

Minutes of the Rescheduled Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – March 21, 2023

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A rescheduled 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 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. 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 (Via Zoom, Arriving in Person at 7:15 PM), Dirk Marks, Gary Martin (Via Zoom, Arriving in Person at 7:15 PM), Piotr Orzechowski (Via Zoom) and Ken Petersen.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Maria Gutzeit.

Also present: Administrative Services Manager Kim Grass, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Operating Office Keith Abercrombie, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Engineer Yoganathan Thierumaran (Via Zoom), General Counsel Tom Bunn, General Manager Matthew Stone, Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas, Right of Way Agent Kristina Jacob (Via Zoom), Attorney from Best Best and Krieger Guillermo Frias (Via Zoom), as well as additional SCV Water Agency staff and members of the public.

The Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum was present.

There were no changes to the March 21, 2023 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

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Upon motion of Director Marks, seconded by President Martin and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution No. SCV-339 and excluding Item 5.3, "Approve Adopting a Resolution Authorizing SCV Water to Execute the Agreement Setting Real Property Rights Between SCV Water and Woodside 05S, LP and Required CEQA Finding", which was pulled for further discussion by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Absent	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-339**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO TEKDRULICS AND  
ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE  
PUMP AND MOTOR IMPROVEMENTS AT WELLS N7 AND N8**

**[https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/approved-resolutions/scv/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-032123-Resolution-SCV-339\\_0.pdf](https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/approved-resolutions/scv/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-032123-Resolution-SCV-339_0.pdf)**

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by President Martin and carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. SCV-338, approving Agency execution of the Agreement Settling Real Property Rights and the related TCE release and Grant Deed conveying the fee interest in the Project Property to Woodside in exchange for easement rights permitting SCV Water's continued unaltered operation of the Project by the following roll call votes (Item 5.3):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	No
Director Colley	No	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Absent	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-338**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AUTHORIZING SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY TO  
EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT SETTLING REAL PROPERTY RIGHTS BY AND BETWEEN  
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AND WOODSIDE 05S RELATIVE TO  
THE SAND CANYON PIPELINE PROJECT AND REQUIRED CEQA FINDING**

**<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/approved-resolutions/scv/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-032123-Resolution-SCV-338.pdf>**

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Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Braunstein and carried, the Board adopted (1) Resolution No. SCV-340 approving a construction contract with J Vega Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,909,510.50, (2) authorized the General Manager to execute a purchase order with Filippin Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for construction management and inspection services for the Dickason Drive Water Line Improvements Project and (3) found that it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15282, and alternatively, exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Absent	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-340**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO J VEGA ENGINEERING, INC.,  
AND AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES  
PURCHASE ORDER TO FILIPPIN ENGINEERING, INC. AND**

**FINDING THE DICKASON DRIVE WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15282, AND ALTERNATIVELY, SECTION 15302**

**[https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/approved-resolutions/scv/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-032123-Resolution-SCV-340\\_0.pdf](https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/approved-resolutions/scv/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-032123-Resolution-SCV-340_0.pdf)**

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

General Manager Stone reported on the following:

He reported that last week, the US EPA released a proposal for the long anticipated Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL)'s for two PFAS chemicals, PFOA and PFOS. Both are proposed to be set at 4 parts per trillion. This is lower than the current State of California Response Levels of 10 and 14 parts per trillion.

He stated that staff has been rapidly assessing the potential impact of the proposal, which currently would become effective in January 2024. He stated that the SCV Water PFAS strike team will be conducting a similar process as when the Response Levels were set (and then reduced) to refine impacts, potential system constraints, and remedies, estimated costs to add treatment to return sources to service, and the water resources portfolio impacts during the time the additional wells would be unavailable to provide municipal supply.

He explained that the EPA is also considering a combined standard for 4 additional PFAS chemicals which would establish a limit based on the combined amounts of each in source water.

He briefly mentioned that he as well as President Martin, Vice President Orzechowski and Director Cooper attended the KHTS Sacramento Road trip that took place on March 20-21, 2023. He told the Board that it was a good trip with some interesting presentations on topics related to our operations and others related indirectly.

He ended with informing the Board that Ray Ramirez, one of our utility workers, who started with Valencia Water Company in 2014, passed away last week. He advised the Board that we would be adjourning the meeting tonight in memory of Ray Ramirez.

To hear the full report please refer to the Board recording at **<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/board-meetings/2023/scv/Board-Recording-032123.mp3>**.

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

There were no comments on the recap reports.

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**President's Report (Item 9).**

The President updated the Board on upcoming meetings, events and miscellaneous items.

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**AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 10).**

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

Director Marks reported that he virtually attended a One-on-One meeting with the General Manager on March 13, 2023.

Director Armitage reported that she virtually attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County on March 16, 2023.

Director Cooper reported that he virtually attended both the ACWA Finance Committee meeting held on March 7, 2023 and the ACWA Infrastructure Task Force meeting held on March 13 and 17, 2023 and attended the KHTS Sacramento Road Trip held in Sacramento on March 20-21, 2023.

Director Braunstein reported that she attended the SCV Water Water Academy held at the SCV Water Pine Street location on March 15, 2023.

Vice President Orzechowski reported that he attended the KHTS Sacramento Road Trip held in Sacramento on March 20-21, 2023 and he and General Manager Stone had an opportunity to meet with Assemblywoman Megan Dahle on March 21, 2023 while in Sacramento.

President Martin reported that he attended the KHTS Sacramento Road Trip held in Sacramento on March 20-21, 2023.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

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The Board went into Closed Session at 8:41 PM to discuss Item 11.1 (Item 11).

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 8:53 PM.

Tom Bunn, Esq., reported that regarding Item 11.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, Claim of Rosa Hernandez Against Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Claim for Personal Injury, Date of Claim February 27, 2023, the Board unanimously voted to reject the claim and submit it to the Agency's Joint Powers Insurance

Authority, upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Braunstein and carried, by the following roll call votes:

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Absent	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

There were no other actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 12).

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**Director Requests For Future Agenda Items (Item 13).**


There were no requests for approval for future Agenda Items.

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The meeting was adjourned in memory of SCV Water Agency employee Ray Ramirez at 8:55 PM (Item 14).

  
April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

  
President of the Board

