



SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Tuesday, January 21, 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, Juan Gomez, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather.

Directors Absent: None.

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. **Approve Minutes from November 19, 2024, SABGSA Board Meeting**

Motion by Director Merrill, second by Director Chabot to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2024 Board meeting, as presented.

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

Nos: None; **Absent:** None; **Abstain:** None

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

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

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

Nos: None; **Absent:** None; **Abstain:** None

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

a. **SABGSA Executive Director Updates**

- The GSP Annual Report is underway. SABGSA is drafting the Management Action Implementation Approach section. GSI Water Solutions, Inc. will present the draft report at the February 18, 2025 Board meeting.
- SABGSA requested \$21,232.13 from the SABWD on January 9, 2025 to cover invoices received this month.
- SB1156 – Form 700 Filing Requirements. SABGSA Board (and Alternates) and Executive Director are now required to file Form 700 with the Fair Political Practices Commission by April 1, 2025. This is in addition to filing Form 700 with the County of Santa Barbara by April 1, 2025. SABGSA will track both submittals on the Board Training/Certifications Report.

b. San Antonio Basin Water District (SABWD) Update

The SABWD Board of Directors met on January 21, 2025. Executive Director Donna Glass reported the following.

- At the Special Board of Supervisors meeting on October 15, 2024, three (3) directors, Kevin Merrill, Randall Sharer, and Andrew Read, were appointed to the Board of the San Antonio Basin Water District in lieu of election with terms expiring in December 2027. Kevin Merrill and Randy Sharer will continue as President and Vice-President, respectively. District Manager, Donna Glass was appointed as Secretary and Victor Schaff will continue as Assessor, Tax Collector and Treasurer.
- Wallace Group reviewed the Re-Evaluation of the Irrigated versus Non-Irrigated Lands with the Board and addressed questions.
- As of January 16, 2025, \$472,977 or 84% of the 2024-25 Assessments has been collected. The remaining balance is \$87,074. Payment reminders were sent out on January 3, 2025, and become delinquent on February 3, 2025. A transfer in the amount of \$25,000 from the Operating Account to the Investment Account, California CLASS with an Average Monthly Yield of 4.63%, was approved.
- The SABWD Board approved a fund request from SABGSA for \$21,232.13 to cover invoices received this month.

c. Advisory Committee Updates

- The Advisory Committee did not meet in January 2025.

d. Board Member Updates

- None.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Consider Ordinance No. 25-001 to Adopt and Implement a Well Metering and Groundwater Extraction Reporting Program

During the public comment period, questions were raised regarding a pathway and requirements for an inactive and/or abandoned well to be exempt from SABGSA’s Well Metering and Groundwater Extraction Reporting Program. The current version of SABGSA’s proposed Rules and Regulations related to the Ordinance 25-001 does not contain an exemption clause nor does it outline the conditions and process for a potential exemption.

Motion by *Director Merrill*, second by *Director Chabot* to direct SABGSA legal counsel to work with SABGSA staff to revise Ordinance 25-001 to address conditions and requirements under which a well could potentially be exempt and present the proposed revisions at the February 18, 2025 board meeting.

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

Nos: None; **Absent:** None; **Abstain:** None

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Election of Officers for 2025 Term

Pursuant to Article 8 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, the Board of Directors shall elect Officers – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer – annually for a (1) year term.

Motion by *Director Durant*, second by *Director Wrather* to elect Randy Sharer as Chair, Kevin Merrill as Vice Chair, Stephanie Bertoux as Secretary, and Carrie Troup as Treasurer for calendar year 2025.

Ayes: Dan Chabot, Tom Durant, Juan Gomez, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy

Sharer, Chris Wrather.

Nos: None; **Absent:** None; **Abstain:** None

b. Q4 2024 Quarterly Groundwater Level Monitoring Report

Chair Randy Sharer provided an overview of the Q4 2024 Quarterly Groundwater Level Monitoring Report prepared by GSI Water Solutions, Inc. The Q4 2024 report is posted on SABGSA's website. The Board did not take action on this item.

c. Consider a Proposal from GSI Water Solutions, Inc. to Provide Planning and Oversight of Vegetation Trimming Along Access Trails to Wells Near Barka Slough

The Board reviewed and discussed the scope of work and associated fees for GSI Water Solutions, Inc. to provide planning and oversight of vegetation trimming along access trails to wells near Barka Slough that are included in SABGSA's Groundwater Level Monitoring Network.

Motion by Director Wrather, second by Director Pata to approve the proposal from GSI Water Solutions, Inc. for Vegetation Trimming dated January 9, 2025 for a not to exceed amount of \$9,944.00, as presented.

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

Nos: None; **Absent:** None; **Abstain:** None

7. NEXT MEETING:

February 18, 2025 at 6pm at Los Alamos Community Services District.

8. ADJOURN – 6:36pm