

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – July 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held at Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathye Armitage, Beth Braunstein, Ed Colley, William Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin (Virtually), Piotr Orzechowski and Ken Petersen.

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Also present: Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Engineer Keith Abercrombie, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Rochelle Patterson, Communications Manager Kevin Strauss, General Counsel Joe Byrne, Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas, Senior Engineer Orlando Moreno, Consultants who participated virtually Fieldman Rolapp Consultant Lora Nichols, Bank of America Representative Jeffrey Sauers, Stradling Yocca Carlson and Rauth Consultant Jon Guz, Best Best and Krieger Attorney Lutfi Kharuf (Virtually), as well as additional Consultants, SCV Water Agency staff (Virtually), and members of the public (In Person and Virtually).

Vice President Gutzeit called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was present.

Upon motion of Director Colley, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved President Martin’s request to attend tonight’s regular Board meeting remotely due to “Emergency Circumstances” and approved the Amended Agenda by the following roll votes (Item 4).

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:06 PM to discuss the following item:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (One Case)

The Zoom meeting was put on hold while the Board went into Closed Session. Vice President Gutzeit advised the public and staff for those who wanted to stay, to remain on the current teleconference line and once Closed Session ends, the Board would reconvene for Closed Session announcements and the conclusion of the meeting.

Vice President Gutzeit reconvened the Open Session at 7:21 PM.

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

The Board took a short recess at 7:22 PM and reconvened at 7:30 PM.

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Vice President Orzechowski and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-369, SCV-370, and SCV-371 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-369

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE STATE
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD'S EXPEDITED DRINKING WATER GRANT
FUNDING PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE NEW MINT ASSOCIATION FOR
CONSOLIDATION OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

[Link to Resolution SCV-369](#)

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-370

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO
WEST YOST ASSOCIATES FOR PLANNING SERVICES
FOR RIO VISTA WATER TREATMENT PLANT TURBIDITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
AND FINDING THAT THE AUTHORIZATION IS NOT A PROJECT SUBJECT TO CEQA**

[Link to Resolution SCV-370](#)

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-371

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO
PACIFIC HYDROTECH CORPORATION AND A
PURCHASE ORDER AMENDMENT TO LEE+RO, INC FOR THE
EARL SCHMIDT FILTRATION PLANT WASHWATER RETURN AND
SLUDGE SYSTEMS PROJECT**

[Link to Resolution SCV-371](#)

Upon motion of Director Colley seconded by Director Armitage and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-372 approving the S Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment and Disinfection Facility Project's Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse [SCH] No. 2022110376), Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Armitage	No	Director Braunstein	No
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-372

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING THE FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM AND APPROVAL OF FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE S WELLS PFAS TREATMENT AND DISINFECTION FACILITY PROJECT

[Link to Resolution SCV-372](#)

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Vice President Orzechowski and carried, the Board authorized a purchase order to Hazen and Sawyer Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$1,425,505 for final design engineering services for the S Well PFAS Treatment and Disinfection Facility Project by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-373 authorizing the approval of the Preliminary Official Statement in connection with the issuance of the Series 2023A revenue bond by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	No	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-373

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY

**APPROVING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT
IN CONNECTION WITH BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE
UPPER SANTA CLARA VALLEY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

[Link to Resolution SCV-373](#)

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Marks and carried, the Board approved (1) Resolution No. SCV-374 for a construction contract with Fleming Environmental Inc for the RVWTP UST Replacement Improvements Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,388,771, (2) authorized the General Manager to execute a purchase order with Lee + Ro for an amount not-to-exceed \$210,000 for engineering services during construction, (3) authorized the General Manager to execute a purchase order with Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc for an amount not-to-exceed \$405,000 for construction management and inspection services during construction and (4) found the contract agreement exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, and alternatively, exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 by the following roll call votes (Item 6.3):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-374

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AWARDDING A CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT TO FLEMING ENVIORNMENTAL INC AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASE
ORDERS TO LEE + RO AND KENNEDY JENKS CONSULTANTS INC. AND FINDING THE
RVWTP UNDERGROUND DIESEL FUEL STORAGE TANK REPLACEMENT
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION
15301, AND ALTERNATIVELY, SECTION 15302**

[Link to Resolution SCV-374](#)

General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 7).

The General Manager reported on the following:

He thanked staff for their hard work on the S Wells PFAS Treatment and Disinfection Facility Project that was on tonight's Agenda and acknowledged and thanked all those involved with tonight's presentation on the Preliminary Official Statement. He was pleased about the Agency's rating upgrade and gave big thanks to all those involved.

To hear the full report in its entirety, please refer to the Board recording by clicking on the following link [Board Meeting Recording Part 2](#)

Committee Meeting Recap Report for Informational Purposes Only (Item 8).

There were no comments on the recap reports.

President's Report (Item 9).

Vice President Gutzeit reminded the Board that there would be an USCVJPA meeting that would be following tonight's meeting.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 10).

Director Cooper reported that he virtually attended the ACWA Executive Finance Committee on July 11, 2023 and attended the ACWA Region 8 Program and Tour held at the West Basin Municipal Water District on July 13, 2023.

President Martin reported that he virtually attended the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Briefing on July 14, 2023.

Director Armitage reported that she attended the ACWA Region 8 Program and Tour held at the West Basin Municipal Water District on July 13, 2023 and virtually attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County on July 12, 2023.

Director Marks reported that he virtually attended a one-on-one meeting with the General Manager on July 17, 2023.

Vice President Gutzeit reported that she virtually attended a one-on-one meeting with the General Manager on July 17, 2023 but will not be putting in a request for a stipend.

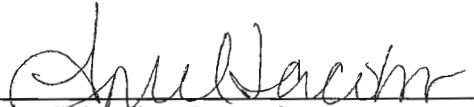
There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Requests For Future Agenda Items (Item 11).

Director Colley requested that the Board consider the possibility of naming one or more of the SCV Water's facilities after past SCV Water Director, Jerry Gladbach, he would like this item to come to the Board for discussion and consideration.

There were no other requests for future Agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM (Item 12).


April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:


President of the Board

