

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – September 19, 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, September 19, 2023. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathye Armitage, Beth Braunstein (Arrived at 6:08 PM), Ed Colley, William Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Ken Petersen.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present: Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael (Virtually), Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Communications Manager Kevin Strauss, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, General Counsel Tom Bunn, Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas, Principal Engineer Jason Yim, Water Resources Planner Sarah Fleury (Virtually), as well as additional SCV Water Agency staff (Virtually), and members of the public (In Person and Virtually).

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. A quorum was present.

There were no changes to the September 19, 2023 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Petersen and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-381, SCV-382 and SCV-383 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-381

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SIMPSON SANDBLASTING &
SPECIAL COATINGS, INC., FOR OLYMPIAN (NORTH OAKS) WATER STORAGE TANKS 1
AND 4 COATING PROJECT AND FIND THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION IS EXEMPT FROM
CEQA**

[Link to Resolution No. SCV-381](#)

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-382

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA CLARITA STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2, SANTA CLARITA LIBRARY, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATION NO.1131

[Link to Resolution No. SCV-382](#)

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-383

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA CLARITA STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2, SANTA CLARITA LIBRARY, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATION NO.1133

[Link to Resolution No. SCV-383](#)

Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie and Principal Engineer Jason Yim gave a General Operations presentation (Item 6).

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

General Manager Stone reported on the following:

He thanked the Board for their participation and engagement in the recent two-day Strategic Planning Workshop.

He updated the Board on the September 18, 2023 All Staff Employee Meeting, which included an update to staff from the Strategic Planning Facilitator Ed Means on the input from staff's SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) meetings with him, he gave highlights from the meeting and a schedule of additional opportunities for staff engagement. He

also mentioned that he gave a presentation on the recent Customer Services Survey and Communications Manager Kevin Strauss gave a presentation on the recent Staff Survey.

To hear the full report, please refer to the Board recording by clicking on the following link: [Board Meeting Recording](#).

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

There were no comments on the recap report.

President's Report (Item 9).

President Martin updated the Board on upcoming meetings and events.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 10).

A written report was submitted by Director Marks which was included in the Board packet.

Director Petersen reported that he virtually attended a One-on-One meeting with the General Manager on September 18, 2023.

Director Marks reported that he attended the SCVEDC Economic Outlook held at the College of the Canyons Performing Arts Center on September 15, 2023 and attended the 2023 State of the Los Angeles River Watershed held at the Autry Museum of the American West on September 19, 2023.

President Martin reported that he had a virtual meeting with facilitator Mitch Rosenberg regarding the upcoming General Manager's review on September 11, 2023, and virtually attended both the monthly meeting with DCA Executive Director Graham Bradner on September 12, 2023 and the DCA monthly briefing on September 15, 2023.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 11).

Director Braunstein wanted to wish our customers who celebrate, a happy Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Director Armitage thanked the Board officers for moving the Directors reports to before Closed Session. Mentioned the recent Strategic Planning Board Workshop, shared a story about the Bridgeport Pocket Park and the Girl Scouts upcoming project, mentioned her participation at the River Rally Clean Up and wanted to see if it was possible for a member of the SCV Water Team

to address the participants at next year's River Rally. Lastly, she informed the Board that she is currently enrolled in a class at CSUN called Sustainable Development and Environmental Review Analysis which is essentially all about CEQA and would be willing to share any information she learns from the class.

President Martin thanked the team who volunteered to work at this past weekends River Rally.

To hear the Directors report in their entirety, please refer to the Board recording by clicking on the following link: [Board Meeting Recording](#).

There were no other Director reports.

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:50 PM to discuss Item 12.1:

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Section 54956.8) Property: Proposed Single Year Transfer(s) (Calendar Year 2023) of SCV Water Agency State Water Project Supply (Up to 35,000 Acre-Foot Total)

Agency Negotiators: Matthew G. Stone, Stephen L. Cole, Ali Elhassan, and Sarah Fleury

Negotiating Parties: Westside Water Authority, United Water Conservation District, and Semitropic Water Storage District

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

The Zoom meeting was put on hold while the Board went into Closed Session. President Martin 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.

President Martin reconvened the Open Session at 7:36 PM.

Tom Bunn, Esq., reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 13).

Director Requests For Future Agenda Items (Item 14).

There were no requests for future Agenda Items.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM (Item 15).



April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Gay R Martin
President of the Board

