

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – February 21, 2023

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, February 21, 2023. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathy Armitage, Beth Braunstein, William Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin and Piotr Orzechowski.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Ed Colley and Ken Petersen.

Also present: Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Rochelle Patterson, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, General Counsel Tom Bunn, General Manager Matthew Stone, Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas, 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.

There were no changes to the February 21, 2023 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

President Martin and the Board acknowledged and congratulated the Valencia High School Associated Student Body for their fundraising event that took place last year. The students at Valencia High School teamed up with Gravity Water to spread awareness of the Global Water Crisis. Gravity Water is a non-profit that turns rain into safe drinking water for schools in need around the world.

The Associated Student Body set a goal to fund a water system at a primary school in Vietnam. The school they chose relies on spring and well water, which are often contaminated and unsafe for consumption, so each student has to pay for bottled water. The ASB students raised \$2,900, exceeding their goal by \$400.

Because they share our mission to provide reliable and safe drinking water, the Board presented the Valencia High School ASB with a Certificate of Recognition for their efforts in the Global Water Crisis (Item 5.1).

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Marks and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution No. SCV-333 by the following roll call votes (Item 6):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Absent	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes

Director Petersen Absent

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-333

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA CLARITA LIBRARY AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATION NO. 1115

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/approved-resolutions/scv/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-022123-Resolution-SCV-333.pdf>

Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Vice President Gutzeit and carried, the Board (1) approved Resolution No. SCV-334 authorizing a deposit to Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and (2) approved a purchase order to Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for planning and engineering services for the Foothill Feeder Service Connection CLWA-01 Pipe Repair project which is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, and alternatively, Section 15303, and authorized approval of the deposit by the following roll call votes (Item 7.1):

Director Armitage	No	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Absent	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Absent		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-334

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE DEPOSIT OF FUNDS TO METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR THE FOOTHILL FEEDER TURNOUT CLWA-01 REPAIRS
PROJECT, WHICH IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15301,
AND ALTERNATIVELY, SECTION 15303, AND
AUTHORIZING THE DEPOSIT**

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General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 8).

General Manager Stone reported on the following:

He advised the Board that he will be attending the Urban Water Institute Spring Conference in Palm Springs this week. He will be participating on a panel with other water agency general managers discussing various takes on the question "How they set priorities around what needs to be changed, and how to effect changes."

He updated the Board on his meeting with a group of about 20 water agency managers from around the State to discuss climate change and water supply reliability. This is an ongoing dialogue aimed at establishing the nature and scale of the challenge, developing a vision for making "generational" scale water investments, collaborating with key stakeholders, and addressing the pace of progress, as well as barriers. He stated it was a good chance to hear some of the perspectives as well as some of the initiatives that are underway.

He informed the Board that he attended the State Water Contractors meetings last week. Some highlights from that meeting was the Governors Executive Order, as well as the Department of Water Resources filing a Temporary Urgency Change Petition with the State Water Resources Control Board requesting a temporary variance from the "X2" Delta salinity requirement.

Lastly, he noted that he had a chance this weekend to visit Bridgeport Park and take a peek over the fence at our pocket park project which is now under construction. He encouraged everyone to take a peek if they happen to be at the park.

To hear the full report please click on the following link at <https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/board-meetings/2023/scv/February-21-2023-SCV-Water-Regular-Board-Meeting.mp3>.

Committee Meeting Recap Report for Informational Purposes Only (Item 9).

Director Armitage listened in on the February 2, 2023 Engineering and Operations Committee meeting and enjoyed the Quarterly Safety Presentation presented by Environmental Health and Safety Supervisor Rebecca Lustig. She thought Ms. Lustig did a fantastic job presenting a very detailed report. To hear Director Armitage's full comments, please refer to the Board recording at <https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/board-meetings/2023/scv/February-21-2023-SCV-Water-Regular-Board-Meeting.mp3>.

There were no other comments on the recap report.

President's Report (Item 10).

The President updated the Board on upcoming community meetings and conferences, and upcoming Board and Committee meetings.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 11).

Written reports were submitted by President Martin which were posted on the SCV Water website and are part of the record.

Director Armitage reported that she virtually attended the ACWA Water Quality Committee meeting held on February 15, 2023 and virtually attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County on February 16, 2023.

Director Cooper reported that he virtually attended both the ACWA Groundwater Committee and ACWA Water Quality Committee meetings held on February 15, 2023.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Requests for Future Agenda Items (Item 12).

Director Braunstein asked the Board to consider opening Board meetings with a land acknowledgement that the Agency is sitting on Tataviam land.

There were no other requests for future Agenda Items.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM (Item 13).


April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:


President of the Board

