

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY
December 11, 2012**

Unapproved

A Meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of the San Juan Basin Authority (SJBA) was held on Tuesday, December 11, 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:

LARRY McKENNEY, Moulton Niguel Water District	Chairperson
LAURA FREESE, City of San Juan Capistrano	Vice Chairperson
DON BUNTS, Santa Margarita Water District	Alternate Director
WAYNE RAYFIELD, South Coast Water District	Alternate Director

Directors Absent: None

Support Services Present:

DANIEL R. FERONS,	Administrator
WEST CURRY	Administrator

Others Present:

Vanessa Locklin, Legal Counsel
Samantha Adams, Wildermuth Environmental
Mark Wildermuth, Wildermuth Environmental
Sharon Brimer, Recording Secretary

I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson McKenney called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman McKenney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE**

Vanessa Lockline administered the oath office to Don Bunts, Santa Margarita Water District, and Wayne Rayfield, South Coast Water District, as alternate directors for their respective agencies.

IV. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Former Director Dunbar and Director Freese were acknowledged for their contributions and service with commendations.

Photographs were taken. Mr. Dunbar thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve on the Board. Director Freese thanked the Board for the recognition.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Consideration and Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 13, 2012.
- B. Consideration and Action on Monthly Financial Statements for October and November 2012.

MOTION NO. 2012-14

Thereafter, upon a motion duly made by Director Freese, seconded by Director Bunts, to approve the Consent Calendar (Item A – Approve the November 13, 2012 meeting minutes of the regular meeting. Item B – Receive and file the monthly financial statements for October and November 2012.) Motion passed 4-0.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

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

Director Ferons offered the San Juan Basin Groundwater Management Plan has been under development for approximately two years. The delays are not due to Wildermuth Environmental efforts, but can be attributed to the modeling efforts and making sure the data is solid and a clear understanding of the Basin. The goal is to have the Plan completed within the current fiscal year.

Mark Wildermuth provided an update on the San Juan Basin Groundwater Management Plan. The new estimate is a draft report due for the April 2013 meeting.

He highlighted the following items:

1. Data is now showing that yields may be lower than anticipated.
2. With lower yields and current pumping requirements, sea water intrusion will become an issue.

He noted that this basin will not be managed like a big ground water basin, but will be managed adaptively. There may be a need to develop facilities to help augment yield and protect the Basin.

Chairperson McKenney expressed concerns on the management of sea water intrusion and if recommendations will be forthcoming to prevent this type of contamination for the Basin.

Mr. Wildermuth noted that monitoring of sea water intrusion will be required.

Director Rayfield asked for information on the affect the MWDOC Desalination Plant will have on the Basin. Mr. Wildermuth noted he will respond to the concerns at the April, 2013 meeting.

Director Freese asked about the potential for lowering the yields.

Mr. Wildermuth responded that storage capacity is currently limited. He noted the pumping may become a year to year decision.

Mr. Ferons noted that meetings with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and member agencies will be conducted between now and April 2013 to solidify the Plan.

B. Consideration and Action on Authorization of 2013 Groundwater Monitoring Program.

Director Ferons commented that the goal is to develop the monitoring that will be necessary to implement the adaptive monitoring method in 2013.

Samantha Adams, Wildermuth Environmental, reported on the transition to annual reporting. She noted that the goal in 2012 was monitoring for basin management. In 2013, the anticipated changes shift the focus from permit monitoring to producing reports to the Board to help monitor and support decision making, while continuing to meet State reporting requirements, also to begin collecting data on sea water intrusion.

Chairperson McKenney asked about the feasibility of obtaining information from the Ranch. It was noted this is a private company pumping water from the Basin. This is outside the current evaluation methodology. Director McKenney noted there would be value in including the Ranch in the Basin's modeling.

MOTION NO. 2012-15

Thereafter, upon a motion duly made by Director Rayfield, seconded by Director Freese, to accept staff's recommendation and authorize negotiations with Wildermuth Environmental for monitoring services in Calendar Year 2013. Motion passed 4-0.

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report

VIII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report

IX. OTHER MATTERS

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

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Update on the Development of a Governance Master Plan.
Director Ferons reviewed the Mission Statement, background on the formation of the Basin Authority and options to consider for the Governance Master Plan: contraction, expansion, develop a staff, become a regional voice, operate projects, stay the course.

He reviewed a proposed approach which is to move forward with a series of facilitated workshops to establish goals, direction and to develop an implementation plan. Part of the project would be to include adjacent agencies to explore the feasibility of expanding the Basin's membership.

Director Freese noted her biggest concern was that it is her opinion that "staying the course" would not be a benefit to the Authority.

Director Rayfield supported Director Freese's comment. He offered it may be appropriate to expand the definition to adjacent agencies to include adjacent cities.

Director McKenney recommended a workshop to re-visit the mission statement, discuss the vision and focus of the Authority.

It was agreed that the January 2013 meeting would be an educational meeting. Director Rayfield suggested extending an invitation to the Ranch.

XI. NEXT MEETING

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, a motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 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.

West Curry, Administrator
SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY