

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – September 6, 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, September 6, 2022. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathy Armitage, Ed Colley, William Cooper, Jeff Ford, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly (Via Zoom), Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Lynne Plambeck.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Beth Braunstein.

Also present: Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Rochelle Patterson, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Customer Service Manager Kathleen Willson, Environmental Health and Safety Supervisor Rebecca Lustig, General Counsel Tom Bunn, General Manager Matthew Stone, Human Resources Manager Ari Mantis, Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas, Consultants from Fieldman Rolapp & Associates Lora Carpenter and Robert Porr, 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 that there were no changes to the September 6, 2022 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Gutzeit, the Board by a vote of 6 Yes's and 3 Abstains did not pass the resolution honoring and commending B. J. Atkins for his Service and Dedication as a Board member on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors, as shown by the following roll call votes (Item 5.1):

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

Those who voted to abstain during this vote were asked if they wanted to reconsider their vote and each of those Directors stated they did not want to change their vote.

The Board took a 5-minute recess at 6:29 PM and reconvened at 6:36 PM.

The Board then recognized former Director Atkins for his dedication and commitment to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency and the community it serves (Item 5.2).

President Martin called for a short recess at 6:48 PM and reconvened the meeting at 6:58 PM.

Upon motion of Director Gutzeit, seconded by Director Ford and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar excluding Item 6.2 “Approving a purchase order to Civiltec Engineering, Inc., for Change Order No. 1 for final design services for the New Deane Zone Tank at Sand Canyon Plaza – design prestressed concrete tank instead of welded steel tank” which was pulled for discussion by the following roll call votes (Item 6):

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

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Plambeck and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to issue a purchase order to Civiltec Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$42,528 for SCV Water’s portion of Change Order No. 1 for final design of the prestressed concrete Deane Tank by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

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

Upon motion of Director Colley, seconded by Director Kelly and carried, the Board approved completing a Letter of Interest form for the EPA’s WIFIA Program by the following roll call votes (Item 7.1):

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

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Gutzeit and carried, the Board set the Agency’s contribution under the PERS Medical and Hospital Care Act with the Agency’s contribution being 90% of the highest rate of the insurance offered in Region 3, and approved Resolution No. SCV-302 adjusting employer’s contribution to PERS medical Insurance by the following roll call votes (Item 7.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Absent
Director Colley	No	Director Cooper	Yes
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-302

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
ADJUSTING EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL
AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-090622-Resolution-SCV-302.pdf>

The Board then considered appointment of a Director and Alternate to the SCV GSA Board (Item 7.3).

Director Gutzeit nominated Vice President Orzechowski (who withdrew his name), Vice President Orzechowski nominated Director Ford and Director Armitage nominated Director's Kelly and Plambeck.

Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Director Gutzeit, the Board voted to appoint Director Ford to the SCV GSA Board, by a vote of 5 Yes's, 3 No's and 1 Abstain the motion failed as recorded below.

Director Armitage	No	Director Braunstein	Absent
Director Colley	No	Director Cooper	Yes
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Abstain	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	No

Upon motion of Director Armitage, seconded by Director Colley, the Board voted to appoint Director Plambeck to the SCV GSA Board, by a vote of 3 Yes's, 5 No's and 1 Abstain the motion failed as recorded below.

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Absent
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	No
Director Ford	No	Director Gutzeit	No
Director Kelly	Abstain	President Martin	No
Vice President Orzechowski	No	Director Plambeck	Yes

Director Cooper nominated and moved to appoint Vice President Orzechowski to the SCV GSA Board which was seconded by Director Ford and carried, the Board voted to seat Vice President Orzechowski as the appointed SCV GSA Board of Director by the following roll call votes (Item 7.3):

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

The Board then consider the nominations for the Alternate Director for the SCV GSA Board.

Director Plambeck nominated Director Armitage and Director Cooper nominated Director Ford as the alternate Director for the SCV GSA Board.

Upon motion of Director Plambeck, seconded by Director Kelly, the Board voted to seat Director Armitage as the Alternate Director for the SCV GSA Board, by a vote of 4 Yes's and 5 No's the motion failed as recorded below.

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Absent
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	No
Director Ford	No	Director Gutzeit	No
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	No
Vice President Orzechowski	No	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Gutzeit, the Board voted to seat Director Ford as the Alternate Director for the SCV GSA Board, by a vote of 4 Yes's, 4 No's and 1 Abstain the motion failed as recorded below.

Director Armitage	No	Director Braunstein	Absent
Director Colley	No	Director Cooper	Yes
Director Ford	No	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Abstain	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	No

Upon motion of Director Colley, seconded by Vice President Orzechowski and carried, the Board voted to reconsider and appointed Director Ford as the Alternate Director to the SCV GSA Board by the following roll call votes (Item 7.3).

Director Armitage	No	Director Braunstein	Absent
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	No

Environmental Health and Safety Supervisor Rebecca Lustig gave the Annual Safety Program Update for FY 2021/22 (Item 8).

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

General Manager Stone reported the following:

He gave a brief update on his recent attendance at the Urban Water Institute 29th Annual Water Conference held in San Diego. He mentioned that he was part of a PFAS panel which included state, federal and local perspectives on the evolving and emerging issues related to PFAS and drinking water. He went in detail about the PFAS chemicals for which EPA analytical detection methods exist and mentioned there are between 4,700 and 10,000 known or listed by the equivalent agency to the EPA in Europe. He went on to describe how this all may affect the drinking water standards.

He then mentioned the other panels that took place at the conference which included the following:

- Presentation on climate, drought, forest and watershed interrelationships;
- Discussion of Colorado River conditions and the perspective of the lower basin states on addressing the sharing of shortages;
- Working together on difficult issues;
- Post Covid organizational changes.

He added as a fun note, that while at the conference he had an opportunity to play some live music for first time since 2019 to the attendees.

He then mentioned his attendance at the Bridgeport S Wells PFAS Public Engagement with SCV Water staff, design and environmental consultants, and interested members of the public to discuss the S-Wells project to be located in the Bridgeport area.

He went on to mention that earlier that evening, the Board approved the June Quarterly Financial Report, which was on the Consent Calendar. He advised the Board that this item is included in the Finance and Administration Committee packet and in their Board packets tonight. He mentioned that sometimes the volume of financial material can be daunting in these reports, but in general, we present monthly and quarterly reports. He mentioned some of the content that is included in these reports.

He advised the Board that beginning in November 2022, the Quarterly Financial Report will be presented to the Board as an informational item by our new Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, Rochelle Patterson.

Lastly, he discussed the heat wave we all have been experiencing and invited Chief Operating Office Keith Abercrombie to share an "Operations Moment" to let you know what SCV Water has done in response to the Flex Alert and calls for other measures.

To hear the General Managers full report and Mr. Abercrombie's "Operations Moment" please refer to the Board recording at https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Board_Recording_090622-Part-3.mp3.

Committee Meeting Recap Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 10).

There were no comments on the recap reports.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 11).

Director Armitage and Vice President Orzechowski both had comments and questions on the Water Resources and Outreach Section Report.

To hear the comments and questions by Director Armitage and Vice President Orzechowski, please refer to the the Board recording at https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Board_Recording_090622-Part-3.mp3.

There were no other comments on the the written reports.

President's Report (Item 12).

The President updated the Board on upcoming meetings and events.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 13).

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

Director Cooper reported that he attended a virtual ACWA Region 8 Meeting on August 31, 2022.

Director Armitage reported that she attended virtually the Executive Committee Meeting of the Special Districts of North Los Angeles County held on August 17, 2022 and attended a virtual one-on-one meeting with General Manager Stone on September 6, 2022.

Vice President Orzechowski reported that he attended the 7th Annual CA Water Data Summit held in Irvine on August 17, 2022 and attended a virtual one-on-one meeting with General Manager Matt Stone on August 31, 2022.

Director Kelly reported that he attended a virtual meeting with the ACWA Business Development Committee's A-Subcommittee on August 9 and 30, 2022. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be on September 7, 2022.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 14).

Director Armitage mentioned that she attended the Bridgeport S Wells PFAS Public Engagement that the General Manager had spoken about earlier and wanted to thank staff who attended and planned that event. She mentioned an upcoming Teen Financial Workshop in which the Agency will be sponsoring and participating in.

To hear the full report please refer to the Board recording at https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Board_Recording_090622-Part-3.mp3.

There were no other Director Reports.

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

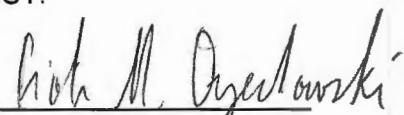
There were no requests for approval for event attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM (Item 16).



April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



Vice President of the Board

