

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – July 19, 2022

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A regular 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 6:00 PM on Tuesday, July 19, 2022. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathy Armitage, Beth Braunstein, Ed Colley (Via Zoom), William Cooper, Jeff Ford, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Lynne Plambeck.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: B. J. Atkins.

Also present: Administrative Technician Terri Bell, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, Controller Amy Aguer, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Operations & Maintenance Mike Alvord, Director of Technology Services Cris Perez, General Counsel Tom Bunn and Joe Byrne, General Manager Matthew Stone, Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas, Principal Engineer Jason Yim, Senior Engineer Shadi Bader, Water Quality Specialists Jenny Anderson and Dean Takashima and Water Systems Supervisor Ryan Bye, as well as additional SCV Water Agency staff and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was present.

President Martin announced the passing of SCV Water Board Vice President Jerry Gladbach. The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of Jerry Gladbach and flowers were placed at his seat in his honor. Board members, staff, several representatives from local elected officials' offices and the public were then given an opportunity to make comments.

After all comments were heard on Jerry Gladbach and the public was given an opportunity to make additional public comments on items not on the Agenda, the President called for a brief recess at 6:56 PM.

President Martin reconvened the meeting at 7:07 PM.

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There were no changes to the July 19, 2022 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

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Water Systems Supervisor Ryan Bye and Water Quality Specialists Jenny Anderson and Dean Takashima gave a presentation on the Public Health Goals Report (Item 5).

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Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Gutzeit and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar which included Resolution No. SCV-289 by the following roll call votes (Item 6):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Absent
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-289**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A QUITCLAIM DEED – PARTIAL RELEASE OF  
EASEMENT TO WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST**

**<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-071922-Resolution-SCV-289.pdf>**

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Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Ford and carried, the Board (1) approved Resolution SCV-290 for a construction contract with Pacific Hydrotech Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$8,486,950, (2) authorized the General Manager to execute a purchase order with Hazen and Sawyer for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for engineering services during construction and (3) authorized the General Manager to execute a work authorization with MWH Constructors for an amount not to exceed \$700,000 for construction management and inspection services for the Santa Clara and Honby Wells PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements project by the following roll call votes (Item 7.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Absent
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-290**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PACIFIC HYDROTECH CORPORATION  
FOR THE SANTA CLARA AND HONBY WELLS PFAS  
GROUNDWATER TREATMENT SITE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-071922-Resolution-SCV-290.pdf>**

Upon motion of Director Kelly, seconded by Director Plambeck, the Board voted whether to delay discussion and action on the Vacant Division 3 seat until the August 16, 2022 regular Board meeting. The motion received 4 Ayes and 6 Nos and did not pass as shown by the following roll call votes (the majority vote for Item 7.2 is 6) (Item 7.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Absent
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	No
Director Cooper	No	Director Ford	No
Director Gutzeit	No	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	No	Vice President Orzechowski	No
Director Plambeck	Yes		

Director Plambeck made an amended motion to Director Cooper's motion below, that the process for appointment to the Division 3 seat vacated by Director Atkins move to the July 26, 2022 special Board meeting. The amended motion was seconded by Director Kelly and after a vote of 4 Ayes and 6 Nos the amended motion did not pass as shown by the following roll call votes (Item 7.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Absent
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	No
Director Cooper	No	Director Ford	No
Director Gutzeit	No	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	No	Vice President Orzechowski	No
Director Plambeck	Yes		

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Vice President Orzechowski and carried, the Board directed staff to start the process for appointment for the Division 3 seat vacated by Director Atkins by the following roll call votes (Item 7.2):

Director Armitage	No	Director Atkins	Absent
Director Braunstein	No	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Kelly	No
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Plambeck	No		

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Assistant General Manager Steve Cole gave a presentation on the status of the Recycled Water Program (Item 8).

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**General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 9).**

There was no General Manager's report.

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**Committee Meeting Recap Report for Informational Purposes Only (Item 10).**

Director Armitage mentioned the upcoming retirement of Senior Engineer Jim Leserman and asked that the Board's best wishes be passed on to him.

There were no other comments on the recap report.

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**President's Report (Item 11).**

There was no President's report, but he did remind the Board of the special Board meeting that will take place on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

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**AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 12).**

Written reports were submitted by Director Gutzeit which were included in the Board packet. Additional written reports were submitted by President Martin and Directors Braunstein and Gutzeit which were posted on the SCV Water website and are part of the record.

Director Armitage reported that she attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the Special Districts of North Los Angeles County held virtually on July 19, 2022.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

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

Director Kelly requested that, since the Water Conservation reports are presented at the the Water Resources and Watershed Committee meetings and are not presented to any of the other Committees, a presentation be made to the Board. General Manager Stone stated that we could bring this item to the Finance and Administration Committee if he would like, it would just need to be put on the agenda. Director Kelly stated he would prefer that this item come back to the full Board, however staff would like to present it.

Director Plambeck asked that the above be combined with an update on the status of the Agency's banked water that is available from Kern County, as she thought there was an issue with the ability to transfer water. She added that maybe an overall drought update, which could cover that, might be more appropriate.

Director Armitage asked that the Board take into consideration and discuss establishing a student scholarship program in honor of Vice President Jerry Gladbach, which could provide a scholarship to a Santa Clarita Valley high school graduate who plans to pursue a degree in water resources. The program might be funded through donations rather than ratepayer money.

There were no other requests for future items.

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The meeting was adjourned in memory of E. G. "Jerry" Gladbach at 10:09 PM (Item 14).

April Jacobs  
April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Paul Martin  
President of the Board

