

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – September 15, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held via teleconference at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: B. J. Atkins, Ed Colley, Kathy Colley, William Cooper, Robert DiPrimio, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen and Lynne Plambeck via teleconference.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present via teleconference: General Manager Matthew Stone, General Counsel Tom Bunn, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord, Director of Tech Services Cris Perez, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Production Supervisor Gil Hermosillo, Principal Engineer Jason Yim, Senior Engineer Shadi Bader, Associate Engineer Elizabeth Sobczak, Water Resources Planner Sarah Fleury, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Public Information Officer Kathie Martin, Executive Assistant Leticia Quintero, Accounting Tech II Kyle Arnold, Administrative Assistant Terri Bell, IT Technician Rene Ponce and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present.

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Plambeck and carried, the Board approved the Agenda by the following roll call votes (Item 4):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Not Present	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Ford, seconded by Director K. Colley and carried, the Board pulled Item 5.3 for further discussion and approved the remaining items on the Consent Calendar by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Not Present	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board found the installation of approximately 1,500 feet of 12" diameter pipeline along The Old Road to be exempt from CEQA and authorized the General Manager to direct staff to complete this project in an amount not to exceed \$510,000 by the following roll call votes (Item 5.3):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Not Present	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Mortensen, seconded by Director Gladbach and carried, the Board found the installation of approximately 1,500 feet of 14" diameter pipeline along Decoro Drive to be except from CEQA and authorized the General Manager to direct staff to complete this project in an amount not to exceed \$675,000 by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director DiPrimio, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute a purchase order with Hazen and Sawyer for an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for final design engineering services for the Santa Clara and Honby Wells PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvement Project by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute construction change orders up to seven percent (7%) of the original construction contract for the West Ranch Recycled Water Main Extension (Phase 2D) Project by the following roll call votes (Item 6.3):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	No
Director K. Colley	No	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	No

Upon motion of Director Ford, seconded by Director Kelly and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-174 authorizing the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement for the Supply and Conveyance of Water by the Department of Water Resources of the State of California to the participating State Water Project Contractors under the Dry Year Water Purchase Program by the following roll call votes (Item 6.4):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
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Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-174

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE
AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR THE
SUPPLY AND CONVEYANCE OF WATER BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO THE PARTICIPATING
STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS UNDER
THE DRY YEAR WATER PURCHASE PROGRAM**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-091520-Resolution-SCV-174.pdf>

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

The General Manager gave an update on the first six months of operations under COVID-19 conditions. He described measures SCV Water has taken to protect employees, its compliance with executive orders, suspension of late penalties and service terminations for customers, and recent trends in LA County COVID-19 statistics.

He commended the staff for their ability to adjust to the changes in their day to day work routines while still accomplishing some significant things on ongoing projects and programs. He also thanked the Board for their continued support and the adjustments they have made with online meetings.

He then updated the Board on projects pertaining to PFAS, the Financial System Upgrade (BAM), the upcoming audit and mentioned that we are now nearing completion of the Classification and Compensation Study which will be going to the Finance and Administration Committee in October 2020 and the Board in November 2020.

Lastly, he acknowledged the work that Water Resources is doing on its water resources portfolio.

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

There were no comments on the recap reports.

President's Report (Item 9).

President Martin and General Manager Stone gave a report and recommendation on the Financial Integration Policy asking the Board to consider and approve the resolution/policy.

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director DiPrimio and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-175 adopting the Financial Integration Policy by the following roll call votes (Item 9.1):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	No
Director K. Colley	No	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Not Present	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	No

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-175

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
ADOPTING POLICIES FOR FINANCIAL INTEGRATION**

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President Martin then updated the Board on the issue with the Central Park signage and advised the Board that he will be setting up an Ad Hoc Committee to look into this issue. He informed the Board that the Ad Hoc Committee would consist of Vice President Gutzeit and Directors E. Colley, Cooper, Kelly and Mortensen with Vice President Gladbach being an alternate. He then mentioned that the Ad Hoc would meet sometime in October 2020.

He reminded the Board of the 2020 Economic Outlook Forecast that would be taking place on September 17, 2020 and advised the Board that there will be a special Board meeting on September 30, 2020 to discuss the General Managers review. He ended with the confirmation that the November 3, 2020 Board meeting would be cancelled and that there would be a special Board meeting on November 4, 2020.

AB 1234 Reports (Item 10).

Written reports were submitted by Vice President Martin, which were posted on the SCV Water website, OnBoard and are part of the record.

There were no other AB 1234 reports.

Director Reports (Item 11).

There were no Director reports.

Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 12).

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

Request for Future Agenda Items (Item 13).

Director E. Colley requested an update in Closed Session, if applicable, on the litigation pertaining to PVC pipe.

There were no other requests for future agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 PM (Item 14).



April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



President of the Board

