



SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SABGSA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Tuesday, May 20, 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, Kevin Merrill, Patrice Mosby, Kenny Pata, Randy Sharer, Chris Wrather.

Directors Absent: Barbara Landon

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

No public comment.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. **Minutes from April 15, 2025, SABGSA Board Meeting**

Motion by Director Merrill, second by Director Chabot to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2025 Board meeting, as presented.

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

Nos: None; **Absent:** Barbara Landon; **Abstain:** None

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

Motion by Director Durant, second by Director Pata to approve the financial report dated April 30, 2025, as presented.

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

Nos: None; **Absent:** Barbara Landon; **Abstain:** None

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. **SABGSA Executive Director Updates**

- Adoption of Ordinance 25-001 (Well Metering & Groundwater Extraction Reporting): The first mailing to landowners with notification of adoption of the metering ordinance - containing a cover letter, well registration information on file with the SABGSA, and compliance summary - went out on May 5, 2025. SABGSA will consider developing a list of companies that provide installation and calibration services. The SABGSA website was updated to include pages for active, inactive, and abandoned well for further clarification of metering/reporting requirements and compliance deadlines.
- The Q2 2025 Monitoring Event will take place June 3-4, 2025. Email notifications have gone out to landowners in the SABGSA Monitoring Network.

- The SABGSA submitted a funding request to the SABWD on May 13, 2025 for \$13,715.50 to cover invoices received this month.
- June Board Meeting Presentations:
 - The USGS will present the Barka Slough Study published in late April 2025. The study is posted on SABGSA's website on the Resources page.
 - Matt Scrudato, Santa Barbara County Water Agency, will present the Well Metering Assistance Program
- b. San Antonio Basin Water District (SABWD) Update**
 - The SABWD Board of Directors did not meet on May 20, 2025.
- c. Advisory Committee Updates**
 - The Advisory Committee did not meet in May 2025.
- d. Board Member Updates**
 - None.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Consider Adoption of Resolution 25-002 SABGSA Appeal Form and Appeal Fee and Deposit Agreement

At the April 15, 2025 meeting, SABGSA's legal counsel outlined the process for landowners to appeal issuance of a Notice of Violation, fine, or other decision made by the SABGSA to implement the Rules and Regulations. SABGSA's legal counsel also reviewed the draft Appeal Form and draft Appeal Fee and Deposit Agreement. The Board directed SABGSA's legal counsel to prepare a resolution for adoption at the May 20, 2025 Board meeting.

SABGSA's legal counsel reviewed Resolution 25-002 Approving an Appeal Form and Related Fee and Deposit Agreement.

Motion by *Director Merrill*, second by *Director Mosby* to adopt Resolution 25-002, as presented.

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

Nos: None; **Absent:** Barbara Landon; **Abstain:** None

b. Consider SABGSA Compliance Forms for Inactive and Abandoned Wells Related to Groundwater Extraction Reporting Requirements Outlined in Ordinance 25-001

SABGSA staff reviewed the Inactive Well: Intention of Future Use Form and the Verification of Well Abandonment Form. Both forms were reviewed by SABGSA legal counsel. The Board discussed both forms and did not propose any changes.

Motion by *Director Chabot*, second by *Director Durant* to approve the Inactive Well: Intention of Future Use Form and the Verification of Well Abandonment Form, as presented.

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

Nos: None; **Absent:** Barbara Landon; **Abstain:** None

c. Review SABGSA Priorities and Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26

SABGSA staff presented the first draft of the priorities and reviewed each line item included in the budget for fiscal year 2025-26. The draft budget is posted on SABGSA's website. The final draft will be presented to the Board for approval at the June 17, 2025 meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING: June 17, 2025 at 6pm at Los Alamos Community Services District.

8. ADJOURN – 6:40pm