



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

APPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday, May 16, 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, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

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

Directors Absent: Juan Gomez, Kenny Pata

- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

No public comments received.

- 4. CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Approve Minutes from April 18, 2023, SABGSA Board Meeting**

Motion by Director Chabot, second by Director Wrather to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Board meeting, as presented.

Ayes: Dan Chabot, Tom Durant, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

Nos: None; **Absent:** Juan Gomez, Kenny Pata; **Abstain:** None.

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

Motion by Director Merrill, second by Director Durant to approve the financial report dated April 30, 2023, as presented.

Ayes: Dan Chabot, Tom Durant, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather

Nos: None; **Absent:** Juan Gomez, Kenny Pata; **Abstain:** None.

- 6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. Executive Director Updates**

- **Village Square Housing Development:** Executive Director Stephanie Bertoux reported that there was an inquiry regarding water usage for the proposed Village Square Housing Development. Director Gomez, General Manager for the Los Alamos Community Services District, provided a written report to the SABGSA titled LACSD-SABGSA Current Water Use 2023. This information is posted on LACSD's website at: http://www.losalamoscsd.com/LACSD-SABGSA_Current_Water_Use_2023.pdf
- **Department of Water Resources (DWR) AEM Surveys:** The DWR announced that the AEM surveys in the San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara County area have been postponed until Fall 2023. The AEM surveys will resume in October or November, depending on wildfire season.

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 May 16, 2023.

- The preliminary draft budget for FY 2023-24 and proposed five-year budget was reviewed. The final draft will be presented for approval in July.
- The SABWD discussed and reviewed investment options and strategies and is moving forward with California CLASS. California Class is a Joint Powers Authority providing public agencies with an additional diversification option for their daily liquidity and strategic reserve investments.
- The SABWD has collected \$754,322 or 94% of the 2022-23 Assessments. The remaining balance is \$45,942 which will be submitted to SB County in July to be included on the landowners 2023-24 Property Taxes.
- The SABWD continues to assist the SABGSA with the Well Registration Program, as needed.

c. Advisory Committee Updates

- The Advisory Committee did not meet in May 2023.

d. Board Member Updates

- Director Sharer was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District representing Division 7.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Vandenberg Space Force Base Update

Ken Domako, Chief, Portfolio Optimization, provided the following updates:

- Floating Offshore Desalination Presentation: VSFB is working with SeaWell to develop a buoy to shore connection system. The proposed project conveys only freshwater to the shore, leaving the brine in the ocean, and includes three buoys one mile from shore with a water station approximately 125 feet above sea level. Each buoy is designed to deliver roughly 950 acre-feet of water per year. Site engineering is slated to begin in Q2 2023. The advantages to this system include: a small shoreside footprint for post treatment, easier to permit than a standard plant, 10% less energy consumption, factory built so it's less costly than a plant constructed onshore, the cost of water is competitive with largest desalination plants, flexible deployment to add buoys incrementally.
- Golf Course: The Enhanced Use Lease project has been cancelled. The USSF/VSFB is no longer pursuing the construction of the golf course.
- Barka Slough Study: The USGS continues to work on the Barka Slough Study. Once completed, the USGS is willing to present the findings to the SABGSA at a future board meeting.

b. SABGSA Well Registration Program Update

SABGSA Executive Director Stephanie Bertoux provided the following update on the Well Registration Program. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 22-001, well registration forms were due on March 31, 2023. To date, 75% of SABWD landowners have submitted well registration forms. The remaining 25% accounts for a total of 555.07 irrigated acres and 7,606.39 non-irrigated acres in the Basin. To date, 49% of landowners within the LACSD service area have submitted well registration forms. Of the 241 registered wells, 88 have meters installed.

At the April Board meeting, SABGSA Executive Director Stephanie Bertoux reviewed the procedural steps, recommended by SABGSA legal counsel, required to impose penalties for non-compliance. There was consensus among the Board that the SABGSA should take the necessary steps to enforce the well registration program. The Board directed the SABGSA Executive Director and Ad Hoc Committee to make a recommendation regarding the timing of the well registration program enforcement at the May board meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee recommended pursuing enforcement of the well registration requirement as part of the metering program. The Board agreed with the recommendation. The procedural steps, penalty, and timeline for well registration enforcement will be addressed as part of the Metering Policy.

c. SABGSA Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2023-24

SABGSA Executive Director Stephanie Bertoux reviewed the draft budget and priorities for fiscal year 2023-24. Expenditures totaled \$548,000 with the following breakdown by category. The final budget will be presented at the June Board meeting.

- Annual Expenses (includes GSP Annual Report): \$165,500 – 30%
- GSP Implementation / PMAs: \$137,500 – 25%
- Monitoring Network & Maintenance: \$90,000 – 17%
- On-Call Hydrogeological Services: \$55,000 – 10%
- GSP Corrective Action: \$50,000 – 9%
- Operational contingency: \$50,000 – 9%

8. NEXT MEETING: June 20, 2023, at 6pm at the Los Alamos Community Services District.

9. ADJOURN – 7:11pm

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