



SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
Tuesday, February 20, 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. Director Wrather participated remotely under the provisions of AB 2449 and made the necessary disclosures during roll call.

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

Directors Absent: Tom Durant

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

No public comment.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. **Approve Minutes from January 16, 2024, SABGSA Board Meeting**

Motion by Director Chabot, second by Director Mosby to approve the minutes of the January 16, 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 Pata, second by Director Mosby to approve the financial reports dated January 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 Q1 2024 Groundwater Level Monitoring Event will take place on February 27th and 28th.
- The Righetti Well Verification Request for a New Well under the Hardship Exemption has been withdrawn. SABGSA will return the deposit fee in full in the amount of \$987.50.
- Scarlett Tovar is SABGSA's new Point of Contact at the Department of Water Resources. An introductory meeting was held on February 14, 2024.
- The SABGSA requested a fund transfer from the SABWD in the amount of \$41,594.85 to cover invoices received in February 2024.

- 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 February 20, 2024.

- Invoices for the 2023-24 Assessments were sent out on August 8, 2023. As of February 14, 2024, 88% has been collected totaling \$507,057.06.
- The SABWD Board approved a fund transfer to the SABGSA in the amount of \$41,594.85 to cover invoices received in February 2024.
- The SABWD Board approved a contract amendment for the Wallace Group for a not to exceed amount of \$15,000 for on-call support, as needed, to prepare the Tax Roll for FY 24-25 and invoice and distribute to property owners, mail out Property Change Request letters, update and maintain database, address delinquent assessments, etc.

c. Advisory Committee Updates

- The Advisory Committee did not meet in February 2024.

d. Board Member Updates

- None.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Approval

The San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin's GSP was approved by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on January 18, 2024. The Board reviewed and discussed the recommendations and potential corrective actions outlined in the [DWR Staff Report](#). The recommended corrective actions focus on the following:

- Further assessing the potential impact of established minimum thresholds for chronic lowering of groundwater levels on supply wells, including domestic wells.
- Continuing to fill data gaps, collecting additional monitoring data, coordinating with resources agencies and interested parties to understand beneficial uses and users that may be impacted by depletions of interconnected surface water caused by groundwater pumping, and potentially refine sustainable management criteria.
- Adding information related to the data and reporting standards.
- Expanding the land subsidence monitoring network to provide sufficient coverage of the Subbasin.

The next step is to schedule a follow up meeting with the DWR GSP Review Team. The SABGSA is targeting the Week of April 8th for the informational meeting. The SABGSA Board Chair, SABGSA Executive Director, and representatives from GSI Water Solutions will attend the meeting. The SABGSA Executive Director will work with GSI Water Solutions to prepare the draft agenda for distribution to DWR the Week of March 25th. The Board did not take action on this item.

b. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Annual Report for Water Year 2023

GSI Water Solutions, Inc. presented the draft Annual Report highlighting water year type, groundwater elevations, groundwater pumping, change in groundwater in storage, Tier 1 Management Actions, and progress toward sustainability. The [draft Annual Report](#) is posted on SABGSA's website for review and public comment. The final draft will be placed on the March 19, 2024 agenda to be considered for approval. The Board did not take action on this item.

7. NEXT MEETING: March 19, 2024 at 6pm at the Los Alamos Community Services District.

8. ADJOURN – 7:14pm

Please contact Stephanie Bertoux at admin@sanantoniobasingsa.org with any questions.