

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

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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, December 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 and Joe Byrne, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Tech Services Cris Perez, Senior Engineers Shadi Bader and Jim Leserman, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Public Information Officer Kathie Martin, Executive Assistant Leticia Quintero, Administrative Assistant Terri Bell, IT Technician Craig Larsen, Accounting Tech II Kyle Arnold, Best Best and Krieger Attorney Lutfi Kharuf and members of the public.

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

Upon motion of Director Mortensen, seconded by Director Atkins 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	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Vice President Gladbach seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved Resolution Nos. SCV-186, SCV-187, SCV-188 and SCV-189 honoring and commending Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Directors Campbell, K. Colley, DiPrimio and Gutzeit for their service and dedication by the following roll call votes (Item 5.1):

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

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-186**

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

**HONORING AND COMMENDING THOMAS P. CAMPBELL  
FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION**

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**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-187**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
HONORING AND COMMENDING  
KATHY COLLEY  
FOR HER SERVICE AND DEDICATION**

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**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-188**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
HONORING AND COMMENDING ROBERT J. DIPRIMIO  
FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION**

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**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-189**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
HONORING AND COMMENDING MARIA GUTZEIT  
FOR HER SERVICE AND DEDICATION**

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The Board recognized Directors Campbell, K. Colley, DiPrimio and Gutzeit for their years of distinguished service (Item 5.2).

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**Public Hearing (Item 5.3)**

President Martin opened the Public Hearing at 7:54 PM regarding an Ordinance to increase the Director's compensation rate. President Martin presented the report, attachments and Ordinance for consideration. Public comments were heard and received.



President Martin closed the Public Hearing at 8:10 PM.

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Vice President Gladbach and carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. 01 increasing the Directors compensation by 5 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar, bringing the monthly stipend from \$228.15 per meeting to \$239.00 per meeting, maximum of 10 meetings per month, one meeting per day, taking effect in 60 days from today by the following roll call votes (Item 5.3):

Director Atkins	No	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	No	Director Plambeck	No

**ORDINANCE NO. 01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 01 TO  
INCREASE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

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Upon motion of Vice President Gladbach, seconded by Director Mortensen and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar which included Resolution Nos. SCV-190, SCV-191, SCV-192 and SCV-193 by the following roll call votes (Item 6):

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

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-190**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
HONORING AND COMMENDING BOB KELLAR  
FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION**

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**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-191**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
HONORING AND COMMENDING  
BETTE BOATMUN  
FOR HER SERVICE AND DEDICATION**

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**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-192**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
HONORING AND COMMENDING  
DIANNA SUTTON  
FOR HER SERVICE AND DEDICATION**

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**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-193**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
HONORING AND COMMENDING  
BOBBETTE WELLS  
FOR HER SERVICE AND DEDICATION**

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Item 7.1 and 8.1 were switched for discussion and approval.

Upon motion of Director Plambeck, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved Scheme D, the designation "In Memoriam Gracie Muehlberger and Dominic Blackwell" to be placed along the base of the right side (west) entry monument sign with an adjustment in the existing landscape and sign light by the following roll call votes (Item 8.1):

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	No	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes



The Board took a short recess at 9:45 PM and President Martin reconvened the meeting at 9:53 PM.

Upon motion of Director Mortensen, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved a revised CFD policy and (1) Resolution No. SCV-194 authorizing the execution of a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement relating to the California Municipal Finance Authority (CFMA), and (2) Resolution No. SCV-195 authorizing participation in the CFMA's Bond Opportunities for Land Development (BOLD) Program and other related actions in establishing a CFD for the Spring Canyon Development by the following roll call votes (Item 7.1):

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	No

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-194**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
APPROVING, AUTHORIZING, AND DIRECTING EXECUTION  
OF A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT  
RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**

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**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-195**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AUTHORIZING USE OF THE BOND OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT (BOLD) PROGRAM;  
AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY  
TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS,  
CONDUCT PROCEEDINGS AND LEVY SPECIAL TAXES  
WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
PURSUANT TO THE MELLO-ROOS COMMUNITY FACILITIES ACT OF 1982,  
AS AMENDED; FINDING THAT FORMATION  
OF A CFD FOR THE SPRING CANYON DEVELOPMENT  
WILL BENEFIT THE AGENCY'S CUSTOMERS;  
AMENDING THE AGENCY'S COMMUNITY FACILITY DISTRICT POLICY;  
AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS RELATED THERETO**

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**General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 9).**

The General Manager updated the Board on recent positive COVID-19 cases at the Agency, stating that today there was another positive case of COVID-19, which the Agency did contact tracing to identify any staff that may have been in contact with this individual and may have been exposed. Anyone that may have had contact was tested today. In addition, this evening we had an additional positive case but this individual had been exposed outside the workplace and was in self quarantine using our Emergency Administrative Leave (EAL) provision. He stated, this is a great example of how the EAL policy prevented someone from being in the workplace and enabled them to stay home and to stop any possible spread. Lastly, he said that the Agency hopes that both do well and we continue to remind everyone to follow safe practices.

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**President's Report (Item 10).**

There was no President's report.

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**AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 11).**

Written reports were submitted by Vice President Gladbach and were included in the Board packet. Additional written reports were submitted by President Martin, Vice President Gutzeit and Directors Atkins and Ford which were posted on the website and are part of the record.

President Martin reported that he attended the virtual VIA Monthly Luncheon held on December 15, 2020.

Vice President Gladbach reported that he attended the ACWA 2020 Virtual Fall Conference held on December 2-3, 2020.

Director Cooper reported that he attended the ACWA 2020 Virtual Fall Conference held on December 2-3, 2020, the virtual ACWA Groundwater Committee meeting held on December 8, 2020 and the virtual ACWA Water Quality Committee meeting held on December 14, 2020.

Director DiPrimio reported that he attended the ACWA 2020 Virtual Fall Conference held on December 2-3, 2020.

Director Kelly reported that he attended the virtual ACWA Region 8 Membership meeting held on December 9, 2020 and attended the ACWA 2020 Virtual Fall Conference held on December 2-3, 2020.

Director Plambeck reported that she attended the ACWA 2020 Virtual Fall Conference held on December 2-3, 2020 and the virtual ACWA Water Quality Committee meeting held on December 14, 2020.

There were no further AB 1234 Reports.

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**Director Reports (Item 12).**

There were no Director reports.

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The Board went into Closed Session at 10:45 PM (Item 13).

The Board was instructed to disconnect from the current call and redial in on a separate teleconference line that was provided to them. President Martin instructed the public members and staff who wanted to stay on the call, to stay on the current teleconference line and once Closed Session has ended, the Board will reconvene for Closed Session announcements and the conclusion of the meeting.

President Martin reconvened the Open Session at 10:55 PM.

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that pertaining to Item No. 13.1, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, Claim of City of Santa Clarita against Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Claim for Indemnity, Date of Claim December 1, 2020, the Board voted to reject the claim by motion of Director E. Colley, seconded by Director Kelly and carried, by the following roll call votes:

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

There were no other actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 14).

**Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 15).**

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

**Request for Future Agenda Items (Item 16).**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 PM (Item 17).

  
April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

  

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President of the Board

