

ITEM NO.
4.3

**Additional Public Comments Received on Item 4.3
from March 14 - 15, 2022**

April Jacobs

From: Susie V Kaufman <susievkaufman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 2:12 PM
To: Matt Stone; Steve Cole; Kathie Martin; April Jacobs
Subject: Director Dan Mortensen - To Be Read During 3.15.22 Public Meeting, Please

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14 March 2022

TO:
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors; General Manager Matt Stone;
Assistant General Manager Steve Cole; Communications Manager Kathie Martin; Board
Secretary April Jacobs

I am sadly disappointed to learn more about legal problems with Director Dan Mortensen... but even more concerned that he is continuing on the Board and has stated that he plans to run for another term this autumn.

Both his public attitude and his previous violent behavior indicate that there is the possibility of more that none of us knows about and, because he works for the public, I have deep concern that his troubles may continue, may affect his representation as a Board member and, in fact, may come to a head in ways we dare not even think of.

Oftentimes I've observed his temper flare up in ways that simply are neither necessary nor healthy, but I've not worried too much, since our meetings have thankfully continued to be remote. Perhaps it's unfair of me to project into the future, but just the same... is there a safety matter to be considered?

Why is it that, as far as we citizens know, there have been no meetings – private or public – where serious discussions have been held with Director Mortensen in or not in attendance? And why is it that he is still on the Board? We've got someone whose troubled past has been startling enough to warrant write-ups in our local papers. This does not look

good for anyone connected with the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency.

I'll leave it at that... for now. If Director Mortensen remains on the Board – and certainly after his current term ends – I'm sure I shall not be alone with additional comments.

Respectfully yours,

Susie V Kaufman

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April Jacobs

From: Patti Sulpizio <pattisoul@att.net>
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Subject: Public Comment Item 3

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In light of his recent conviction for spousal battery, as reported in *The Signal*, including statements made to the prosecutor and judge that he believes his prosecution was politically motivated, I am calling on Mr. Dan Mortensen to immediately resign from his position on the SCV Water Agency.

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Sincerely,

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April Jacobs

From: Steve Kassel <s@kassel.us>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 6:03 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Not happy about spousal abuse

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Dear April,

Thank you for taking my call today. Here are my thoughts.

The board member (whose name escapes me), who was found guilty of Domestic Violence and who refuses therapy, is someone I do not feel comfortable with representing my health, safety and clean water needs. Though I believe in rehabilitation or if he believes he was wrongfully set up and refuses to go to therapy and domestic violence classes to appease the system, I believe his judgement to be off and I just cannot trust that he will be looking out for Santa Claritans.

I am writing this as a customer and not as a therapist!

Steven C Kassel, MFT
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Past, Board Member and President, Western Association of Biofeedback and Neuroscience

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Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution, the time will come when medicine will organize into an undercover dictatorship. To restrict the art of healing to one class of man and deny equal privileges to others will constitute the Bastille of medical science. The constitution of the republic should make special provision for medical freedom as well as religious freedom.î

- Dr. Benjamin Rush, Surgeon General of George Washington's armies and signer of the Declaration of Independence (1787)

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14 March 2022

Dear Board Members of the SCV Agency

Subject: Protecting the Integrity of our Water Agency

At this point in history there are few things as precious as water; an ample supply is necessary every day for multiple purpose: drinking, cleaning, providing sanitation, growing crops, preserving our landscapes, manufacturing, and ever so many more. This is so important that we need to assure that those who watch over our water systems and supply are intelligent, reliable, dependable, and, perhaps most important of all, have great integrity. That brings us to my point, within the past week one of the Board Members of our SCV Water Agency was convicted of spousal abuse. By all calculations, it is difficult to consider one with such a conviction as appropriate to make legal and, especially, moral decisions regarding the use of our precious water supply. There is too much riding on this.

The aforementioned comments provide the basis of moral reasoning, concluding that Don Mortensen is no longer fit to serve on the SCV Water Agency Board

The most appropriate way to handle this would be for Mr. Mortensen to resign, thus avoid being dismissed.

Sincerely, and with sadness,

Sally Louise White

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April Jacobs

From: Tyger White <whitetyger1@gmail.com>
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To: April Jacobs
Subject: Dan Mortensen

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To Whom It May Concern (and it should concern everyone):

I am writing this email in regards to SCV Water Agency board member and current Vice President, Dan Mortensen. As you are aware, he was recently convicted of a domestic violence charge. That alone is reason enough to not have him in public office. While I am fully aware that the other members of the board cannot remove an elected official from the board, they do have it within their power to remove him from his position as Vice President.

I urge them to do that immediately. My reasons include his recent conviction, but even more concerning to me is his decision NOT to attend domestic violence classes because he was concerned about running again for office in the near future. To me, this shows a very short-sighted and narcissistic view of the situation. We need elected officials that can make wise decisions on how to solve current problems and avoid future ones. Mr. Mortensen is clearly not able to make the right decisions in his personal life and this leads me to conclude that he would be unfit to be in a position of leadership on the board.

Please strongly consider removing Mr. Mortensen from his position as Vice President of the SCV Water Agency Board effective immediately.

Thank you,

Tyger White,
A Concerned Citizen & Active Member of the SCV Community

April Jacobs

From: Maria Llamas <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:16 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: SCV Water Ratepayers Deserve Good Governance

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SCV Water Board of Directors ,

The ratepayers/customers served by the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency should have their voices represented on the SCV Water Board by individuals who are present, active, and upstanding in their roles as public elected officials.

SCV Water ratepayers deserve to be represented by someone with greater moral clarity and without a history of domestic violence. With that in mind, I ask that the SCV Water Directors please consider censuring Director Mortensen and removing him from his position as Vice President of the Board.

Additionally, Director Atkins continues to avoid clearly addressing whether he still lives in the district. Please place his seat on the November 2022 ballot to give ratepayers the ability to choose a new representative on the water agency board who is present, both physically and mentally.

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April Jacobs

From: Glenda Nowakowski <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: April Jacobs
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Additionally, Director Atkins continues to avoid clearly addressing whether he still lives in the district. Please place his seat on the November 2022 ballot to give ratepayers the ability to choose a new representative on the water agency board who is present, both physically and mentally.

Both these Directors are displaying a shameful arrogance and refusal to consider the needs of the ratepayers. They need to be held accountable.

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April Jacobs

From: Brett Haddock <brett@bretthaddock.com>
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To: April Jacobs
Subject: SCV Water Ratepayers Deserve Good Governance

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Additionally, Director Atkins continues to avoid clearly addressing whether he still lives in the district. Please place his seat on the November 2022 ballot to give ratepayers the ability to choose a new representative on the water agency board who is present, both physically and mentally.

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April Jacobs

From: Kristi Eaves <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: April Jacobs
Subject: SCV Water Ratepayers Deserve Good Governance

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April Jacobs

From: Ivy Greenwood <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: April Jacobs
Subject: SCV Water Ratepayers Deserve Good Governance

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April Jacobs

From: Scott Ervin <scottervinketw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:36 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Dan Mortensen Outrage

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Why is Dan Mortensen still on the SCV Water Board?! It's outrageous considering he was just found guilty of battery of his spouse.

And where does BJ Atkinson now reside? What is going on over there?!

- Censure Director Mortensen and remove him from the position of Vice President of the board.
- Place Director Atkins' seat on the November 2022 ballot to give ratepayers the ability to choose a new, present representative on the Board.

You must take action now!

Don't let Santa Clarita slip into the muck of bad politics.

Scott R Ervin

April Jacobs

From: David Oberhettinger <deepspacecko@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:38 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Public Comment Item 3

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Ms Jacobs:

I have serious reservations about the suitability of Daniel Mortensen, Div. 3 Santa Clarita Water Agency Director, for public office. I demand his resignation.

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April Jacobs

From: Andrew Taban <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:45 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: SCV Water Ratepayers Deserve Good Governance

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Additionally, Director Atkins continues to avoid clearly addressing whether he still lives in the district. Please place his seat on the November 2022 ballot to give ratepayers the ability to choose a new representative on the water agency board who is present, both physically and mentally.

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April Jacobs

From: Charles & Valerie Bradford <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:49 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: SCV Water Ratepayers Deserve Good Governance

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April Jacobs

From: Lynette Jackson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: April Jacobs
Subject: SCV Water Ratepayers Deserve Good Governance

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April Jacobs

From: Patti Sulpizio <pattisoul@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:39 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Agenda Item 4.3

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I sent the following message yesterday regarding Public Comment Item 3:
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I have since learned that this matter is being addressed in Agenda item 4.3. I would like to add to my comment. If Mr. Mortensen will not resign I am asking the SCV Water Agency directors to take action to censure him and remove him from his position as Vice President of the Board.

Sincerely,

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April Jacobs

From: Juliana Sheldon <julianasheldon47@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:43 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Dan Mortenson

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Hello,

As a member of the Santa Clarita community, I respectfully request that Dan Mortenson be removed from the Water Board immediately, in light of his recent conviction. He has lost the respect and trust of the public, and should in no way be representing the interests of this community. If the Board were to allow him to retain his position, it would send a message that domestic violence is not only tolerated, but supported. In any other leadership position held in any organization, this would be reason for dismissal, and that same standard must be held by the Water Board.

I look forward to hearing that he has been removed from his position at the next meeting. Anything else is unacceptable.

Juliana Sheldon
Valencia, CA

April Jacobs

From: Nicole Jones <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:56 AM
To: April Jacobs
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April Jacobs

From: Suzie Rizzo <baroness1@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:13 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Mortensen removal

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Hello Ms. Jacobs,

I strongly urge the Board to censor Director Mortensen and remove him from the position of Vice President of the Board.

I urge that Director Atkinson seat be placed on the November 22 ballot to give ratepayers the ability to choose a new, present representative on the Board.

Cordially,

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