

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – May 16, 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, May 16, 2023. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathy Armitage, Beth Braunstein (Arrived at 6:03 PM), Ed Colley, William Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Ken Petersen.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present: Assistant General Manager Steve Cole (Via Zoom), Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael (Via Zoom), Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Rochelle Patterson, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, Controller Amy Aguer, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, General Counsel Tom Bunn, General Manager Matthew Stone, Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas, Principal Engineer Jason Yim, Senior Engineer Orlando Moreno (Via Zoom), Water Systems Supervisor James Saenz (Via Zoom), as well as additional SCV Water Agency staff (Via Zoom) and members of the public (both in person and Via Zoom).

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

There were no changes to the May 16, 2023 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

Upon motion of Director Armitage, seconded by Director Marks and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-347 and SCV-348 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

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

*Directors Gutzeit and Petersen abstained from voting on Item 5.1.

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-347

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE STATE
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD'S WATER RECYCLING FUNDING
PROGRAM FOR THE SOUTH END RECYCLED WATER MAIN EXTENSION
(PHASE 2C – REACH 1) PROJECT**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-05/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-051623-Resolution-SCV-347.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-348

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE STATE WATER RESOURCES
CONTROL BOARD'S WATER RECYCLING FUNDING PROGRAM
FOR THE SOUTH END RECYCLED WATER MAIN EXTENSION
(PHASE 2C REACH 1) PROJECT**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-05/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-051623-Resolution-SCV-348.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Braunstein and carried, the Board (1) approved a contract amendment to Pacific Tank and Construction, Inc. for additional change orders in the amount of \$165,719.62 and (2) executed a purchase order amendment to Cannon Corporation for additional construction management and inspection services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$125,000 for the Vista Canyon Recycled Water (Phase 2B) Tank Project by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

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

Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Director Armitage and carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. SCV-349 awarding the contract for pump and column replacement for Well N12 to General Pump Company for \$215,896 by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

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

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-349

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO GENERAL PUMP COMPANY FOR PUMP AND COLUMN
REPLACEMENT FOR WELL N12**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-05/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-051623-Resolution-SCV-349.pdf>

Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Director Petersen and carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. SCV-350 adopting the Operating and Capital Biennial Budget for FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25 by the following roll call votes (Item 6.3):

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

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-350

**RESOLUTION OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023/24 AND 2024/25**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-05/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-051623-Resolution-SCV-350.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Armitage and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to purchase 4,273 AMI Compatible meters in the amount not exceeding \$1,532,000 by the following roll call votes (Item 6.4):

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

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

General Manager Stone reported on the following:

He stated that on April 4, 2023, he provided comments during EPA’s public meeting on their PFAS MCL proposal. A written comment letter was also provided.

He updated the Board on his attendance at the 2023 ACWA Spring Conference held in Monterey on May 9-11, 2023. He stated that he attended a session on Fleet Electrification and Water Rights. He advised the Board that he was able to have a few business meetings with some of the Agency’s counterparts from across the state. He mentioned that at Wednesday’s breakfast meeting, President Martin presented the first Jerry Gladbach Memorial Scholarship to Elizabeth Pena, an environmental policy analyst and planning student at University of California Davis.

He was excited to announce that at the Thursday general lunch, SCV Water was announced as one of four finalists for the Clair A. Hill Award for Excellence for SCV Water Agency’s Valley Center Groundwater Treatment Facility. He was pleased to report that SCV Water Agency was

selected as this year's recipient. The contingent of Board and staff took the stage in a symbolic tribute to the teamwork that made the recognition by our peers possible.

Lastly, he reported that consistent with the authority granted to the General Manager in Section 5.2 of the Purchasing Policy, the General Manager determined that, based on the reasons and detail described below, there was an emergency that required immediate action and it was necessary to dispense with public bidding requirements.

He advised the Board that the Rio Vista Administration Building property utilizes a number of septic tanks and sewer pipelines to transport sewage downgradient towards Central Park where the sewer pipeline ties into the public sewer system. Due to heavy rainfall amounts over the past few months, it was recently discovered that a portion of the hillside had slipped, breaking the sewer pipeline. Staff has assessed the area and is making the recommendation to install a temporary HDPE highline to bypass the break and allow sufficient time to complete the design and construction of a replacement pipeline away from said hillside. This emergency work is being performed by an independent contractor for a not to exceed T&M amount of \$91,220. The work will include the HDPE piping and fusing, labor and equipment, and is expected to require approximately 8 days to complete.

To hear the full report in its entirety, please refer to the Board recording at:
<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/board-meetings/2023/scv/Board-Recording-051723%20Part%202.mp3>

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

There were no comments on the recap report.

President's Report (Item 9).

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

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 10).

A written report was submitted by President Martin which was posted to the SCV Water website and is part of the record.

Director Cooper reported that he attended the 2023 ACWA Spring Conference in Monterey on May 8-11, 2023.

Vice President Orzechowski reported that he attended the 2023 ACWA Spring Conference in Monterey on May 9-11, 2023.

Director Braunstein reported that she attended the 2023 ACWA Spring Conference in Monterey on May 9-11, 2023.

Director Petersen reported that he attended a One-on-One meeting with the General Manager on May 15, 2023.

Director Armitage reported that she attended a One-on-One meeting with the General Manager on May 16, 2023.

President Martin reported that he virtually attended the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Board of Directors Briefing on May 12, 2023.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Requests For Future Agenda Items (Item 11).

Director Cooper mentioned that ACWA Region 8 will be hosting a program and tour at West Basin Municipal Water District on July 13, 2023. More information to come.

There were no requests for Future Agenda Items.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM in memory of PFC Stephen E. Colley who passed away 16 years ago today (Item 12).


April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:


President of the Board

