

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – September 1, 2020

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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, September 1, 2020. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** B. J. Atkins, Ed Colley, Kathy Colley, William Cooper, Robert DiPrimio, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen and Lynne Plambeck via teleconference.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None.

Also present via teleconference: General Manager Matthew Stone, General Counsel 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, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Safety Officer Mark Passamani, Emergency Preparedness and Safety Coordinator Jose Diaz, Safety Specialist I Jon Wallace, Senior Engineer Jim Leserman, Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Administrative Analyst Cheryl Fowler, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Public Information Officer Kathie Martin, Executive Assistant Leticia Quintero, Administrative Technician Eunie Kang, IT Technician Craig Larsen and members of the public.

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

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

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Not Present
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Not Present	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Mortensen, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar which included Resolution Nos. SCV-170, SCV-171 and SCV-172 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes



**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-170**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**  
**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING**  
**AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE BUREAU**  
**OF RECLAMATION'S WATERSMART WATER ENERGY**  
**EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE AUTOMATED**  
**METER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT -**  
**PHASE I**

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-171**  
**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 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION**  
**DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES**  
**OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT,**  
**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA CLARITA LIBRARY,**  
**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY APPROVING AND ACCEPTING**  
**NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM**  
**ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT.**

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-172**  
**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, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL,**  
**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION**  
**DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE GOVERNING BODIES**  
**OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT,**  
**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA CLARITA STREET LIGHTING**  
**MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY**  
**APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY**  
**TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA**  
**VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT.**

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Upon motion of Director DiPrimio, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-173 for the Negotiated Tax Exchange to the County of Los Angeles for Annexation No. 2019-03 (Tesoro), Tax Rate Area 13350 by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	No
Director K. Colley	No	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	No



**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-173  
JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS THE GOVERNING  
BODY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE CONSOLIDATED  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY,  
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY, AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE  
OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION  
NO. 2019-03 (DETACHMENT OF TERRITORY FROM COUNTY  
OF LOS ANGELES, ANNEXATION OF SAID TERRITORY TO THE  
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY)**

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Safety Officer Mark Passamani, Emergency Preparedness and Safety Coordinator Jose Diaz and Safety Specialist I Jon Wallace gave an update on the Annual Safety Program (Item 7).

Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell gave a presentation on the Cost of Service/Rate Plan Project (Item 8).

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

There was no General Manager report.

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

There were no comments on the recap reports.

**Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 11).**

There were no comments on the written reports.

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**President's Report (Item 12).**

President Martin gave the Board an update on the August 25, 2020 Financial Integration Ad Hoc Committee meeting. He advised the Board that Vice President Gutzeit and Directors Cooper, DiPrimio and Mortensen as well as himself attended the Ad Hoc Committee meeting and a recommendation will be brought to the September 15, 2020 Board meeting for Board consideration.

He then informed the Board that we will be revising the minutes pertaining to how we list resolutions. Resolutions will continue to be in the minutes however they will only show the resolution number and title and not the full text of the resolution.

Lastly he advised the Board of the upcoming 2020 Economic Outlook Virtual Conference that will be held on September 17, 2020.

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**AB 1234 Reports (Item 13).**

Written reports were submitted by Vice President Gladbach and Director Plambeck and were included in the Board packet, which is part of record. Additional written reports were submitted by Directors Kelly and Plambeck, which were posted on the SCV Water website, OnBoard and are part of the record.

There were no further AB 1234 Reports.

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**Director Reports (Item 14).**

There were no Director reports.

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The Board went into Closed Session at 9:03 PM (Item 15).

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 9:14 PM.

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that pertaining to Item No. 15.1, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, Claim of Gregg Strumpf/C.S. Legacy Construction Against Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Claim for Property Damage, Date of Claim August 21, 2020, the Board voted to reject the claim by motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Kelly and carried, by the following roll call votes:

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

There were no other actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 16).

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**Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 17).**

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

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**Request for Future Agenda Items (Item 18).**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM (Item 19).

  
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April Jacobs, Board Secretary

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President of the Board

