

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY
February 14, 2012**

A Meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of the San Juan Basin Authority (SJBA) was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at its principal place of business located at 26111 Antonio Parkway, Suite A, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688. The following Directors and/or Alternate Directors were present:

Directors Present:

MIKE DUNBAR, South Coast Water District	Chairperson
LAURA FREESE, City of San Juan Capistrano	Vice Chairperson
JOHN SCHATZ, Santa Margarita Water District	Director
LARRY MCKENNEY, Moulton Niguel Water District	Director

Directors Absent: None

Support Services Present:

DANIEL R. FERONS	Secretary and Administrator
WEST CURRY	Administrator

Others Present:

Allison Burns, Legal Counsel
Mark Wildermuth, Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. (WEI)

I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman Dunbar called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Laura Freese arrived at 1:32 p.m.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Schatz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Director McKenney offered comments on the Thursday, February 6, 2012, South Orange County Watershed Management Area (SOCWMA) Executive Committee. The next meeting is in May 2012. The Executive Committee consists of elected officials from water agencies and cities in South Orange County. This group is overseeing the effort of the County in updating the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). Director McKenney views it as a two-step effort: (1) writing the IRWMP; and (2) it is a method for allocating state grant funds to projects. He recommended agendaizing this subject for discussion to input so that the interests of the water agencies are addressed. The goals in the plan address supply water reliability, efficiency, flood control and other emergency preparedness goals.

Chairman Dunbar asked about membership in SOCWMA. Mr. Ferons responded that the SJBA is not a member of the organization because the SJBA member agencies are represented.

West Curry arrived at 1:36 p.m.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Consideration and Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 8, 2011.
- B. Consideration and Action on Monthly Financial Statements for October and November 2011.

MOTION NO. 2012-01

Thereafter, upon a motion duly made by Director Freese, seconded by Director McKenney to approve the Consent Calendar (Item A – Consideration and Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 8, 2011 as amended. Item B – Consideration and Action on Monthly Financial Statements for October and November 2011). Motion passed 4-0.

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consideration and Action on Revised Schedule to Complete the Update of San Juan Basin Groundwater Management and Facilities Plan.

Mr. Ferons provided an update on the San Juan Basin Ground Management and Facilities Plan (Plan) noting that Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. (WEI) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) have been working on the Plan for about a year and a half. WEI is coordinating efforts with the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) to obtain baseline groundwater production sustainability simulations to complete the assessment of the state of the basin. The process has been slower than expected.

The TAC met with WEI and asked them if the process could be bifurcated into two parallel processes. One process would be to continue to work with MWDOC on the modeling and the other to proceed with the update of the groundwater management plan with less detailed modeling information.

Mr. Ferons reported that Mark Wildermuth prepared an updated schedule which will include TAC meetings held twice per month beginning in March to complete this work on the compressed schedule. The updated plan also includes workshops with the SJBA Board and the public to discuss options for the management of the basin. The revised schedule indicates a final report will be submitted to the SJBA by the end of September 2012.

Director Freese commented she supports bifurcating the effort. She asked what was meant by less detail.

Mr. Ferons offered that less detail will not impact the Plan. The Plan would identify ranges of projects that could be done.

Director Freese asked for clarification on the statement “eliminating MWDOC’s model” and would that save the Authority any money. Mr. Ferons responded that the plan is to proceed without completed models, but they will be incorporated later. There is enough preliminary work done to allow the Plan development to proceed.

Director McKenney commented that he supports the bifurcated effort.

Director Freese asked if the workshops would be noticed meetings. Mr. Ferons noted that the workshops would be tied to the Board meeting dates and would be noticed public workshops.

Chairman Dunbar asked how the funding for the Plan would be handled as the revised Plan extends the work on the Plan into the next fiscal year.

Mr. Ferons responded that this budget issue has been considered and the funds will be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

Chairman Dunbar asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

Direction was given to staff to proceed with proposed change to the schedule.

B. Consideration and Action on Acceptance of Proposal for 2012 San Juan Basin Monitoring Program

Mr. Ferons reported that in November 2011 the Board discussed the concept of continuing with Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. for the 2012 San Juan Basin Monitoring Programs. Because of the change in monitoring requirements, WEI developed a three-part program: Program I – Integrated Groundwater and Vegetation Monitoring; Program II – California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM); and Program III – Basin Management Monitoring Program. Because SJBA member agencies do some separate monitoring, the purpose of Program III is to develop a database that allows for all monitoring to be consolidated into one database. This would be a complete management database, Basin Management Monitoring Program.

It was noted that in November 2011, the concept presented to the Board was for monitoring as identified in Programs I and II. This current proposal includes Program III which is an additional \$28,000.

MOTION NO. 2012-02

Thereafter, upon a motion duly made by Director McKenney, seconded by Director Freese to accept staff's recommendation and authorize monitoring services to be performed by Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. for the 2012 San Juan Basin Monitoring Program in the amount not to exceed \$96,381. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Burns reminded the Board to fill out Form 700.

VII. OTHER MATTERS

- A. Open Discussion or items received too late to be agendaized.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Presentation by West Curry on the City of San Juan Capistrano Groundwater Recovery Plant Current Status.

Mr. Curry reported the Groundwater Recovery Plant is doing well. The plant continues to operate with reduced flow due to green sand filter maintenance issues with a plan to be presented to the City Council next month. With reduced flow, 4,000 acre-feet have been extracted from the Basin with 2,500 acre-feet of potable water being produced for the fiscal year.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon D. Brimer, Recording Secretary

The next Regular Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at the Santa Margarita Water District, 26111 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, California.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are true and correct copy of the Minutes adopted by the Board of Directors of the SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY.



Daniel R. Feron, Administrator
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