

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – September 7, 2021

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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 7, 2021. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Beth Braunstein.

Also present via teleconference: General Manager Matthew Stone, General Counsel Tom Bunn, 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 Tech Services Cris Perez, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, Customer Service Manager Kathleen Willson, GIS Manager Jose Huerta, Human Resources Manager Ari Mantis, Environmental Health and Safety Supervisor Mark Passamani, Principal Engineers Brent Payne and Jason Yim, Associate Engineer Elizabeth Sobczak, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Management Analyst II Susana Rave, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Emergency Preparedness and Safety Coordinator Jose Diaz, Safety Specialist I Aaron Southard, Executive Assistant Leticia Quintero, Administrative Technician Terri Bell, Accounting Tech II Kyle Arnold, Best Best and Krieger Attorney's Lutfi Kharuf and Nora O'Brien, Launch Development Finance Advisors Carter Froelich, Newport Pacific Land Michael Schlesinger; 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	Absent	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 Atkins, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar excluding Item 5.3, which was pulled for further discussion, by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Not Present
Director Braunstein	Absent	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 Director Ford and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-231 amending the Conflict of Interest Code for the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974 by the following roll call votes (Item 5.3):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Absent	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- 231**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
ADOPTING AN AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE  
PURSUANT TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974**

**<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-090821-Resolution-SCV-231-Final.pdf>**

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Upon motion of Vice President Gladbach, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-232 establishing a Community Facility District for the Spring Canyon Development by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

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

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-232**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
APPROVING AN ACQUISITION FUNDING AGREEMENT  
AMONG THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY,  
THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY  
AND SPRING CANYON RECOVERY ACQUISITION LLC  
AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS RELATING THERETO**

**<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-090821-Resolution-SCV-232.pdf>**

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Upon motion of Vice President Gladbach, seconded by Vice President Mortensen and by a

vote of 5 Ayes, 5 Noes, 1 Abstained and 1 Absent, this item relating to approving a resolution establishing a Community Facility District for the Highlands at Tesoro del Valle Project did not pass as shown by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

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

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Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Ford and carried, the Board set the Agency's contribution under the PERS Medical and Hospital Care Act with the Agency's contribution being 90% of the Anthem Traditional HMO rate for Region 3, approved Resolution No. SCV-234 adjusting employer's contribution for PERS medical insurance and approved Option 3 as shown below.

**Option 3 – 90% of Anthem Traditional HMO for Region 3**

- \$ 842.01 – EE
- \$1,684.03 – EE+1
- \$2,189.23 – Family Level

Annual Employer Contribution	\$61,387	(\$247,813 below budget)
Annual Participant Contribution:	\$63,301	
Participants Contributing:	76	
Monthly Participant Contribution Range:	\$21.36 - \$429.31	

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

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Absent	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Not Present
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-234**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
 ADJUSTING EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE  
 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT  
 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-090721-Resolution-SCV-234-RV.pdf>

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Upon motion of Director Plambeck, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved the following appointments for the ACWA 2022/2023 Committees.

President Martin – Groundwater Committee

Vice President Gladbach – Energy Committee, Business Development Committee and Federal Affairs Committee

Director Armitage – Local Government Committee, Water Management Committee, Communications Committee and Water Quality Committee

Director Cooper – Groundwater Committee and Water Quality Committee

Director Kelly – Business Development Committee and Finance Committee

Director Plambeck – Groundwater Committee and Water Quality Committee

Approved by the following roll call votes (Item 7.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Absent	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

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Upon motion of Vice President Gladbach, seconded by Director Orzechowski and carried, the Board approved the appointment of California Advocate Consultant Dennis Albani to the ACWA Legislative Committee for the ACWA 2022/2023 term by the following roll call votes (Item 7.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Absent	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 Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved the appointment of Lagerlof, LLP Attorney, SCV Water General Counsel Tom Bunn to the ACWA Groundwater Committee for the ACWA 2022/2023 term by the following roll call votes (Item 7.3):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Absent	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Not Present
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

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Environmental Health and Safety Supervisor Mark Passamani, Emergency Preparedness and Safety Coordinator Jose Diaz and Safety Specialist I Aaron Southard gave the Annual presentation on SCV Water's Safety Program (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).**

Director Armitage appreciated the information that was shared in the Water Resources and Watershed Committee meeting regarding changes to the lawn replacement program.

There were no other comments on the recap reports.

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**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).**

The President updated the Board on upcoming meetings, events and Board reminders.

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**AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 13).**

Written reports were submitted by Presidents Martin and Director Plambeck which were included in the Board packet.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

**Director Reports (Item 14).**

There were no Director reports.

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The Board went into Closed Session at 11:44 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 12:01 AM.

Tom Bunn, Esq., reported that there were no 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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**Director Requests for Future Agenda Items (Item 18).**

Director Armitage asked that we consider all religious holiday's when scheduling Board meetings and whenever possible try not to schedule a meeting on those days.

Director Atkins asked again that a report come back regarding Bouquet Creek.

There were no other requests for future Agenda items.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 AM (Item 19).

  
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April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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President of the Board

