

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – January 4, 2022

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, January 4, 2022. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathy Armitage, B. J. Atkins, Beth Braunstein, Ed Colley, William Cooper, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen, Piotr Orzechowski and Lynne Plambeck via teleconference.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present via teleconference: Accounting Tech II Kyle Arnold, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Associate Engineer Elizabeth Sobczak, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, Controller Amy Aguer, Customer Service Manager Kathleen Willson, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord, Director of Technology Services Cris Perez, Engineer Robert Banuelos, Executive Assistants Elizabeth Adler, Eunie Kang and Leticia Quintero, General Counsel Tom Bunn and Joe Byrne, General Manager Matthew Stone, Human Resources Manager Ari Mantis, Management Analyst II Cheryl Fowler, Principal Engineer Jason Yim, Senior Engineers Shadi Bader and Jim Leserman, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Water Resources Planners Sarah Fleury and Rick Vasilopoulos, Best Best and Krieger Attorney Sarah Owsowitz and members of the public.

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

President Martin announced the modifications to the Board Agenda which included pulling Items 13 and 14 (Closed Session and Closed Session Announcements) and due to changes to the staff report pulling Item 6.3 from the Consent Calendar to be considered separately. In addition, there was a revised staff report and resolution for Item 7.2. (For record, updates to items 6.3 and 7.2 were posted to the website and sent out via email to the Board including those that request a packet.) Seeing no further changes, the January 4, 2022 Agenda was approved with those modifications (Item 4).

General Counsel Tom Bunn reviewed the Rules of Order with the Board (Item 5).

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Ford and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including (1) Resolution No. SCV-247, (2) pulled Item 6.3 for further discussion and review and (3) added to the December 21, 2021 meeting minutes under Item 8.1, as informational, the total compensation for the General Manager as \$374,360.28 by the following roll call votes (Item 6):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes

President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-247

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AQUEOUS VETS FOR THE
SANTA CLARA AND HONBY WELLS PFAS GROUNDWATER TREATMENT
MATERIALS PURCHASE PROJECT**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-010422-Resolution-SCV-247.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Director Ford and carried, the Board approved (1) Resolution No. SCV-248 authorizing the General Manager to apply for funding under the 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program, (2) execute a grant agreement and (3) submit any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain grant funding for the Saugus Wells 3 & 4 (Replacement Wells) Well Equipment and Site Improvement Project by the following roll call votes (Item 6.3):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-248

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE GRANT APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE, AND EXECUTION
OF A FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE SAUGUS WELLS 3 & 4
(REPLACEMENT WELLS) WELL EQUIPMENT AND SITE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-010422-Resolution-SCV-248.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Orzechowski, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-249 appointing Dirk S. Marks as Interim Director of Water Resources and approved the proposed Employment Agreement by the following roll call votes (Item 7.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes

Director Orzechowski

Yes

Director Plambeck

Yes

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-249

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
APPOINTING DIRK S. MARKS AS DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES
ON AN INTERIM BASIS AND APPROVING EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**

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Upon motion of Director Ford, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board (1) adopted Resolution No. SCV-250 authorizing the General Manager to apply for funding under the 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program, (2) execute a grant agreement and (3) submit any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain grant funding for the Santa Clara and Honby Wells PFAS Groundwater Treatment Site Improvement Project by the following roll call votes (Item 7.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-250

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE GRANT APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE, AND EXECUTION
OF A FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE SANTA CLARA AND HONBY WELLS PFAS
GROUNDWATER TREATMENT SITE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-010422-Resolution-SCV-250.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Kelly, seconded by Director Armitage and carried, the Board voted to continue virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 for an additional 30 days based on the findings that (1) found that a state of emergency related to COVID-19 is currently in effect and (2) Los Angeles County officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing by the following roll call votes (Item 7.3):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	No	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	No	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	No	Director Plambeck	Yes

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

There were no comments on the recap reports.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 9).

Director Armitage made a comment on the Finance, Administration and Information Technology Section Report.

Director Orzechowski had a question on the Water Resources and Outreach Section Report.

There were no other comments on the written reports.

President's Report (Item 10).

The President updated the Board on Agenda changes, upcoming meetings, events and Board reminders.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 11).

A written report was submitted by Director Ford which was included in the Board packet. An additional written report was submitted by Director Plambeck which was posted on the SCV Water website and is part of the record.

Director Atkins reported that he met with the General Manager virtually on January 3, 2022.

President Martin reported that he and Vice President Gladbach and Directors Atkins, Cooper and Plambeck attended the SCV-GSA Board meeting on January 3, 2022.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 12).

There were no Director reports.

Items 13 and 14 were removed from the Agenda and there was no discussion.

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

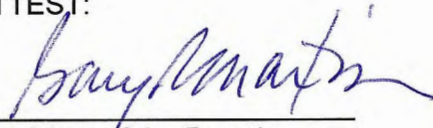
There were no Director requests for event attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM (Item 16).



April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



President of the Board

