

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – July 6, 2021

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, July 6, 2021. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathye 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: General Manager Matthew Stone, General Counsel Tom Bunn and Joe Byrne, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord, Director of Tech Services Cris Perez, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, Customer Service Manager Kathleen Willson, GIS Manager Jose Huerta, Human Resources Manager Ari Mantis, Information Technology Supervisor Jeff Herbert, Principal Engineers Brent Payne and Jason Yim, Engineer Orlando Moreno, Associate Engineer Elizabeth Sobczak, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Executive Assistants Eunie Kang and Leticia Quintero, Senior Office Assistant Terri Bell, Accounting Tech II Kyle Arnold, and members of the public.

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

Upon motion of Vice President Mortensen, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved the Agenda by the following roll call votes (Item 4):

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

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Vice President Mortensen and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar which included Resolution Nos. SCV-219, SCV-220, SCV-221 and SCV- 222 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

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-219

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
ADOPTING THE FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION
MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM
UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
FOR THE DEANE TANK SITE EXPANSION PROJECT**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-070621-Resolution-SCV-219.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-220

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
SETTING SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY TAX RATE FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 AND REQUESTING LEVY
OF TAX BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-070621-Resolution-SCV-220.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-221

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
SETTING SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY TAX RATE FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 AND REQUESTING LEVY
OF TAX BY VENTURA COUNTY**

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-222

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE JULY 2021 WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT PAYMENT**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-070621-Resolution-SCV-222.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Plambeck, seconded by Director Orzechowski and carried, the Board approved the procurement of a Blue Star Model NG600-01 Dual Fuel Generator in the amount of approximately \$275,000 by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

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

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Vice President Gladbach, the Board rejected a resolution dispensing with the four-fifths, majority vote for retail debt by the following roll call votes, 10 yes votes were needed for this item to pass (Item 6.2):

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

Upon motion of Vice President Mortensen, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-223 authorizing the incurrence of obligations exceeding the SB 634 retail debt single issuance limitation for the purpose of financing the acquisition of PFAS Treatment Facilities by the following roll call votes, 10 yes votes were needed for this item to pass (Item 6.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	No
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-223

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE INCURRENCE OF OBLIGATIONS
EXCEEDING THE SB 634 RETAIL DEBT SINGLE ISSUANCE LIMITATION
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
FINANCING THE ACQUISITION OF PFAS TREATMENT FACILITIES**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-070621-Resolution-SCV-223.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Director Armitage and carried, the Board approved returning to fully in-person Board and Committee meetings as of September 7, 2021 (which would include the September 2, 2021 Engineering and Operations Committee meeting), in accordance with policies, procedures and legal requirements in effect prior to Governor Newsom's stay at home orders of 2020 and as described below with the addition of a presentation coming from the Director of Technology Cris Perez on August 3, 2021 relating to options for remote public participation and costs.

- Attendance by Directors at all Board and Committee meetings will be in-person with no remote attendance permitted without prior approval of the Board President or the full Board.
- At the August 3, 2021 regular Board meeting and after a presentation by staff, the Board will decide whether attendance by members of the public at Board and Committee meetings will be in person only or will also include a remote attendance component.
- Board meetings will be held at the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant in the Boardroom.
- As requested by staff, the following Committee meetings will be held at Summit Circle in the Training Room: Engineering and Operations, Public Outreach and Legislation, and Water Resources and Watershed. The Finance and Administration Committee will be held at the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant in the Boardroom.
- Public comment at Board and Committee meetings can be made in person, and/or in writing. For members of the public who are not able to attend meetings in person and wish to submit written comments, we request that they provide them to the Board Secretary for Board meetings by 4:30 PM on the day of the meeting and for Committee meetings to the staff person listed on the Committee agenda by 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting. Public comment made in writing will be distributed to the Board and Committee members prior to the meeting and will be posted on the SCV Water website.
- Public health protocols will be as required by the California Department of Public Health and will require unvaccinated attendees to wear protective face masks.

Approved by the following roll call votes (Item 6.3):

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

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

The General Manager reported on the following:

His most recent vacation and how he appreciated the time off which he spent with family.

He mentioned that this week our finance staff had "gone live" with our new financial system. Training efforts are now underway with the wider staff who will be working with the system. There is some residual work to "cut over" from the legacy system to close out last fiscal year, and new projects and expenditures will be handled through the new system as they come in. At an appropriate time, we can have our finance team provide an update to the Finance and

Administration Committee and to the Board, if desired. He wanted to acknowledge this significant progress point.

Lastly, he reminded the Board that at the last Board meeting, he had alerted the Board to a developing situation with chlorine supply on the west coast and noted staff would be working on contingency planning. In the ensuing two weeks, much has been accomplished and the Agency appears to be in good shape. He reported that our Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie gave an update at the July 1, 2021 Engineering and Operations Committee meeting, and the Committee recommended that a similar update be provided at a future Board meeting. He will ask Keith and Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord to give an update to the Board as part of the General Manager report at the July 20, 2021 regular meeting.

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).

There were no comments on the written reports.

President's Report (Item 10).

The President updated the Board on upcoming meetings and events.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 11).

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

Director Cooper reported that he attended the June 23, 2021 ACWA Region 1 Program on Regional Drought Impacts: How Well Managed Water Supplies Went Dry on June 23, 2021 and attended the 4th Annual VIA State of the State Program held at the Hyatt on June 25, 2021.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 12).

There were no Director reports.

The Board went into Closed Session at 9:39 PM (Item 13).

The Board was instructed to disconnect from the current call and redial in on a separate teleconference line that was provided to them. President Martin instructed the public members and staff who wanted to stay on the call, to stay on the current teleconference line and once Closed Session has ended, the Board will reconvene for Closed Session announcements and the conclusion of the meeting.

President Martin reconvened the Open Session at 9:56 PM.

Tom Bunn, Esq., reported that pertaining to Item 13.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, Claim of Fernando Martin Jr. and Judith Hammond against Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Claim for Property Damage, Date of Claim June 21, 2021, the Board voted to reject the claim and refer it to the JPIA by motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, by the following roll call votes:

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

There were no other actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 14).

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

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

Director Requests for Future Agenda Items (Item 16).

There were no requests for future Agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 PM (Item 17).

April Jacobs
April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Gay Martin
President of the Board

