

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – May 5, 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, May 5, 2020. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: B. J. Atkins, Tom Campbell, 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: Matthew Stone, General Manager; Tom Bunn, General Counsel; April Jacobs, Board Secretary; Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager; Eric Campbell, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer; Keith Abercrombie, Chief Operating Officer; Rochelle Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration; Mike Alvord, Director of Operations and Maintenance; Cris Perez, Director of Tech Services; Dirk Marks, Director of Water Resources; Brent Payne, Principal Engineer; Jason Yim, Principal Engineer; Shadi Bader, Senior Engineer; Jose Diaz, Emergency Preparedness and Safety Coordinator; Kathie Martin, Public Information Officer; Darine Connor, Financial Analyst; Eunie Kang, Administrative Technician; Rene Ponce, IT Technician; Terri Bell, Administrative Assistant; 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 Cooper and carried, the Board approved the agenda by the following roll call votes (Item 4):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	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 approved the Consent Calendar including Resolutions Nos. SCV-147 and SCV-148 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	Not Present
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		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-147

RESOLUTION CALLING THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY ELECTION FOR OFFICES OF THE AGENCY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF SAID ELECTION WITH THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION AND APPROVING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, pursuant to Section 9 of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Water Code Appendix, Chapter 833), holds its Agency general elections for its Board of Directors concurrently with regular statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, the Agency's governing Board is mandated to consolidate its said election with the said regular statewide general election.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Agency hereby calls an Agency general election for Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for the purpose of filling the offices of Director of Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency for each of the three Director Divisions for a four- year term established by the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Law as follows:

- a. Two Directors representing the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Division One,
- b. Two Directors representing the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Division Two, and
- c. Two Directors representing the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Division Three.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the persons elected at said general election shall take office on the first Monday in January 2021; and

RESOLVED FURTHER that this Agency does hereby request consolidation of its said Agency elections, pursuant to Elections Code, Section 10403, with the said statewide general election, with the Agency's election to be on the same ballot as used for the statewide general election; and

RESOLVED FURTHER that the said Agency general election may be consolidated, also, with any other election held in the same territory on the same date; and

RESOLVED FURTHER that the said Agency consolidated election will be held and conducted in a manner prescribed in Election Code Section 10418.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Candidate Statements have a maximum word limitation of 200 words and payment of the estimated cost must be made by the candidate at the time of filing.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Secretary of this Agency is directed to file certified copies of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, and with the Registrar of Voters of Los Angeles County and Ventura Counties; and

RESOLVED FURTHER that the General Manager and/or Secretary of this Agency is hereby authorized and requested to promptly supply to the County officials any and all additional information or documentation needed by them to hold, conduct, and canvass the Agency's said directorship elections, and to execute needed contractual documents to pay to the affected counties the cost of the said election.

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-148

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY
VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY) APPROVING AND
ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES
RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION OF L 020-2019
TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 99.01 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, prior to the effective date of any jurisdictional change that will result in a special district providing one or more services to an area where those services have not previously been provided by any local agency, the special district and each local agency that receives an apportionment of property tax revenue from the area must negotiate an exchange of property tax increment generated in the area subject to the jurisdictional change and attributable to those local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting on behalf of the County Lighting Maintenance District (CLMD) 1687, Los Angeles County General Fund, Los Angeles County Public Library, Los Angeles County Road District 5, the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Flood Control Drainage Improvement Maintenance District, and Los Angeles County Flood Control District; the Board of Trustees of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District; and the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (formerly known as Castaic Lake Water Agency), have determined that the amount of property tax revenue to be exchanged between their respective agencies as a result of the annexation proposal identified as L 020-2019 to CLMD 1687 are as shown on the attached Property Tax Transfer Resolution Worksheet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The negotiated exchange of property tax revenues with the CLMD 1687, Los Angeles County General Fund, Los Angeles County Public Library, Los Angeles County Road District 5, the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Flood Control Drainage Improvement Maintenance District, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, and the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (formerly known as Castaic Lake Water Agency) resulting from the annexation of L 020-2019 to CLMD 1687 is approved and accepted.
2. For fiscal years commencing on or after July 1, 2020, or the July 1 after the effective date of this jurisdictional change, whichever is later, the property tax revenue increment generated from the area within L 020-2019, Tax Rate Area 02472, shall be allocated to the affected agencies as indicated on the attached Property Tax Transfer Resolution Worksheet.
3. No transfer of property tax revenues other than those specified in Paragraph 2 shall be made as a result of the annexation of L 020-2019.

4. If at any time after the effective date of this resolution, the calculations used herein to determine initial property tax transfers or the data used to perform those calculations are found to be incorrect, thus, producing an improper or inaccurate property tax transfer, the property tax transfer shall be recalculated and the corrected transfer shall be implemented for the next fiscal year.

Upon motion of Director Campbell, seconded by Director E. Colley and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-149 for an exception to the current SCV Water Policy to allow for the selection of all twenty-two (22) qualified firms for the period starting July 1, 2020 and extending through June 30, 2024, and to authorize the General Manager to execute engineering services agreements for on-call engineering, construction management, and/or inspection services with Alliance Land Planning and Engineering, Inc.; Black & Veatch Corporation; Cannon Corporation; Civiltec Engineering, Inc.; EDM Services, Inc.; Encompass Consultant Group; Filippin Engineering, Inc.; GK & Associates; Hazen and Sawyer; Hunsaker & Associates Los Angeles, Inc.; Jensen Design & Survey, Inc; Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc.; Lee & Ro, Inc.; Michael Baker International; MKN & Associates, Inc.; MNS Engineers, Inc.; MWH Constructors; SA Associates; Stylo Group, L.L.P.; TRC Companies; Woodard & Curran, Inc.; and West Yost Associates for the period starting July 1, 2020 and extending through June 30, 2024 by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	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-149

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS
FOR ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, all Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) submitted to the Agency pursuant to the Agency's Request for SOQs for On-Call Engineering Services Agreements were received at the Agency on January 22, 2020, in full accordance with the law and the Agency's customary procedures; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds, after considering the evaluation from staff, that, Alliance Land Planning and Engineering, Inc.; Black & Veatch Corporation; Cannon Corporation; Civiltec Engineering, Inc.; EDM Services, Inc.; Encompass Consultant Group; Filippin Engineering, Inc.; GK & Associates; Hazen and Sawyer; Hunsaker & Associates Los Angeles, Inc.; Jensen Design & Survey, Inc.; Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc.; Lee & Ro, Inc.; Michael Baker International; MKN & Associates, Inc.; MNS Engineers, Inc.; MWH Constructors; SA Associates; Stylo Group, L.L.P.; TRC Companies; Woodard & Curran, Inc.; and West Yost Associates are qualified firms and that said consultants substantially meet the requirements of the specifications; and

WHEREAS, SCV Water’s current Purchasing Policy allows the Board of Directors to select between two and six firms to provide engineering services; and it is in the Agency’s best interest to hereby make an exception to the current Purchasing Policy to select all twenty-two (22) of the above-mentioned firms to provide on-call engineering services for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, each of the above-mentioned firms has demonstrated the competence and professional skill necessary for the work, and it is in the Agency’s best interest that the Agency’s Board of Directors authorize its General Manager to execute engineering services agreements with these firms as part of an engineering consultant pool.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Agency’s Board of Directors does hereby approve an exception to the current SCV Water Purchasing Policy to allow for the selection of all above-mentioned twenty-two (22) qualified firms to provide on-call engineering, construction management, and inspection services for the period starting July 1, 2020 and extending through June 30, 2024.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency’s Board of Directors does hereby authorize its General Manager to execute engineering services agreements with Alliance Land Planning and Engineering, Inc.; Black & Veatch Corporation; Cannon Corporation; Civiltec Engineering, Inc.; EDM Services, Inc.; Encompass Consultant Group; Filippin Engineering, Inc.; GK & Associates; Hazen and Sawyer; Hunsaker & Associates Los Angeles, Inc.; Jensen Design & Survey, Inc.; Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc.; Lee & Ro, Inc.; Michael Baker International; MKN & Associates, Inc.; MNS Engineers, Inc.; MWH Constructors; SA Associates; Stylo Group, L.L.P.; TRC Companies; Woodard & Curran, Inc.; and West Yost Associates to provide on-call engineering, construction management, and inspection services for the period starting July 1, 2020 and extending through June 30, 2024.

Upon motion of Director Campbell, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to purchase the treatment media for Well Q2 Groundwater Perchlorate Treatment Project for an amount not to exceed \$171,860 by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	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 Mortensen, seconded by Director Plambeck and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-150 Designation of Applicants Agent resolution for non-state agencies by the following roll call votes (Item 6.3):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	Yes
Director E. Colley	Yes	Director K. Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Not Present	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-150

**DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT RESOLUTION
FOR NON-STATE AGENCIES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, that the General Manager and Assistant General Manager is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, this application and to file it with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of obtaining certain federal financial assistance under Public Law 93-288 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, and/or state financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act.

That the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, hereby authorizes its agent(s) to provide to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for all matters pertaining to such state disaster assistance the assurances and agreements required.

This is a universal resolution and is effective for all open and future disasters up to three (3) years following the date of approval below.

Passed and approved this 5th day of May 2020.

Chief Financial and Administrative Office Eric Campbell gave an update to the Board on the financing plan (Item 7).

General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 8).

The General Manager updated the Board on the Stay Home Order, with a Stage 2 opening announced by the Governor. He stated that we are on our 47th day and our 7th work week with the Safer at Home Order. The Los Angeles County order is aligned with the Governor's order and currently set to run through May 15, 2020. The Governor has announced some businesses will be permitted to reopen as early as this Friday with precautions and guidance coming out this Thursday May 7, 2020. As management anticipated some changes in guidance over time, our management team has been discussing likely next steps with regards to the SCV Water workplace and its ability to continue to meet our customer needs and take prudent measures along with our staff to be protective of public health while implementing the guidelines.

He stated that we are looking at things like – who can continue to work from home, how do we protect those who may be more vulnerable, how to bring back more working hours for those who have been on alternating shifts, safety and distancing in the office, face coverings, cleaning, and so forth.

He updated the Board on the numbers of cases and deaths reported by Los Angeles County and ended with the question remains, "as we ease up some restrictions and substitute new or continued precautions, how will we do?"

He then updated the Board on what is happening with the State Water Project. He stated that as the Board may have read in news reports, the status of State and Federal project operations, permitting, and related matters is in a state of flux. The State's Interim Take Permit for operations of the State Water Project was recently finalized, but that led to litigation from all sides. This has further complicated the prospects for reaching Voluntary Settlement Agreements in State Water Resources Control Board proceedings. He mentioned that this is something we will discuss in more detail during tonight's closed session. On a more optimistic note, he said that the State Water Contractors and the Department of Water Resources have been conducting a series of public negotiation meetings to work out the details of a contract amendment related to the Delta Conveyance Facility. On Thursday of last week, a possible Agreement in Principle or AIP document was agreed upon by the parties. Further work remains before there would be something to consider and approve by the SCV Water Board and ultimately contract language would be developed for the formal amendment. Our staff will provide an update at the Water Resources and Watershed Committee as well.

He ended with an updated on the budget saying that work is continuing on the revised "second year" budget for FY 2020/2021.

Committee Meeting Recap Reports (Item 9).

No discussion.

Written Reports (Item 10).

No discussion.

President's Report (Item 11).

President Martin reported that all Committee meetings for the month of May 2020 would be by teleconference and that the May 19, 2020 Board meeting would most likely be cancelled. He also made a few comments about Director Campbell's soon resignation from the Board and how Director Campbell will be missed when he does resign.

AB 1234 Reports (Item 12).

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

President Martin reported that he and Vice President's Gladbach and Gutzeit as well as Director Cooper, Matthew Stone, Steve Cole and Kathie Martin participated in a conference call with Senator Scott Wilk on April 28, 2020.

Director Kelly reported that he attended a teleconference with ACWA's Business Development Committee on April 17, 2020.

There were no further AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 13).

There were no other Director reports.

Upon motion of Director Plambeck, seconded by Director Kelly and carried, the Board went into Closed Session at 8:18 PM on a separate teleconference line to discuss the items listed on the Agenda by the following roll call votes (Item 14):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	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		

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

Upon motion of Director Mortensen, seconded by Director Kelly and carried, the Board voted to come out of Closed Session at 9:01 PM by the following roll call votes:

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	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		

President Martin reconvened the Open Session at 9:01 PM.

Tom Bunn, Esq, reported that pertaining to Item 14.1 first case, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, the Board authorized the General Manager to join in

either Metropolitan Water District's or the State Contractors Lawsuit against the State of California in which they challenge the incidental take permit. The lawsuit to be joined will be determined by the General Manager after consultation with the other contractors. By motion of Vice President Gladbach, seconded by Director DiPrimio and carried, the Board approved by the following roll call votes (Item 15):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	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		

There were no other actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 15).

Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 16).

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

Request for Future Agenda Items (Item 17).

There were no requests for future agenda items.

Upon motion of Director Mortensen, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM by the following roll call votes (Item 18):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	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		

April Jacobs

April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Gary R Martin
President of the Board

