Ad Hoc Comm will review first draft at their meeting on May 2, 2024. SABGSA's legal counsel will present the draft to the Board at the May 21, 2024 meeting for discussion. The intent is to have a working document to identify and address additional policy considerations that may not have been included in the initial framework and to provide landowners with advance notice of actions and policies being considered by the SABGSA. The draft Ordinance will be discussed during open session, posted on SABGSA's website, and used as a communication tool during stakeholder workshops before initiating the public hearing process.
- Solomon Hills Development: The SABGSA continues to track this project. The water supply portfolio is being developed and will eventually go before the Planning Commission. The SABGSA is not aware of any current plans to pump from the Basin.

b. San Antonio Basin Water District Update

Executive Director Donna Glass reported that the San Antonio Basin Water District (SABWD) Board of Directors met on April 16, 2024.

- Invoices for the 2023-24 Assessments were sent out on August 8, 2023. As of April 1, 2024, 89% has been collected totaling \$512,635. The delinquent assessments totaling \$64,266 will be placed on the County's property tax roll.
- The deadline for Property Change Order Requests from landowners for FY 24-25 was April 1, 2024. The SABWD Board will review at their May 21, 2024 board meeting.
- The SABWD approved a fund request from the SABGSA for \$19,933.00 to cover invoices received this month.

c. Advisory Committee Updates

- The Advisory Committee did not meet in April 2024.

d. Board Member Updates

- None

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Presentation from the Center for Irrigation Technology, Fresno State University

Sarge Green, Research Scientist, California Water Institute/Center for Irrigation Technology (CIT) at Fresno State University gave an informational presentation on metering programs implemented by other groundwater sustainability agencies and water districts throughout the State. Mr. Green also highlighted relevant research, studies, and resources published by CIT and other universities. The presentation and resource materials are posted on SABGSA's website (Metering Program).

b. SABGSA Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024-25

The Board briefly discussed the budget priorities for fiscal year 2024-25 and directed staff to prepare a draft budget to be reviewed at the May board meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2024 at 6pm at the Los Alamos Community Services District.

8. ADJOURN – 7:40pm