Daniel R. Ferons
SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY
and the Board of Directors thereof

## AGENDA

## SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT BOARD ROOM <br> December 11, 2012 1:30 p.m.

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I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
III. $\quad$ ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE
IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
A. Persons wishing address the Board of Directors on matters not listed on the Agenda may do so at this time. "Request to be Heard" forms are available at the entrance to the Board Room. Comments are limited to three minutes, unless further time is granted by the Presiding Officer. Please submit the form to the Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting.

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## V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Consideration and Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 13, 2012

Staff Recommendation: Approve subject minutes.
B. Consideration and Action on Monthly Financial Statements for October and November 2012

Staff Recommendation: Receive and file the Monthly Financial Statements.

Note: Items on the CONSENT CALENDAR will be considered for approval without discussion in one vote. A Director may request that an item be taken off the Consent Calendar for full discussion.

## [END OF CONSENT CALENDAR]

## VI. $\quad$ ACTION ITEMS

A. Presentation by Mark Wildermuth, Wildermuth Environmental on San Juan Basin Groundwater Management Plan

Staff Recommendation: No action required.
B. Consideration and Action on Authorization of 2013 Groundwater Monitoring Program.

Staff Recommendation: Authorize negotiations with Wildermuth Environmental for monitoring services in Calendar Year 2013.
VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
VIII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT
IX. OTHER MATTERS
A. Open Discussion or items received too late to be agendized.

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## X. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Update on Development of Governance Master Plan.

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## XI. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Board of Directors’ meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Santa Margarita Water District, 26111 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, California.

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS <br> OF THE <br> SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY <br> November 13, 2012 

A Meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of the San Juan Basin Authority (SJBA) was held on Tuesday, November 13, 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:

LAURA FREESE, City of San Juan Capistrano
DANIEL R. FERONS, Santa Margarita Water District
LARRY MCKENNEY, Moulton Niguel Water District

Vice Chairperson
Alternate Director, Secretary
Director

Directors Absent: None

## Support Services Present:

DANIEL R. FERONS, Administrator
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## Others Present:

Allison Burns, Legal Counsel
Kristin Griffith, Treasurer, SJBA
Sharon Brimer, Recording Secretary

## I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Freese called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.
II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director McKenney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Chairperson Freese invited members of the public to address the Board of Directors (Board) on matters that were not on the agenda. There were no comments. Vice Chairperson Freese proceeded with the meeting.

## IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Consideration and Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 11, 2012.
B. Consideration and Action on Monthly Financial Statements for June, July, August and September 2012.

Director Freese pulled item A. There were no objections.

MOTION NO. 2012-09
Thereafter, upon a motion duly made by Director McKenney, seconded by Director Freese to approve the Consent Calendar (Item B Received and File the Financial Statements for June, July, August, and September 2012). Motion passed 3-0.
A. Consideration and Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 11, 2012.

Director Freese commented on the statement in the Section VIII of the minutes regarding the need to address the strategic and governance planning for the SJBA.

MOTION NO. 2012-10
Thereafter, upon a motion duly made by Director Freese, seconded by Director McKenney to approve the Consent Calendar (Item A - Approve the September 11, 2012 meeting minutes). Motion passed 3-0.

## V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and Action on Election of Chairman for Remainder of Fiscal Year 2012-2013

With the retirement of Mike Dunbar, the position of chairman was open. Director Ferons noted that South Coast Water District (SCWD) has not appointed anyone to fill the open directorship to the SJBA board of directors.

Director Freese noted that because she did not run for the San Juan Capistrano city council during the past election, it is unclear if she would be continuing on the SJBA Board of Directors. She expressed her full support for the appointment of Director McKenney as chairperson.

MOTION NO. 2012-11
Thereafter, upon a motion duly made by Director Ferons, seconded by Director Freese to approve the appointment of Director McKenney as chairperson, to fill the vacancy that was left with Mike Dunbar's retirement, for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion passed 3-0.

Director McKenney assumed the chairperson position and continued with the meeting.
B. Consideration and Action on Resolution No. 2012-11-01 of the Board of Directors of the San Juan Basin Authority Concerning the Biennial Review of the Authority's Conflict of Interest Code.

Attorney Burns reviewed Resolution No. 2012-11-01. She noted the purpose of the review was to make sure it does not require any updating, alternation, or changes of any kind. She noted it does not and recommended approval of Resolution No. 2012-11-01.

Director Freese asked if the Board was out of compliance since there was a filing date of October 1, 2012.

Attorney Burns responded that a letter was sent to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors noting the Resolution would be adopted at the SJBA's October board meeting; however that meeting was not conducted. She noted she has not received any communication from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Director Freese asked about the agency name changes that were filed in the original documents.

Attorney Burns responded that the only requirement is that the Board members file Form 700, not the agencies.

Chairperson McKenney asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments.

## MOTION NO. 2012-12

Thereafter, upon a motion duly made by Director Ferons, seconded by Director Freese, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-11-01 of the Board of Directors of the San Juan Basin Authority Concerning the biennial Review of the Authority's Conflict of Interest Code. Motion passed 3-0.
C. Consideration and Action on Independent Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

Director Ferons introduced Kristin Griffith who was available to respond to any questions from the Board.

Director Ferons noted that there was an optional one year renewal available with Fechter and Company. He noted that Santa Margarita Water District is sending out proposals for the next audit and will include a provision to provide services for the San Juan Basin Authority.

MOTION NO. 2012-13
Thereafter, upon a motion duly made by Director McKenney, seconded by Director Freese, to receive and file the audit conducted and written by Fechter and Company, CPAs the period ending June 30, 2012. Motion passed 3-0.

## VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairperson McKenney commented on the need for a Strategic and Governance Planning session on what the SJBA is and could be. It is the intent of the Strategic Planning session to determine the scope of authority and developmental opportunities for the Authority.

He noted that in the last SJBA meeting minutes, there was a comment that Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. would have available an administrative draft of the Groundwater Management Plan by the end of September 2012.

Director Ferons responded that staff has been working with Wildermuth Environmental, Inc., to complete the draft of the Groundwater Management Plan, but it is not finished. Agreements have been reached on the modeling and staff is waiting for the results. He noted he would follow up with those entities that need to provide input.

Director Freese noted the Groundwater Management Plan was over a year late. It was due a year ago in July.

Chairperson McKenney reminded the Board that the delays can be attributed to efforts to coordinate modeling with the Municipal Water District of Orange County and the various agencies that have a vested interest in the Basin. He noted these combined efforts will hopefully render results that provide accurate pumping limits and allow the Authority to move forward with developing plans for the Basin.

The Board agreed it would like an update on the progress on the completion of the Groundwater Management Plan.

## VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No additional items to report.

## VIII. OTHER MATTERS

A. Open Discussion or items received too late to be agendized.

## IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Update on Preparation of Groundwater Management Plan.

See comments under Chairman's Report.

## X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon D. Brimer, Recording Secretary

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.

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Financial Statements
October 2012


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## SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY

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TO:
Board of Directors
DATE: December 11, 2012
FROM: Dan Ferons
SUBJECT: Presentation by Mark Wildermuth, Wildermuth Environmental on San Juan Basin Groundwater Management Plan

## SUMMARY

Issue: The Authority is updating the San Juan Basin Groundwater Management Plan. Wildermuth Environmental is the lead consultant on the project and is coordinating with Geoscience on the modeling effort required to prepare the plan.

Recommendation: No action required.
Fiscal Impact: Costs for preparing the plan are included in the annual operating budget.

Previously Related Action: The Authority authorized the consulting contract.

## DISCUSSION

Mark Wildermuth will provide an update of the status of the plan and the current options available to the Authority for developing the groundwater basin. The Authority had extended the project schedule to ensure that the basin project was coordinated with the other planning efforts in the region, primarily the South Orange Coastal Ocean Desalination (SOCOD) project proposed by Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC).

MWDOC contracted with Geoscience to model the basin and the Authority requested Wildermuth to utilize data and provide peer review services on the model. The goal has been to utilize one set of information for the planning efforts to minimize future conflicts. The coordination has resulted in a stronger set of data; however it has resulted in the Authority extending the time frame for completion on the project. Mr. Wildermuth will provide a schedule outline for completion of the plan.

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DATE: December 11, 2012

## FROM: Dan Ferons

## SUBJECT: Authorization of 2013 Groundwater Monitoring Program

## SUMMARY

Issue: The Authority is responsible for monitoring under its Permit for Diversion and Use of Water from the State Water Resources Control Board as well as under the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program.

Recommendation: Authorize negotiations with Wildermuth Environmental for monitoring services in Calendar Year 2013.

Fiscal Impact: Monitoring costs are included in the annual budget.
Previously Related Action: The Authority has an annual contract for monitoring services. The current contract is through December 2012 with Wildermuth Environmental in the amount of $\$ 96,381$.

## DISCUSSION

Wildermuth Environmental Inc. (WEI) is providing ongoing monitoring services for the Authority for 2012 at a reduced level in comparison to 2011 and 2010. The Authority selected WEI based on competitive proposals in 2010 and the Board extended the contract in 2011 and currently through December 2012. The Authority's monitoring requirements are based on the amount of water diverted through pumping. The current requirements are based on a projected pumping over 4,800 acre feet per year.

The recommendation to continue with WEI is based on the following:

- The annual reports prepared by WEI are detailed and well-received by the member agencies and the State Water Resources Control Board.
- WEI is developing an on-line database for the monitoring information that also incorporates other water quality data from the member agencies.
- WEI efforts have been cost-effective and under budget.

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The authorization would allow the agency to negotiate for a sole-source contract for services for Fiscal 2013. The following table is a summary of the current budget and expenses to date. The current work effort still includes additional fieldwork and report writing.


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DATE: December 11, 2012

## FROM: Dan Ferons

## SUBJECT: Update on Development of Governance Master Plan

## DISCUSSION

Background
The Authority is governed by a four-member Board of Directors appointed by the member agencies and staffed by Santa Margarita Water District and City of San Juan Capistrano. Consideration of changes to the organization and/or governance has been held in abeyance while the Groundwater Management Plan update process is underway. The Groundwater Management Plan has been considered a key component to governance decision making because of the potential to identify opportunities for the members to produce additional water or enhance reliability in the region. However, as that process comes to closure, the Authority has the opportunity to open the discussions.

An important element to development of the governance is determination of how does the San Juan Basin Authority or its successor meld with the strategic plans of each of the member agencies and other entities in the watershed and adjacent watersheds. The following thoughts, in random order, have come to light over the last two years and have been expressed as options for consideration:

- Contraction: Reduce the number of member agencies to those producing water from the basin.
- Expansion: Increase the number of agencies and watersheds covered under the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to include any or all of the adjacent watersheds, such as San Mateo or Aliso Creek.
- Develop a staff: Revise the model of operation to include a fixed staff responsible for day-to-day operation of the Authority including planning, monitoring and coordination with member agency operations.
- Become a regional voice: Take an active/lead role in preparation of the South Orange County Integrated Water Management Plan and watershed issues such as environmental mitigation and regulatory permitting.
- Operate projects: Assume operation of existing groundwater projects and the proposed South Orange Coastal Desalination Project to maximize the production from all sources.
- Stay the course: Continue to serve as an oversight agency for San Juan Basin operations.

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## Next Steps

The first step is developing the background information. The proposal is to conduct internal and inter-agency research as well as executive-level interviews with the member agencies and other interested parties. The work effort is proposed to be conducted by a firm having a background in public and water/wastewater policy. The proposed effort may include approximately 25 interviews, develop a report on results, and advise on further actions.

The approach will be for the member agency staff to meet with the consultant and prepare a draft questionnaire for review by the Board members along with a list of contacts to be interviewed.

The second step will be to review the results and develop an action plan by the member agencies and the Authority. That effort may include review by the existing agreements by Authority legal counsel if changes are proposed.

