

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – April 2, 2024

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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, 23780 Pine Street, Newhall, CA 91321 at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes. The meeting recording can be accessed by clicking on the following link: [Board Meeting Recording](#).

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathye Armitage, Beth Braunstein (Arrived at 6:08 PM), Maria Gutzeit, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Ken Petersen.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: William Cooper.

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, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, General Counsel Tom Bunn, General Manager Matthew Stone, Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas, Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, Water Conservation Specialist II Dolores Campos, as well as additional SCV Water Agency staff (Virtually), and members of the public (In Person and Virtually).

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

There were no changes to the April 2, 2024 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

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Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Director Colley and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Not Present
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Absent
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

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Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Director Armitage and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute a contract not to exceed \$495,090.00 with A&N Technical Services for development of the SCV Water Agency's Water Use Efficiency Strategic Plan by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

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

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

The General Manager reported on the following:

He updated the Board on the recent SCV Water Strategic Plan Public Outreach meeting that was held virtually on March 25, 2024 and facilitated by Ed Means.

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**Committee Meeting Recap Report for Informational Purposes Only (Item 8).**

There were no comments on the recap report.

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**Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 9).**

Director Armitage had comments on the following reports: Finance, Administration, and Information Technology Services Section Report, the Treatment, Distribution, Operations, and Maintenance Section Report, and the Water Resources and Outreach Section Report.

There were no other comments on the written reports.

To hear the full comment(s), please refer to the Board recording by clicking the meeting recording link on the first page of these minutes or visiting the SCV Water Website.

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**President’s Report (Item 10).**

President Martin updated the Board on upcoming meetings and events.

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**AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 11).**

A written report was submitted by Vice President Gutzeit which was emailed, posted to the website and is part of the record.

Vice President Orzechowski reported that he virtually attended a One-on-One meeting with the General Manager on April 1, 2024.

Director Armitage reported that she virtually attended the Executive Committee of the Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County on March 27, 2024.

President Martin reported that he attended the SCV-GSA special Board meeting held at the Pine Street Training Room on March 20, 2024.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

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**Director Reports (Item 12).**

There were no Director reports.

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**Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 13).**

There were no requests for approval for event attendance.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM (Item 14).

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April Jacobs, Board Secretary

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President of the Board



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