



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

APPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

- 1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order by President Sharer at 6:00pm at the Los Alamos Community Services District, 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

Alternates present, but not acting on behalf of a Director: None

Directors Absent: None

- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- 3. AB 361 FINDINGS**

The Board discussed the current conditions related to remote teleconference meeting under AB 361 and made the following findings: 1) On March 1, 2023, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Santa Barbara County due to severe winter storms and risk of flood emergency; 2) The SABGSA Board of Directors meeting on March 21, 2023, is being held during an active gubernatorial State of Emergency; and 3) Requiring in-person attendance at the SABGSA Board of Directors meeting would pose imminent risk to the safety of those in attendance.

Motion by Director Merrill, second by Director Mosby to authorize the use of remote teleconference under the provisions of AB 361 for the March 21, 2023, 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.

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

No public comments received.

- 5. CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Approve Minutes from February 21, 2023, SABGSA Board Meeting**

Motion by Director Wrather, second by Director Mosby to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023 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 February 28, 2023, 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.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Executive Director Updates

- The close-out documents for the grant awarded for GSP development have been finalized with the Department of Water Resources. The SABGSA received the retention check.
- [Executive Order N-4-23](#) suspends the application process and permit required for water rights diversion of flood flows for flood abatement and groundwater recharge between March 10 and June 1, 2023. Flows can be diverted using temporary pumps with screens installed to minimize impact on aquatic life. Exclusions apply. Landowners who elect to participate are required to submit specific documentation and reports to both the DWR and the governing GSA.
- The Ad Hoc Committee met on March 17, 2023 to begin the conceptual framework for the metering program.
- The Q1 monitoring event took place during March 14 and 15, 2023. Due to inclement weather conditions, GSI Water Solutions was only able to access and measure 66% of wells in the network. GSI Water Solutions will attempt to revisit the remaining wells on March 23 or 24, 2023.

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 March 21, 2023.

- 95% of the assessments levied in 2022 have been collected to date.
- The SABWD Board approved the District's Investment Policy.
- Change Order Requests for the 2023 Assessments are due March 31, 2023.

c. Advisory Committee Updates

- The Advisory Committee did not meet in March 2023.

d. Board Member Updates

- Director Wrather commented that the proposed Solomon Hills Housing Development went before the Planning Commission on March 8, 2023. The applicant is investigating several different water supply options capable of meeting the projected demand, including several existing groundwater wells, both on site and in the nearby area, that currently draw from the San Antonio and Santa Maria Groundwater Basins. These wells are being studied to determine their capacity, reliability, and water quality. In addition, the applicant is studying the option of purchasing supplemental water held by the City of Santa Maria as part of its State Water allotment. The applicant states that a detailed water supply portfolio will be finalized following application acceptance of the General Plan Amendment/Rezone. The SABGSA will continue to closely monitor this project.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Annual Report for Water Year 2022 Update

Michael McAlpin, GSI Water Solutions, Inc., presented the [draft GSP Annual Report for Water Year 2022](#) for the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin at the February 21, 2023 board meeting. The draft Annual Report was posted on SABGSA's website and circulated to the Board for review and comment. The Board did not propose any revisions or edits.

Motion by Director Merrill, second by Director Pata to approve the GSP Annual Report for Water Year 2022, as presented, and direct GSI Water Solutions, Inc. to upload the Annual Report to the DWR portal.

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

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

b. SABGSA Well Registration Program Update

SABGSA Executive Director provided the following update on the Well Registration Program.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 22-001, well registration forms are due on March 31, 2023. Based on SABGSA's available records, an initial mailing containing the notification letter, well registration form, and instructions was sent to all APNs within the Basin on January 17, 2023. A second mailing went out to SABWD landowners on March 2, 2023. Weekly email reminders will continue to be sent. The information is also posted on SABGSA's website. To date, 40% of landowners within the SABWD and 43% of landowners serviced by LACSD have submitted the required well registration forms. The Board directed the SABGSA Executive Director to confer with legal counsel to better understand the policy and procedures required to impose penalties for non-compliance.

c. Wallace Group Contract Amendment No. 1 for Well Registration Program

The Board reviewed the proposed scope of work and associated fees for Contract Amendment No. 1 for the Wallace Group to continue providing support for the Well Registration Program.

Motion by *Director Wrather*, second by *Director Chabot* to approve Contract Amendment No. 1 for the Wallace Group in the amount of \$7,500 and authorize an additional \$2,500 in funds to be used at the discretion of the Executive Director and Board President, if necessary, to complete the Well Registration Program.

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

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

8. NEXT MEETING: April 18, 2023, at Los Alamos Community Services District

9. ADJOURN – 6:44pm

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