

**Public Comments Received on Item 4.3  
from March 8 - 14, 2022**

Please note: The Public Comment received on March 8, 2022 and posted separately to the SCV Water Agency Website as Item 3 was moved to Item 4.3 and is included in the attached.

Any additional Public Comments received after 11:00 am on March 14, 2022 pertaining to Item 4.3 or any other Item will be posted to the SCV Water Agency Website on March 15, 2022 and distributed as appropriate.

Thank you.

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Lisa M. McDougald <lmcdougald@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:39 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Disgusted by Dan Mortenson verdict

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Dear Members of the Water Board,

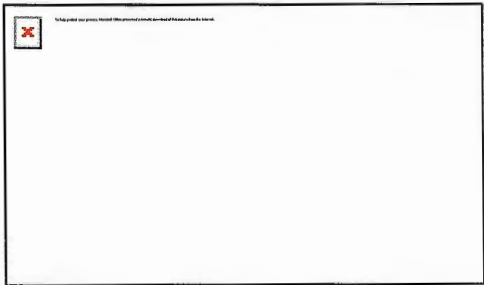
I am disgusted and appalled at the conduct of Dan Mortenson. As he is an elected public official, the board should immediately take steps to appoint an interim official to take his place as his recent 'misdemeanor domestic violence charge' disqualifies him from remaining in public office.

Please ensure that the integrity of the SCV Water Board is high priority.

Most Sincerely,

*Lisa M. McDougald*  
lmcdougald@hotmail.com

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### SCV Water board member found guilty of domestic violence

The 15-year-old at the time, as well as her mother, both confirmed to deputies that it was the SCV Water board member who had struck Morgan. Mortensen's defense attorney, Lou Shapiro ...

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## April Jacobs

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**From:** Kathleen Walker <kathleen.walker@ileadschools.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 10:24 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Dan Mortensen

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Hello,

Now that Dan Mortensen has been found guilty, he needs to be immediately removed from the water board. SCV should not have wife beaters in positions of authority.

I also hope one of the women board members will be promoted to the VP role.

Thank you,

Kathleen Walker  
91321

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Terri Dokovna <tldokovna@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 11:37 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Mortensen

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Mr. Mortensen should RESIGN from Water Board immediately. Being found guilty of domestic abuse sends red flags.

Terri Dokovna

Sent from my iPhone

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Deanna Hanashiro <deannahanashiro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 9:43 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** For public comment Item 3- March 15 meeting 6:30pm

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March 11, 2022

Daniel Mortensen, Div. 3 Santa Clarita Water Agency Director, was found guilty of battery of spouse. Mortensen should not remain on the Santa Clarita Water Agency Board. He should not be in a leadership position determining what happens to our community's water supply.

Mortensen needs to resign. He needs to be removed from office immediately.

Thank you,  
Deanna Hanashiro  
Santa Clarita resident

Sent from my iPad

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Matthew Sagliocco <matthewsag2000@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 2:11 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Board Member Dan Mortensen Domestic Violence Verdict

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Hello,

As a resident of Santa Clarita, I do not feel comfortable with Dan Mortensen, who has been found guilty on a charge of battering a spouse, being on the board controlling water, the most vital resource on earth, for the roughly 215,000 people of the Santa Clarita Valley.

With such a serious charge, I expect the board to take swift action to resolve this matter for the sake of the hundreds of thousands of people under its jurisdiction.

Best,  
Matthew Sagliocco

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Natalie Sobel <natalieksobel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 2:19 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** SCV Water Board

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Dear Water Board,

I am appalled at the recent news that Dan Mortensen was found guilty of Battery against his wife. Even more appalling is that Mr. Mortensen refused to participate in a domestic violence course to initially resolve this case, citing his desire to run for re-election in November - altogether demonstrating a reckless disregard for the harm he caused and its impact on the community. It is both shocking and distressing that this person sits in a publicly elected seat in Santa Clarita. I demand that he be removed from the water board immediately.

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## April Jacobs

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**From:** GreyJ's Mama <ilovegregy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 2:25 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Dismiss Dan

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Good Day Water Board,

As a community and society we absolutely cannot stand by a domestic terrorist. Dan Mortensen's behavior is completely unacceptable and should not be tolerated. I do not want such an unscrupulous person representing me, my district, or my community. When a person does not even have enough self control or mental facilities to NOT abuse their spouse, they are not fit to lead, govern, or represent the city of Santa Clarita and our best interests.

I encourage his swift removal from SCV Water Board.

Good Day,  
Cheryl Corriveau



## April Jacobs

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**From:** Leah Swetsky <leaharielle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 4:16 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Remove Dan Mortensen

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To The Board Members,

As an SCV Water customer I request that you immediately remove CONVICTED domestic violence offender Dan Mortensen as a board member effective immediately and bar him from ever holding a position within SCV Water.

His behavior is completely unacceptable and should not be tolerated.

I do not want such an unprincipled person representing me, my family, my neighbors, my community.

He is unfit for any type of office as he's proven that he does not have the moral compass or self control to NOT ABUSE HIS SPOUSE. He should not be able to represent Santa Clarita in any way, shape or form.

I demand his swift removal from the SCV Water Board.

An Upset SCV Customer,  
Leah Swetsky

## April Jacobs

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**From:** john armstrong <armstrongj1@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 7:22 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Cc:** lynnepl1@juno.com  
**Subject:** Public comment item - Get this Mortenson crap-head out of public disservice!

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April - Get this garbage head off the SVC Water Agency Board! Do I want this buttwipe affecting public/my interests???  
No, as in N... O.

Daniel Mortensen, Div 3 Santa Clarita Water Agency Director was found guilty of battery of spouse, et al.

This dog . . .

- opposes all environmental initiatives on this board.
- has stated that climate change isn't an issue.
- The battery against his wife charge was prosecuted as only a misdemeanor, he cannot be forced by law to resign. But he can be forced in the Court of public opinion.
- Previous recent Signal articles described a 2016 arrest for vandalism at a topless bar. In this case Mortensen rejected a plea offer to drop the criminal case if he agreed to attend 52 weeks of domestic violence classes. He refused stating he is running for office again this November.

The article on the verdict was published Tuesday in the Signal on International Women's Day . . .

**SCV Water board member found guilty of domestic violence**

<https://signalscv.com/2022/03/scv-water-board-member-found-guilty-of-domestic-violence/>

## April Jacobs

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**From:** TK Franti <tkfranti@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 8:30 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Dan Mortenson

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Not only should Dan Mortenson not be allowed to run for our water board in the upcoming election, he should also be immediately relieved of his current duties on the board.

What kind of message are you sending to this community if you allow him to continue his term after being convicted of domestic violence?

Stand up and do the right thing.

Kathryn Franti  
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## April Jacobs

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**From:** Charles Vignola <secretplanet66@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 8:34 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Dan Mortenson must go

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please tell me that after Dan Mortensen was found guilty of beating his wife that he will no longer be a member of the Water Agency Board? Having someone continue to serve the community in this capacity after such a shocking development would reflect incredibly poorly on our local government.

I trust you will all do the right thing and ask Mr. Mortensen for his resignation. And I sincerely hope such action was already in the works before waiting for concerned citizens to step up and demand it.

The Water Board should be able to police itself and its reputation. Getting rid of a convicted wife beater so as not to embarrass themselves and the people they serve is the least they can do.

<https://signalscv.com/2022/03/scv-water-board-member-found-guilty-of-domestic-violence/>

Sincerely,

Charles Vignola,  
A citizen of Santa Clarita for 22 years.

## April Jacobs

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**From:** rlynn smith-thomas <rlynnmk24hrs4u@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 8:37 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** SCV Water board member found guilty of domestic violence – Santa Clarita Valley Signal

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Dan Mortensen should be removed immediately if he does not submit his resignation post haste!

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Sent from my iPhone

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Carissa <carissalyn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 8:51 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Remove Dan Mortensen

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Hello SCV Water BOD,

I am writing today to urge the SCV Water Board to take a stand against domestic violence and swiftly remove Dan Mortensen from the Board of Directors. Dan Mortensen has been found guilty of spousal battery by a jury of his peers, so allowing this person to continue to serve in his position would mean that the SCV Water Board enables abusers and condones domestic violence.

Your personal words and actions in regards to this matter will be a matter of record and will influence voters when the new board is elected in 2022. Please take a stand and support the one in three women who are victims of domestic violence in our community. Do not protect this man from experiencing the full consequences of his actions.

Sincerely,  
Carissa Ferro

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Erika Kincaid <erika.v.kincaid@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 7:03 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Dan Mortenson

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Hello,

I saw the article reporting of Dan Mortenson's conviction for domestic violence. As a survivor of domestic violence and someone who works with other survivors, I am uncomfortable with a domestic abuser being on the Water Board.

He should not be representing our community or in a position of leadership. His responses, through his attorney and the court case, have shown no remorse and an attitude of entitlement. Please pass along my message to whom it may concern so that action may be taken.

Thank you,  
Erika Kincaid

## April Jacobs

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Thank you,  
Erika Kincaid



## April Jacobs

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**From:** Shannon Koeller <shannonkoeller@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 7:46 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Dismiss Dan

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Hello,

Dan Mortensen's behavior is completely unacceptable and should not be tolerated. He was found guilty in a court of law. I do not want such an unscrupulous person representing me, my district or my community. He is not fit to lead, govern or represent the City of Santa Clarita and our best interests.

He should be removed from the SCV Water Board effective immediately.

Sincerely,  
Shannon Koeller

## April Jacobs

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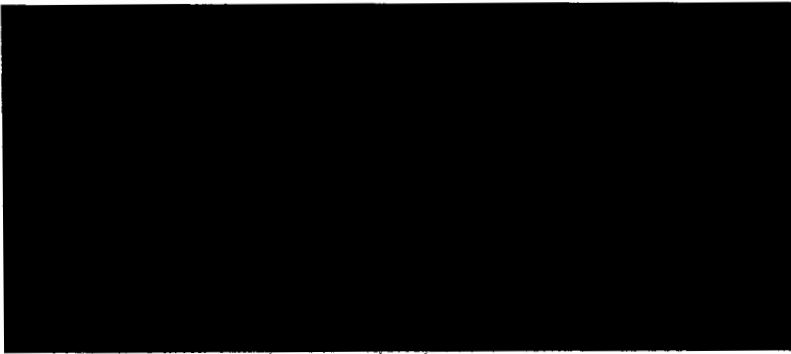
**From:** Stacy Fortner <s\_fortner@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 4:03 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Cc:** cindy.chang@latimes.com; reed.johnson@latimes.com; james.queally@latimes.com; robin.abcarian@latimes.com; ktla@ktla.com; annette.arreola@nbcuni.com; kim.baldonado@nbcuni.com; rachel@msnbc.com; asequals@cnn.com; Leon Worden; carl@hometownstation.com; Tim Whyte  
**Subject:** Dan Mortensen Must Resign Immediately

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Dear Board Secretary; April Jacobs-

I want to express my deep concern and disappointment in perpetrator, Vice President Mortensen, remaining in his seat on the board. Dan Mortensen has committed, and been found guilty of crimes against women, specifically his own spouse. This seems common and tolerable to this board and not the first time a board member has abused a spouse, or been accused of abuse. It is a sickening display of agency and misogyny to cultivate this behavior as normal and respectable. He must resign immediately.

[SCV Water board member found guilty of domestic violence](#)



found guilty of a single count of battery of a spouse,...

I attended the swearing in session for the newly elected board members on Jan 6, 2021, and it was during that meeting that acute misogyny and negative attitude towards women was on full display by this board. A fellow board member had been nominated for the role of VP and had expressed that perhaps the role of VP should be a woman to show good faith parity to this male dominated board. It was also at this meeting that I first heard the word "GENITALIA" mentioned on **ANY** dais of **ANY** board meeting I have **EVER** attended in my life. Dan Mortensen stated that the board was "welcome to vote for him based in his "genitalia", somehow attempting to trivialize the very valid and logical supporting arguments in favor of the female board member who was equally as qualified as any male to serve in that role. This prompted inappropriate giggles from staff, and I knew in an instant that this

man/board has very little respect for women. We now see that playing out in a very public arena. Dan was later approved by all the MALES on the governing board to the role of Vice President. The optics in that moment was blinding, however completely lost on board President Martin.

([https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/010621\\_Board-Meeting-Recording.mp3](https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/010621_Board-Meeting-Recording.mp3) - listen at 1:38:15) As you listen to this entire VP nomination process, listen to the derogatory remarks against women, and how freely it flows from these board members.

I want to also mention that another SCV Water board member at later meeting used the word "genitalia" when the discussion topic was a question to the board if any work contracts had ever been awarded to women owned corporations. This time member Orezechowski chimed in for only the 2nd time I have **ever** heard "genitalia" mentioned in a meeting. This time insisting that contracts should never be awarded based on "genitalia". Twice the word flowed from this agency and yet never heard anywhere else in a similar setting. Misogyny and sexism abound at SCV Water. I have heard that this was also the reason the previous GM left.

Domestic violence is a very serious offense, and we should be taking a very stern approach in dealing with the perpetrator of this attack on women. Most women never report their abuse or their abuser for any number of reasons, but FEAR ranks highest on the list. Some may argue that both Dan's wife and daughter had retracted their statement, but there are many reasons people stay in an abusive relationship.

This has been excerpted from a World Health Organization (WHO) study:

*The United Nations defines violence against women as "**any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or mental harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.**"*

*Population-level surveys based on reports from survivors provide the most accurate estimates of the prevalence of intimate partner violence and sexual violence. A 2018 analysis of prevalence data from 2000-2018 across 161 countries and areas, conducted by WHO on behalf of the UN Interagency working group on violence against women, found that worldwide, **nearly 1 in 3, or 30%, of women have been subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner or non-partner sexual violence or both***

#### **Risk factors for both intimate partner and sexual violence include: (WHO study)**

- lower levels of education (perpetration of sexual violence and experience of sexual violence);
- a history of exposure to child maltreatment (perpetration and experience);
- witnessing family violence (perpetration and experience);
- antisocial personality disorder (perpetration);
- **harmful use of alcohol (perpetration and experience);**
- **harmful masculine behaviours, including having multiple partners or attitudes that condone violence (perpetration);**
- **community norms that privilege or ascribe higher status to men and lower status to women;**
- low levels of women's access to paid employment; and
- low level of gender equality (discriminatory laws, etc.).

There are several reasons why women do not report domestic violence. Major reasons behind why Domestic violence is frequently unreported: **Fear of the abuser. Fear of uncertainty. Fear of belief from family friends and authority.** I sincerely hope that Mrs. Mortensen and her daughter is getting all the support they need from friends and family. We can offer our support to the victims of this domestic violence perpetrated against them in any number of ways, but first and foremost the board must address the behavior of the perpetrator and how he brings shame and embarrassment to this governing board. He must resign. In the name of his victims, he **MUST RESIGN.**

I strongly urge the board to strip Dan Mortensen from his elevated status as VICE PRESIDENT and the perpetrator, Mr. Mortensen, must immediately remove himself from the board entirely. This is completely unacceptable behavior from a publicly elected board member and husband.

Blessings,

Stacy Fortner

<https://signalscv.com/2020/04/scv-water-board-member-arrested-on-suspicion-of-spousal-assault/>

<https://signalscv.com/2022/03/closing-arguments-held-in-water-board-members-domestic-violence-trial/>

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Tawanna Aimuwu <teatiime@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 7:20 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Re: Mortensen Do the right thing.

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It has come to my attention that Mr Mortensen has been found guilty of a single count of battery. Usually, by the time these things come to light, by the time they make it to law enforcement, by the time they make it to court - it's after a series of escalating abuses. His wife and child may have recanted their initial accusations, but I would bet my bottom dollar this count he was convicted of was not his debut offense. If you agree, there is no way to, in good conscious, allow him to remain as a representative of our city in any capacity. In refusing therapy it is clear that he has no remorse or intention of changing. He should be removed from public office immediately and certainly not allowed to run again in the future. I'm asking the Board to do the right thing. It's not hard.

Sent from my iPhone

## April Jacobs

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**Subject:** FW: Resignation of Director Dan Mortensen

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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Suvany Cowie <suvany@gmail.com>  
> Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:03 AM  
> To: April Jacobs <ajacobs@scvwa.org>  
> Subject: Resignation of Director Dan Mortensen  
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> Dear SCV Water Board Directors,  
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> I am unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday the 15th, because I will be in another meeting at the same time. I do hope that this letter is read out loud to the persons present. As a constituent of Electoral Division 3 for the past 20 years, it dismays me greatly that Director Dan Mortensen is allowed to still be on the Board, when he was found guilty of domestic violence. The violent acts as they unfolded during the trial are alarming and disturbing. The optics of having such member serving my community are not good. If he does not resign I will make sure that if he participates in any upcoming election, I voice my displeasure at his candidacy and work very hard to make sure he is defeated soundly in the next election. I have a far reach in my community and hope that will enable me to help get a more sound person elected to serve our community, justly. Thank you for your time.  
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> Kindest regards  
>  
> Suvany Cowie