

SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APPROVED MINUTES Tuesday, June 18, 2024

 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, 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: 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 May 21, 2024, SABGSA Board Meeting Motion by *Director Durant*, second by *Director Wrather* to approve the minutes of the May 21, 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 Chabot,* second by *Director Pata* to approve the financial report dated May 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. Executive Director Updates:

- SABGSA Metering Program: SABGSA's legal counsel is preparing a draft Administrative Policy regarding enforcement and penalties that will be presented at the July Board meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee is working on recommendations for the stakeholder workshop anticipated to take place in Fall 2024.
- SABGSA has an informational meeting scheduled with Solstra Communities, the developer for the Solomon Hills project, on June 28, 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 June 18, 2024.

- The delinquent assessments for FY 23-24 totaling \$67,359 was approved to be placed on the County's property tax roll.
- The SABWD Board reviewed the Property Change Order Requests from landowners for FY 24-25. The total irrigated acres for FY 24-25 is 13,330.
- The SABWD Board reviewed and approved the preliminary operating budget for FY 24-25. Budget to be approved at the July meeting.
- The SABWD Board reviewed and approved the preliminary assessments for FY 24-25 at a rate of \$40 per irrigated acre and \$0.40 per non-irrigated acre. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Levy and Collection of 2024-25 Assessment will be on the July agenda.
- The SABWD approved a fund request from the SABGSA for \$13,564 to cover invoices received this month.
- There are three SABWD Board members with terms expiring at the end of 2024. The SABWD passed a resolution announcing the November 2024 district election and related procedures for the three open positions.

c. Advisory Committee Updates

• The Advisory Committee did not meet in June 2024.

d. Board Member Updates

• Director Merrill commented that he has received several inquiries from current landowners and prospective investors regarding a potential future Groundwater Base Pumping Allocation Program that is outlined as a possible Tier 2 management action in the GSP. The questions are related to establishing the methodology for determining individual annual allocations, specifically whether that would be based on total acres or irrigated acres or a combination.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Q2 2024 Quarterly Groundwater Level Monitoring Report for the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin

Chairman Sharer provided an overview of the Q2 2024 Quarterly Groundwater Level Monitoring Report prepared by GSI Water Solutions, Inc. The Q2 2024 report is posted on SABGSA's website. SABGSA discussed the following recommendations included in the Q2 2024 report.

- Recommendation #1 is not included in SABGSA's budget for FY 24-25.
- Recommendations #2 and #3: SABGSA to clarify next steps with GSI Water Solutions and then reach out to landowners.
- Recommendations #4 and #5 are included in SABGSA's budget for FY 24-25. SABGSA staff will request fee proposals from GSI Water Solutions, Inc.
- Recommendation #6 is not included in SABGSA's budget for FY 24-25.
- Recommendations #7 and #8 are ongoing.
- Recommendations #9 and #10 are included in SABGSA's budget for FY 24-25. SABGSA staff will request fee proposals from GSI Water Solutions, Inc.

b. SABGSA Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024-25

SABGSA staff presented the final draft of the budget and priorities for fiscal year 2024-25. Motion by *Director Wrather*, second by *Director Durant* to approve the SABGSA budget and priorities for fiscal year 24-25, 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: July 16, 2024 at 6pm at the Los Alamos Community Services District.
- 8. ADJOURN 7:09pm