

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – November 1, 2022

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, November 1, 2022. 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, Jeff Ford, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly (Arrived at 6:09 PM), Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski, Ken Petersen and Lynne Plambeck.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present: Administrative Services Manager Kim Grass, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Rochelle Patterson, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, Director of Technology Services Cris Perez (Via Zoom), Engineer Yoganathan Thierumaran (via Zoom), General Counsel Joe Byrne, General Manager Matthew Stone (Via Zoom), Principal Engineer Jason Yim, Nossaman LLP Attorneys Byron Gee and Fred Fudacz (Via Teams), as well as additional SCV Water Agency staff and members of the public.

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

President Martin announced there were no changes to the November 1, 2022 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

Upon motion of Director Gutzeit, seconded by Director Ford and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-310, SCV-311, SCV-312 and SCV-313 (Director Petersen abstained from Items 5.1 and 5.2 and voted yes on Items 5.3 and 5.4) by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Not Present	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Yes	Director Petersen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-310

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, ANTELOPE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, 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. 1117**

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-311

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, ANTELOPE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION 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. 1118

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-312

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, ANTELOPE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, 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. 1119

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-313

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. 1120"**

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Upon motion of Director Armitage, seconded by Director Plambeck and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-314 awarding a construction contract to Paso Robles Tank in an amount not to exceed \$299,500 for the Newhall Tanks 1 and 1A – Tank Upgrade project by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Yes	Director Petersen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-314

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PASO ROBLES TANK FOR THE
NEWHALL TANKS 1 AND 1A – TANK UPGRADES PROJECT**

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

Assistant General Manager Cole reported on the following upcoming events:

- November 4, 2022 S Wells Bridgeport Virtual Listening Session starts at 6:00 PM. This is the second session on this topic.
- Valley Center Ribbon Cutting at 10:00 AM on November 9, 2022 in person at the Valley Center Well Treatment Facility
- SCV Water Holiday Party at 11:30 AM on December 15, 2022 at the Centre - City of Santa Clarita Activities Center

To hear the full report please refer to the Board recording at https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Board-Recording_SCV-Water_110122.mp3.

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

Director Braunstein had a few questions regarding Committee meeting recap reports and their purpose and asked that a link to the Committee meeting recordings be added to the Committee Recap Reports. To hear Director Braunstein's comments, please refer to the Board recording at https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Board-Recording_SCV-Water_110122.mp3.

There were no other comments on the recap reports.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 9).

Vice President Orzechowski had several questions regarding the Finance, Administration and Information Technology Services Section Report.

To hear Vice President's Orzechowski's questions and staff's responses, please refer to the Board recording at https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Board-Recording_SCV-Water_110122.mp3.

Director Kelly asked if the Board had any other questions pertaining to the Finance and Administration Committee or the Finance, Administration and Information Technology Services Report. There were no further questions asked.

There were no other comments on the written reports.

President's Report (Item 10).

The President updated the Board on upcoming meetings and events.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 11).

A written report was submitted by Director Ford which was included in the Board packet. Additional written reports were submitted by President Martin and Directors Gutzeit and Plambeck which were posted on the SCV Water website and are part of the record.

Director Armitage reported that she attended virtually the Executive Committee Meeting of the Special Districts of North Los Angeles County held on October 19, 2022.

Director Cooper reported that he attended the State of the City held at the Canyon County Community Center on October 27, 2022.

Director Kelly reported that he attended the virtual ACWA Business Development Presentation on October 17, 2022, attended the SCV Chamber of Commerce "After Hours Mixer" held at MB2 Entertainment on October 19, 2022 and attended the State of the City held at the Canyon Country Community Center on October 27, 2022.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 12).

There were no Director Reports.

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:35 PM to discuss Items 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 (Item 13).

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 7:20 PM.

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that regarding Item 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 Claimant Saul Castro Against Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Claim for Personal Injury, Date of Claim September 27, 2022 and regarding Item 13.2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, Claim of Claimant Michael Buntain Against Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Claim for Personal Injury, Date of Claim September 28, 2022, the Board unanimously voted to reject both claims and submit them to the Agency’s Joint Powers Insurance Authority, upon motion of Director Kelly, seconded by Director Gutzeit and carried, by the following roll call votes:

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Yes	Director Petersen	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).

Director Gutzeit requested approval to attend the Labor Management Compliance Council Annual Labor Compliance Conference being held on November 17, 2022 in Los Angeles. It is a one day event, she felt other Directors may be interested in attending.

Vice President Orzechowski requested approval to attend the LA County Sanitation Districts' public tour of the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant being held on November 5, 2022. He also felt that other Directors may be interested in attending.

The Board unanimously approved attendance to both events for the full Board.

There were no other requests for approval for event attendance.

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Stewart Lawson at 7:25 PM (Item 16).

April Jacobs
April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Gary Martin
President of the Board

