



SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Tuesday, August 19, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order by Chair 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, Tom Durant, Barbara Landon, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

Directors Absent: Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby

Alternates present, but not acting on behalf of a Director: Jim Stollberg

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

No public comment.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

a. **Minutes from July 15, 2025, SABGSA Board Meeting**

Motion by Director Wrather, second by Director Pata to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2025 Board meeting, as presented.

Ayes: Dan Chabot, Tom Durant, Barbara Landon, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

Nos: None; **Absent:** Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby; **Abstain:** None

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

Motion by Director Chabot, second by Director Durant to approve the financial report dated July 31, 2025, as presented.

Ayes: Dan Chabot, Tom Durant, Barbara Landon, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

Nos: None; **Absent:** Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby; **Abstain:** None

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

a. **SABGSA Executive Director Updates**

- Ordinance 25-001 (Well Metering & Groundwater Extraction Reporting):
 - Since the July 15, 2025 board meeting, the SABGSA did not receive any communications or inquiries from Basin landowners regarding Ordinance 25-001.
 - Mailing #2 to landowners regarding Ordinance 25-001 will go out the Week of August 25th.
- The SABGSA submitted a funding request to the SABWD on August 12, 2025 for \$22,211.50 to cover invoices received this month.
- On July 25, 2025, the SABGSA received approval of the GSP Annual Report for WY 2024 from DWR.
- Solomon Hills – Permitting Process and EIR Kick Off Update: Solomon Hills continues to work with County Planning Staff to complete the project's application. It is anticipated that the environmental review process will kick off late this year and will include an extensive

public input process. SABGSA will continue to monitor the status of this project.

b. San Antonio Basin Water District (SABWD) Update

Executive Director Donna Glass reported that the San Antonio Basin Water District (SABWD) Board of Directors did not meet on August 19, 2025.

- The SABWD approved a fund request from the SABGSA for \$22,211.50 to cover their monthly invoices.
- The 2025-26 Assessment was approved at the July 15, 2025, SABWD meeting. The Assessment Book was filed with the Treasurer on August 4, 2025, and invoices were distributed. For the 2025-26 tax roll, the SABWD included an additional 436.53 irrigated acres.
- Two SABWD Board member terms are set to expire at the end of 2025. Two candidate forms were received—Ken Hunter and Victor Schaff—for the two available seats. A request was made to the County Board of Supervisors to appoint these individuals in lieu of holding an election and to include the matter on their agenda before December 1, 2025.

c. Advisory Committee Updates

- The Advisory Committee did not meet in July 2025.

• Board Member Updates

- None.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Review SABGSA Response to Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report

On June 13, 2025, the 2024-25 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury released a report titled “Water Management in Santa Barbara County - Keep Up the Good Work”. Pursuant to California Penal Code §933 and §933.05, the Grand Jury requests each entity named in the report to respond to the findings and recommendations within the specified 90-day statutory time limit. SABGSA staff and SABGSA legal counsel reviewed the report with the Board and recommended that the SABGSA agree to Finding #1 and Finding #2 and reviewed the draft response.

Motion by *Director Durant*, second by *Director Chabot* to approve the response to the Grand Jury Report, as presented, and authorize SABGSA staff to send the response to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury.

Ayes: Dan Chabot, Tom Durant, Barbara Landon, Kevin Merrill, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

Nos: None; **Absent:** Patrice Mosby; **Abstain:** None

b. Informational Presentation from Sam Taylor, Taylor Drilling & Pump, Regarding Best Practices for Flow Meter Selection and Installation

Sam Taylor, Taylor Drilling & Pump, provided an informational presentation on industry best practices related to metering, including guidance on selecting appropriate flow meters and ensuring proper installation to support operational efficiency. The information presented is posted on SABGSA’s website. The intent of this presentation was to offer landowners practical information and resources to ensure compliance with SABGSA Ordinance 25-001 requiring well meter installation and reporting of groundwater extraction.

7. NEXT MEETING: September 16, 2025 at 6pm at Los Alamos Community Services District.

8. ADJOURN – 6:35pm