



SCV Water Agency Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2024
Regular Board Meeting Begins at 6:00 PM

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Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant
Boardroom
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

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**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**RIO VISTA WATER TREATMENT PLANT
BOARDROOM
27234 BOUQUET CANYON ROAD
SANTA CLARITA, CA 91350**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024, AT 6:00 PM

IMPORTANT NOTICES

5:15 PM DISCOVERY ROOM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Dinner for Directors and staff in the Discovery Room.
There will be no discussion of Agency business taking place prior to the
Call to Order at 6:00 PM.

This meeting will be conducted in person at the address listed above. As a convenience to the public, members of the public may also participate virtually by using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-(833)-568-8864, Webinar ID: 160 994 4691 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1609944691>**. Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Board using the call-in number or Zoom Webinar link above.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Members of the public may comment as to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Board’s presiding officer, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.) To participate in public comment from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, click the “raise hand” feature in Zoom. You will be notified when it is your turn to speak, please unmute when requested. To participate in public comment via phone, dial *9 to raise your hand. When it is your turn to speak, dial *6 to unmute.

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- 12.1 **Conference with Real Property Negotiators**
Property: Devil’s Den Water District Property Encompassing Approx. 7,961 Acres Located in Kings and Kern Counties Along Hwy 33 North of Twisselman Road and South of Route 41
Agency Negotiators: Assistant General Manager Stephen L. Cole, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, and Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos
Negotiating Parties: Intersect Power
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

13. **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

14. **DIRECTOR REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

- * Indicates Attachment
- ◆ Indicates Handout

Note: The Board reserves the right to discuss or take action or both on all of the above Agenda items.

NOTICES

Any person may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation needed for that person to be able to participate in the public meeting by telephoning April Jacobs, Secretary to the Board of Directors, at (661) 297-1600, or in writing to Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. Requests must specify the nature of the disability and the type of accommodation requested. A telephone number or other contact information should be included so that Agency staff may discuss appropriate arrangements. Persons requesting a disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time before the meeting for the Agency to provide the requested accommodation.

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Board less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the Agency's Internet Website, accessible at <http://www.yourscvwater.com>.

Posted on February 14, 2024.

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – February 5, 2024

A special 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 Monday, February 5, 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 (Virtually), Beth Braunstein (Virtually), Ed Colley (Virtually), William Cooper, Maria Gutzeit (Virtually), Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Ken Petersen (Virtually).

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present: Board Secretary April Jacobs, Facilitator from Best Best and Krieger Attorney William Shephard, General Council Joe Byrne, and a member of the public (Virtually).

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. A quorum was present.

Upon motion of Director Marks, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved meeting remotely pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) by the following roll call votes.

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		

There were no changes to the February 5, 2024 amended Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

Best Best and Krieger Attorney’s Joe Byrne and William Shepard conducted the 2-hour Ethics Training for the SCV Water Board of Directors (Item 5).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM (Item 6).

April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

President of the Board

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – February 6, 2024

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 6, 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, William Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Ken Petersen.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Ed Colley.

Also present: Administrative Services Manager Kim Grass, 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 Kevin Strauss, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Facilities Supervisor Roland Valiente, General Counsel Tom Bunn (Virtually), General Manager Matthew Stone, Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas, Principal Water Resources Planner Rick Viergutz, John Wright from Raftelis and Anthony Elowsky, Ichiko Kido and Jack Lyon (Virtually) from RDN, 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 6:02 PM. A quorum was present.

There were no changes to the February 6, 2024 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Armitage and carried, the Board pulled Item 5.2 and approved the remaining Consent Calendar items by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

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	Yes		

Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Director Marks and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-405 authorizing the General Manager to Execute an Administrative Services Agreement between SCV Water Agency and SCV-GSA to provide Administrative, Management and Technical Services with the modification to Attachment 2, Section 2.5, last sentence to reflect \$150,000, instead of the previous GM threshold of \$100,000 by the following roll call votes (Item 5.2):

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

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-405

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO RENEW THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE SCV-GSA TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

FULL RESOLUTION MAY BE VIEWED BY VISITING THE SCV WATER WEBSITE

Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved (1) reconfiguring/remodeling the existing SCV Water Boardroom and (2) directed the General Manager to enter into a construction contract in the amount not to exceed \$513,520 to BR Builders to reconfiguring/remodel the existing Boardroom with a budget amount for the full project in the amount not to exceed \$733,385 by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

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	Yes		

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Vice President Orzechowski and carried, the Board selected RDN as the ratepayer advocate and approved the General Manager to enter into a Professional Services contract with RDN for a period of up to three (3) years by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Armitage	No	Director Braunstein	No
Director Colley	Absent	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).

The General Manager reported on the following:

He thanked the two rate payer advocate firms for coming in tonight to present their proposals to the Board.

He gave a brief update on the presentation that was given by the Executive Staff as well as the financial advisors to the EPA on the WIFIA Loan package.

He mentioned his recent January 22, 2024 One-on-One meeting with Director Braunstein. He advised the Board about the January 22, 2024 All employee meeting.

He updated the Board on the recent Annual State Water Contractors Board Retreat held February 1-2, 2024.

Lastly, he thanked staff for their work on putting together the presentation regarding the Board reconfiguration/remodel project.

To hear the full comments, 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.

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

There were no comments on the recap reports.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 9).

Vice President Orzechowski mentioned the finalization of the P-Card Agreement with CalCards and the savings that the Agency will be getting as well as the improved rebates.

Director Armitage commented on the Finance, Administration, and Information Technology Services Section Report, she stated that she was happy to see that staff will be working with the IT Department to configure an additional queue in the Customer Call Center that will be dedicated to Spanish-only callers and was excited to see the additional interns being brought on board. She also had comments on the Treatment, Distribution, Operations and Maintenance Section Report stating that she was happy to see that under the Safety/Emergency/Risk Management Section of the report we had no reportable incidents for the month of December 2023. Lastly, she commented on the Water Resources Section Report and was glad to see that the "Lunch and Learns" were being brought back for staff and that there was a hybrid option offered.

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.

President's Report (Item 10).

President Martin updated the Board on upcoming meetings and events.

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.

Director Cooper reported that he was virtually interviewed on the KHTS Radio's morning show on January 19, 2024, attended the ACWA Board Workshop on February 1, 2024 and attended the ACWA Board meeting on February 2, 2024, which were both held in Sacramento.

Director Armitage reported that she virtually attended a meeting with the Executive Committee of the Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County on January 17, 2024.

Vice President Orzechowski reported that he attended the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce 2024 Employment Law Update held at the College of the Canyons on January 18, 2024 and attended the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards and Installation Dinner held at the Valencia Hyatt on February 2, 2024.

President Martin reported that he attended a special meeting of the DCA Board of Directors held in Sacramento on January 24, 2024 and attended the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards and Installation Dinner held at the Valencia Hyatt on February 2, 2024.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 12).

There were no Director reports.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:44 PM to discuss Item 13.1:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, Claim of Michael Schaefer, Against Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Claim for Property Damage, Date of Claim January 11, 2024

The Zoom meeting was put on hold while the Board went into Closed Session. President Martin advised the public and staff for those who wanted to stay, to remain on the current teleconference line and once Closed Session ends, the Board would reconvene for Closed Session announcements and the conclusion of the meeting.

President Martin reconvened the Open Session at 7:58 PM.

Tom Bunn, Esq., reported that pertaining to Item 13.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, Claim of Michael Schaefer, Against Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Claim for Property Damage, Date of Claim January 11, 2024, the Board unanimously voted to reject the claim and submit it to the Agency's Joint Powers Insurance

Authority, upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Braunstein and carried, by the following roll call votes:

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	Yes		

There were no other actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 14).

Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 15).

Upon motion of President Martin, seconded by Director Braunstein and carried, the Board approved Director Marks attendance at the May 7-9, 2024 ACWA 2024 Spring Conference in Sacramento by the following roll call votes (Item 15.1):

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	Yes		

There were no other requests for approval for event attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM (Item 16).

April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

President of the Board

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 8, 2024

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: April Jacobs 
Board Secretary

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Approving the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors to Temporarily Move its Meeting Location to the Agency's Pine Street Location

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

On February 6, 2024, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency approved staff to move forward with a reconfiguration/remodel of the current Agency's Boardroom. Construction will take approximately 4 to 5 months, leaving the Board the need to find a temporary location to hold its meetings. Staff is requesting the Board of Directors approve a resolution to temporarily move the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board meetings to the Agency's Pine Street location until construction is complete.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the attached resolution temporarily moving the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board meetings to the Agency's Pine Street location effective March 1, 2024 until construction is complete.

Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-_____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY LOCATION CHANGE FOR THE THE
REGULAR SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
BOARD MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's regular Board meetings are scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant in the Boardroom; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2024, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors approved staff to move forward with the Reconfiguration/Remodel Project (Project) of the RVWTP Boardroom; and

WHEREAS, the project will take four to six months to complete and as a result, the Board will need to find a temporary location to hold the Agency's Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, staff has determined that the best temporary location is the Agency's Pine Street location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency will temporarily hold its regular Board meetings at its Pine Street location located at 23780 Pine Street, Newhall, CA 91321 at the same time until the project is complete.

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 8, 2024

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: April Jacobs 
Board Secretary

SUBJECT: Approve a Resolution Amending the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Conflict-of-Interest Code Pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

The Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code section 81000 et seq. (the “Act”), requires all public agencies to adopt and maintain a conflict-of-interest code establishing the rules for disclosure of personal assets and the disqualification from making or participating in the making of any decisions that may affect any personal assets designating positions and establishing disclosure categories.

Pursuant to Section 87306 of the Act, the City must amend its Code when necessitated by changed circumstances including the creation of new positions which must be designated. The Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Section 81000 et seq. (the “Act”), requires all public agencies to adopt and maintain a Conflict-of-Interest Code. The Act further requires that agencies regularly review and update their Codes as necessary when directed by the code-reviewing body or when change is necessitated by changed circumstances (Sections 87306 and 87306.5). The FPPC is the Agency’s code-reviewing body and directed that the Code be reviewed as required under the Act. During this review, staff found that amendments to the Code are necessary.

Attached is a redlined version of the proposed amended Code (Attachment 1) showing the changes to be made to the Agency’s Code to bring it current. The revisions are based on the need to include new positions that must be designated and designate a new official who manages public investments.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency approve the attached resolution (Attachment 2) amending the Conflict- of-Interest Code pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

Attachments

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ATTACHMENT 1

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

The Political Reform Act (Gov. Code § 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code Regulations § 18730) that contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, which can be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing, the standard code may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This incorporation page, Regulation 18730 and the attached Appendix, designating positions and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of the **Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency)**.

All officials and designated positions shall file their statements of economic interests with the **Board Secretary** as the Agency's Filing Officer/Official. The **Board Secretary** shall make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction. (Gov. Code § 81008.) All statements will be retained by the **Agency**.

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APPENDIX

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

OF THE

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY

PART “A”

OFFICIALS WHO MANAGE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

Agency officials who manage public investments, as defined by 2 California Code of Regulations section 18700.3(b), are NOT subject to the Agency’s Code but must file disclosure statements under Government Code section 87200, et seq. [Regs. § 18730(b)(3)] These positions are listed here for informational purposes only.

It has been determined that the positions listed below are officials who manage public investments:¹

Board of Directors
Chief Financial & Administrative Officer
Controller
Finance Manager

¹ Individuals holding one of the above-listed positions may contact the Fair Political Practices Commission for assistance or written advice regarding their filing obligations if they believe that their position has been categorized incorrectly. The Fair Political Practices Commission makes the final determination whether a position is covered by § 87200.

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DESIGNATED POSITIONS

GOVERNED BY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

<u>Designated Positions</u>	<u>Assigned Disclosure Categories</u>
Accounting Supervisor	5
Administrative Services Manager	4
Administrative Technician (ALL)	5
Assistant General Manager	1, 2
Associate Water Resources Planner	2, 5
Board Secretary/Executive Assistant	4
Buyer	5
Chief Engineer	2, 5
Chief Operating Officer	1, 2
Communications Manager	1
Controller [POSITION ADDED AS OFFICIAL WHO MANAGES PUBLIC INVESTMENTS]	1, 2
Customer Service Manager	5
Customer Service Supervisor	5
Director of Finance & Administration	1, 2
Director of Operations & Maintenance	5
Director of Technology Services	5
Director of Water Resources	2, 5
Electrical/Instrumentation Supervisor	5
Emergency Preparedness and Safety Coordinator	5
Engineer	3, 5
Engineering Technician II	2, 5
Environmental Health & Safety Supervisor	5
Event Coordinator	5
Executive Assistant	5

<u>Designated Positions</u>	<u>Assigned Disclosure Categories</u>
Facilities Maintenance Technician (ALL)	5
Facilities Supervisor	5
Field Services Supervisor	5
Financial Analyst	4
Fleet and Warehousing Supervisor	5
General Counsel	1, 2
General Manager	1, 2
GIS Manager	5
<u>Government Affairs Analyst</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Human Resources Analyst</u>	<u>5</u>
Human Resources Manager	5
Information Technology Supervisor	5
Information Technology Specialist	5
Information Technology Technician (ALL)	5
Inspector Supervisor	5
<u>Lead Utility Operations Technician</u>	<u>5</u>
Lead Utility Worker	5
Lead Water Systems Technician	5
Management Analyst (ALL)	5
Principal Engineer	2, 5
Principal Water Resources Planner	2, 5
Public Affairs Specialist (ALL)	5
<u>Purchasing and Warehousing Tech II</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Recycled Water Coordinator (ALL)</u>	<u>5</u>
Recycled Water Coordinator Technician	5
Right-of-Way Agent	2, 3, 4
<u>SCADA Analyst</u>	<u>5</u>

Designated Positions

Assigned Disclosure Categories

<u>SCADA Supervisor</u>	<u>3, 5</u>
SCADA Technician I & II	5
<u>Safety Specialist II</u>	<u>5</u>
Senior Accountant	5
Senior Customer Service Representative	5
Senior Electrical Technician	5
Senior Engineer	2, 5
Senior Engineering Technician	2, 5
Senior Facilities Maintenance Technician	5
<u>Senior Field Services Worker</u>	<u>5</u>
Senior Financial Analyst	2, 4
<u>Senior Fleet Mechanic</u>	<u>5</u>
Senior Inspector	5
Senior Instrumentation Technician	5
Senior Management Analyst	5
<u>Senior Treatment Plant Operator</u>	<u>5</u>
Senior Public Affairs Specialist	5
<u>Senior Purchasing Warehousing Technician</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Senior Utility Operations Technician</u>	<u>5</u>
Senior Water Conservation Specialist	5
Senior Water Resources & Data Scientist	2, 5
Senior Water Resources Planner	2, 5
Senior Water Systems Technician	5
Sustainability Manager	2, 5
<u>Treatment Plant Operator III</u>	5
<u>Treatment Plant Operator Supervisor</u>	<u>5</u>
Utility Supervisor	5

Designated Positions

Assigned Disclosure Categories

Water Conservation Specialist (ALL)	5
Water Conservation Supervisor	5
Water Distribution Manager	5
Water Education Instructor	5
Water Education Supervisor	5
Water Quality Laboratory Manager	4
Water Quality/Supervisor	5
Water Resources Planner	2, 5
Water System Supervisor	5
Water Treatment Manager	3, 5

Consultants and New Positions²

² Individuals providing services as a Consultant defined in Regulations 18700.3 (a), or in a new position created since this Code was last approved that makes or participates in making decisions as identified in Regulation 18734, shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in this Code subject to the following limitation:

The General Manager may determine that, due to the range of duties or contractual obligations, it is more appropriate to assign a limited disclosure requirement. A clear explanation of the duties and a statement of the extent of the disclosure requirements must be in a written document. (Gov. Code § 82019; FPPC Regs 18219 and 18734.) The General Manager's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this Conflict of Interest Code. (Gov. Code § 81008.)

PART “B”

DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

The disclosure categories listed below identify the types of economic interests that the designated position must disclose for each disclosure category to which the designated position is assigned. “Investment” means financial interest in any business entity (including a consulting business or other independent contracting business) and are reportable if they are either located in or doing business in the jurisdiction, are planning to do business in the jurisdiction, or have done business during the previous two years in the jurisdiction of the Agency.

Category 1: All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that are located in, that do business in or own real property within the jurisdiction of the Agency.

Category 2: All interests in real property which is located in whole or in part within, or not more than two (2) miles outside, the jurisdiction of the Agency, including any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest or option to acquire property.

Category 3: All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that are engaged in land development, construction or the acquisition or sale of real property within the jurisdiction of the Agency.

Category 4: All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that provide services, products, materials, machinery, vehicles or equipment of a type purchased or leased by the Agency.

Category 5: All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that provide services, products, materials, machinery, vehicles or equipment of a type purchased or leased by the designated position’s department, unit or division.

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
Amended ~~December 6, 2022~~ February 20, 2024
RESOLUTION No. _____

ATTACHMENT 2

RESOLUTION NO. ___

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

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted the Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Section 81000 et seq. (the “Act”), which contains provisions relating to conflicts of interest which potentially affect all officers, employees and consultants of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (“SCVWA”) and requires all public agencies to adopt and promulgate a Conflict of Interest Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors adopted a Conflict of Interest Code (the “Code”) for SCVWA in compliance with the Act which was amended December 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, subject to changed circumstances within SCVWA have made it advisable and necessary pursuant to Sections 87306 and 87307 of the Act to amend and update SCVWA’s Code; and

WHEREAS, the potential penalties for violation of the provisions of the Act are substantial and may include criminal and civil liability, as well as equitable relief which could result in SCVWA being restrained or prevented from acting in cases where the provisions of the Act may have been violated; and

WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of a public meeting on, of consideration by the Board of Directors of, the proposed amended Code was provided each affected designated employee and publicly posted for review at the SCVWA Administration Building at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, California, establishing a 45-day comment period in compliance with Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 18750; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held upon the proposed amended Code at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of SCVWA on February 20, 2024, at which all present were given an opportunity to be heard on the proposed amended Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency as follows:

- Section 1.** The Board of Directors does hereby adopt the proposed amended Conflict of Interest Code, a copy of which is attached hereto and shall be on file with the Board Secretary and available to the public for inspection and copying during regular business hours.
- Section 2.** The said amended Code shall be submitted to the Fair Political Practices Commission for approval.
- Section 3.** The said amended Code shall become effective immediately after the Fair Political Practices Commission approves the proposed amended Code as submitted.

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 29, 2023

TO: SCVWA Board of Directors

FROM: April Jacobs 
Board Secretary

SUBJECT: Approve Adopting a Resolution Approving and Accepting Negotiated Exchange of Property Tax Revenues Resulting from Annexations to Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District Annexation No. SCV-1132

SUMMARY

The County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County is requesting approval and acceptance of a negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from annexation to Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District Annexation Nos. SCV-1132.

DISCUSSION

The annexation process requires that a resolution for property tax revenue exchange be adopted by all the affected local agencies before an annexation may be approved. For any jurisdictional change which will result in a special district providing new service not previously provided in an area, the law requires the governing bodies of all local agencies that receive an apportionment of the property tax from the area to determine by resolution the amount of the annual tax increment to be transferred to the special district (Revenue and Taxation Code Section 99.01).

Finance staff has reviewed the calculations and reallocation of taxes as proposed by LAFCO and has not identified any concerns.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors adopt the attached Negotiated Tax Exchange Resolution resulting from annexation to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District Annexation No. SCV-1132.

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Attachments

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January 30, 2024

General Annexation File

Ms. April Jacobs, Board Secretary
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Dear Ms. Jacobs:

Tax Sharing Resolutions

Thank you for signing and returning the last joint resolutions that were submitted to your office for tax sharing purposes.

Enclosed, in triplicate, is a Joint Tax Sharing Resolution (resolution) involving your agency and others. The applicant has requested, in writing, annexation of his property into the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (District) in order to receive off-site disposal of sewage. Please see the table below for the annexation and its associated project. The annexation process requires that a resolution for property tax revenue exchange be adopted by all the affected local agencies before an annexation may be approved. For any jurisdictional change which will result in a special district providing new service not previously provided to an area, the law requires the governing bodies of all local agencies that receive an apportionment of the property tax from the area to determine by resolution the amount of the annual tax increment to be transferred to the special district (Revenue and Taxation Code Section 99.01). Please note that by sharing the property tax increment with the District resulting from this annexation, your agency will not lose any existing ad valorem tax revenue it currently receives from the affected territory. Your agency would only be giving up a portion of the revenues it would receive on increased assessed valuation.

<u>Annexation No.</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>
SCV-1132	348 proposed apartments, and 150 proposed condominiums

Also, attached for the annexation is a copy of the applicable worksheet and map showing the location of the annexation. The worksheet lists the annual tax increment to be exchanged between your agency, other affected taxing entities, and the District. The tax sharing ratios listed in the worksheet were calculated by the County Auditor Controller by specific Tax Rate Area (TRA). For example, if the annexing territory were to lie within two separate TRAs, there would be a worksheet for each TRA. The Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office (CEO) is requiring the District to implement the worksheet for all District annexations in order to increase efficiency for the calculation of property tax sharing ratios.

Ms. April Jacobs

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January 30, 2024

The resolution is being distributed to all parties for signature in counterpart. Therefore, you will only be receiving a signature page for your agency. Enclosed are three sets of the resolution. One set of the resolution is for your files and the other two sets of the resolution need to be returned to the District. Please execute the two sets of the resolution and return them to the undersigned within 60 days as required by the Government Code. In addition, the County CEO's legal counsel is also requesting that the signature pages be properly executed from all affected agencies. Therefore, please have the Attest line signed by the appropriate person. Upon completion of the annexation process, your office will receive a fully executed copy of the tax sharing resolution for your files.

Your continued cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (562) 908-4288, extension 2708.

Very truly yours,



Shirly Wang
Customer Service Specialist
Facilities Planning Department

SW:sw

Enclosures: SCV-1132

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

Antelope Valley Resource Conservation 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.

"ANNEXATION NO. 1132"

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 99 and 99.01 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, prior to the effective date of any jurisdictional change which will result in a special district providing a new service, the governing bodies of all local agencies that receive an apportionment of the property tax from the area must determine the amount of property tax revenues from the annual tax increment to be exchanged between the affected agencies and approve and accept the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the agencies signatory hereto have made determinations of the amount of property tax revenues from the annual tax increments to be exchanged as a result of the annexation to Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District entitled *Annexation No. 1132*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from the annexation of territory to Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District in the annexation entitled *Annexation No. 1132* is approved and accepted.
2. For each fiscal year commencing on and after July 1, 2023, or after the effective date of this jurisdictional change, whichever is later, the County Auditor shall transfer to Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District a total of 0.9606285 percent of the annual tax increment attributable to the land area encompassed within *Annexation No. 1132* as shown on the attached Worksheet.
3. No additional transfer of property tax revenues shall be made from any other tax agencies to Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District as a result of annexation entitled *Annexation No. 1132*.

4. No transfer of property tax increments from properties within a community redevelopment project, which are legally committed to a Community Redevelopment Agency, shall be made during the period that such tax increment is legally committed for repayment of the redevelopment project costs.

5. If at any time after the effective date of this resolution, the calculations used herein to determine initial property tax transfers or the data used to perform those calculations are found to be incorrect thus producing an improper or inaccurate property tax transfer, the property tax transfer shall be recalculated and the corrected transfer shall be implemented for the next fiscal year.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, 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, Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District, City of Santa Clarita, Santa Clarita Library, and Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, signatory hereto.

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER
AGENCY

SIGNATURE

ATTEST:

PRINT NAME AND TITLE

Secretary

Date

(SIGNED IN COUNTERPART)

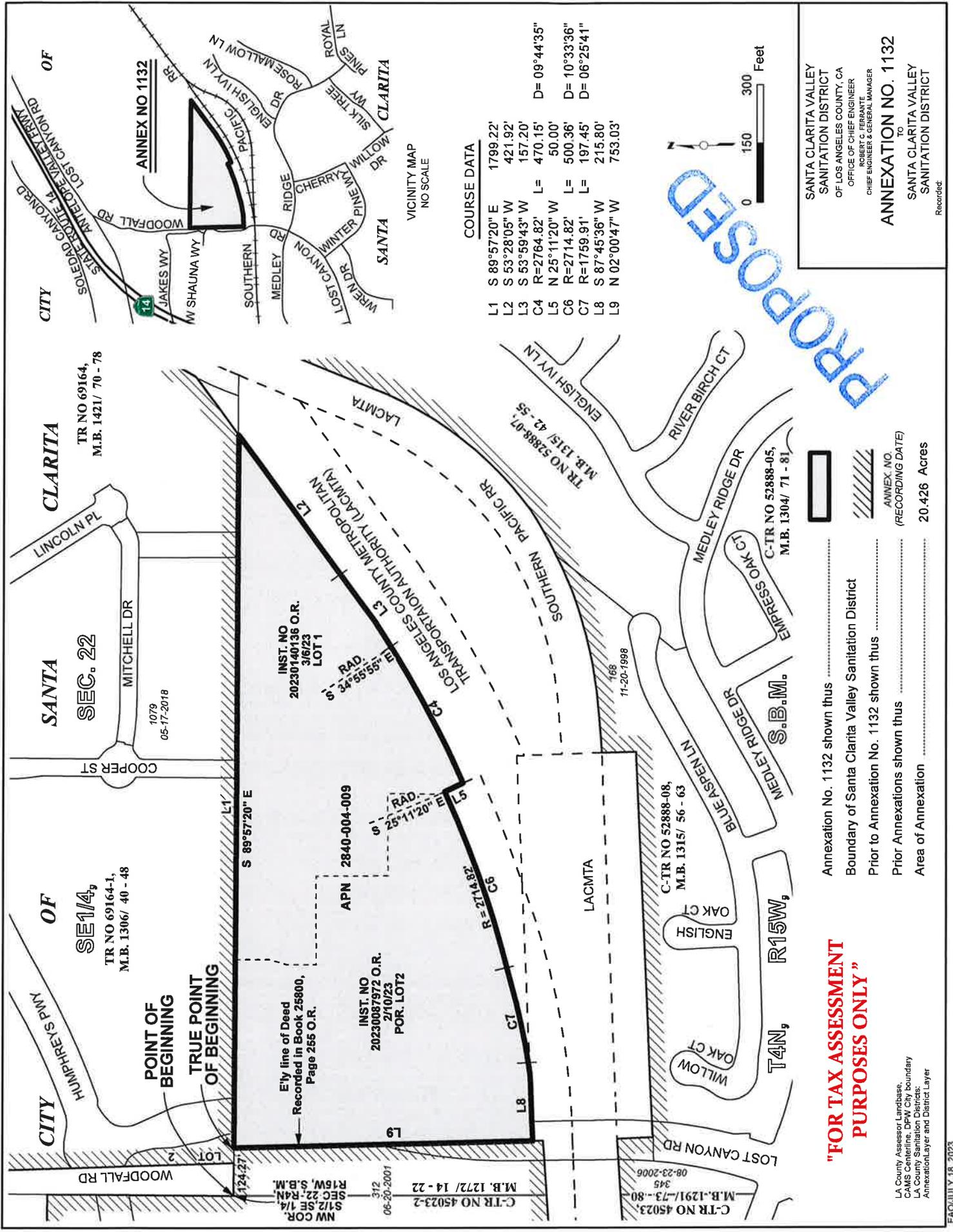
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 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 067 35
 TRA: 15862
 EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2023
 ANNEXATION NUMBER: 1132 PROJECT NAME: A-SCV-1132
 DISTRICT SHARE: 0.017375930

ACCOUNT #	TAXING AGENCY	CURRENT TAX SHARE	PERCENT	PROPOSED DIST SHARE	ALLOCATED SHARE	ADJUSTMENTS	NET SHARE
001.05	LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL	0.226124675	22.6138 %	0.017375930	0.003929136	-0.004042901	0.222081774
001.20	L.A. COUNTY ACCUM CAP OUTLAY	0.000111593	0.0111 %	0.017375930	0.000001939	0.000000000	0.000111593
007.30	CONSOL. FIRE PRO.DIST.OF L.A.CO.	0.169578686	16.9578 %	0.017375930	0.002946587	-0.002946587	0.166632099
007.31	L A C FIRE-FFW	0.006435721	0.6435 %	0.017375930	0.000111826	0.000000000	0.006435721
030.10	L.A.CO.FL.CON.DR.IMP.DIST.MAINT.	0.001680386	0.1680 %	0.017375930	0.000029198	-0.000029198	0.001651188
030.70	LA CO FLOOD CONTROL MAINT	0.009509697	0.9509 %	0.017375930	0.000165239	-0.000165239	0.009344458
061.80	GREATER L A CO VECTOR CONTROL	0.000322713	0.0322 %	0.017375930	0.000005607	-0.000005607	0.000317106
068.05	ANTELOPE VY RESOURCE CONSER DIST	0.000000000	0.0000 %	0.017375930	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
249.01	CITY-SANTA CLARITA TD #1	0.060238521	6.0238 %	0.017375930	0.001046700	-0.001046700	0.059191821
249.56	CITY-SANTA CLARITA LIBRARY	0.022768918	2.2768 %	0.017375930	0.000395631	-0.000395631	0.022373287
302.01	SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER-CLWA	0.056078895	5.6078 %	0.017375930	0.000974422	-0.000974422	0.055104473
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400.01	EDUCATIONAL AUG FD IMPOUND	0.131877650	13.1877 %	0.017375930	0.002291496	EXEMPT	0.131877650
400.15	COUNTY SCHOOL SERVICES	0.001385500	0.1385 %	0.017375930	0.000024074	EXEMPT	0.001385500
400.21	CHILDREN'S INSTIL TUITION FUND	0.002749736	0.2749 %	0.017375930	0.000047779	EXEMPT	0.002749736
665.01	SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DIS	0.084326854	8.4326 %	0.017375930	0.001465257	EXEMPT	0.084326854
665.06	CO.SCH.SERV.FD.- SULPHUR SPRINGS	0.007230546	0.7230 %	0.017375930	0.000125637	EXEMPT	0.007230546
665.07	DEV.CTR.HDCPD-MINOR-SULPHUR SPGS	0.000799309	0.0799 %	0.017375930	0.000013888	EXEMPT	0.000799309
757.02	HART WILLIAM S UNION HIGH	0.079096180	7.9096 %	0.017375930	0.001374369	EXEMPT	0.079096180

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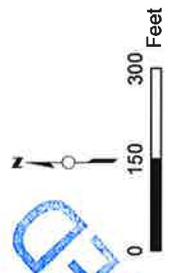
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757.07	HART, WILLIAM S. - ELEM SCHOOL FUND	0.041617940	4.1617 %	0.017375930	0.0000723150	EXEMPT	0.041617940
814.04	SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	0.036325996	3.6325 %	0.017375930	0.0000631197	EXEMPT	0.036325996
***067.35	STA CLRTA VLY SANIT DIS OP LA CO	0.000000000	0.0000 %	0.017375930	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.009606285
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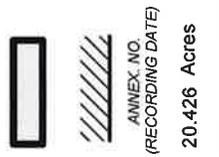
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L5	N 25°11'20" W 50.00'
C6	R=2714.82' L= 500.36' D= 10°33'36"
C7	R=1759.91' L= 197.45' D= 06°25'41"
L8	S 87°45'36" W 215.80'
L9	N 02°00'47" W 753.03'



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
SANITATION DISTRICT
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA
OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER
ROBERT C. TERRANTE
CHIEF ENGINEER & GENERAL MANAGER

ANNEXATION NO. 1132
TO
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
SANITATION DISTRICT

Recorded:



Annexation No. 1132 shown thus

Boundary of Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District
Prior to Annexation No. 1132 shown thus

Prior Annexations shown thus

Area of Annexation

**"FOR TAX ASSESSMENT
PURPOSES ONLY"**

LA County Assessor Landbase
CAMS Computerized Data Base
LA County Sanitation Districts:
Annexation Layer and District Layer

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SCV
WATER

STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-28

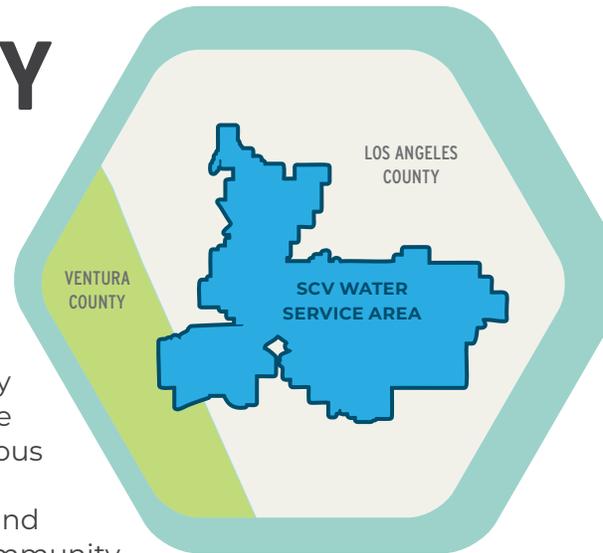


EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SCV Water was created January 1, 2018, by an act of the State Legislature (SB 634) through the merger of the four water agencies in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water provides water services to a population of nearly 300,000 in the Santa Clarita Valley through approximately 75,000 water service connections.

Reliable, high quality water service is critical to an economically and environmentally vibrant community. Providing that service is increasingly complex as water utilities must manage numerous challenges. Some of these include finding and maintaining adequate water resources, treating water to ensure its health and safety, coping with the loss of skilled retirees, engaging the community and communicating the value of water, managing the maintenance and replacement of aging infrastructure, and ensuring adequate financial resources to meet these challenges.

The Board and staff of SCV Water have created this 5-Year Strategic Plan to guide the Agency in the coming years. The Strategic Plan is designed to support the vision to provide ***exemplary water management for a high quality of life in the Santa Clarita Valley***. This vision will be accomplished by fulfilling the mission of SCV Water: ***Providing responsible water stewardship to ensure the Santa Clarita Valley has reliable supplies of high-quality water at a reasonable cost.***



STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS



GOAL A Exceptional Customer Service and Stakeholder Engagement

Advocate and maintain a high level of customer and community satisfaction through policies, programs and contacts.



GOAL B Reliable Infrastructure

Implement, operate and maintain water infrastructure to ensure sustainable water service provision.



GOAL C Sustainable Water Supply and Resources

Implement programs to ensure the service area has reliable supplies of water and supporting resources.



GOAL D High Quality Water

Protect the quality of our water supplies and ensure our drinking water is in compliance with all water quality requirements.



GOAL E Financial Resiliency

Maintain a long-range, transparent, stable and well-planned financial condition, resulting in current and future water users receiving fair and equitable rates and charges.



GOAL F A High Performance Team

Attract and retain quality staff members and grow a culture of continuous improvement that fosters SCV Water's values.



GOAL G Environmental Stewardship

Achieve environmental compliance and strive for sustainable policies, projects, and practices.



GOAL H Safe and Secure Workplace

Maintain the safety of employees and secure the Agency's physical and cyber resources.



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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Agency is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors, elected within three electoral divisions. Officers of the Board include a president and two vice presidents. The Board also appoints a general manager and a treasurer or auditor.



Gary Martin
President



Maria Gutzeit
Vice President



Kathy Armitage
Director



Beth Braunstein
Director



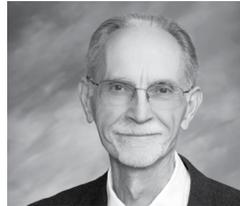
Edward S. Colley
Director



Piotr Orzechowski
Vice President



William C. Cooper
Director



Dirk S. Marks
Director



Kenneth J. Petersen
Director

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

Our Executive Management team oversees the major strategic direction of the Agency. They work together to ensure that our Agency runs efficiently to serve our customers with reliable, dependable water 24/7.



Matthew Stone
General Manager



Stephen Cole
Assistant General Manager



Rochelle Patterson
Chief Financial and Administrative Officer



Courtney Mael
Chief Engineer



Keith Abercrombie
Chief Operating Officer



Mike Alvord
Director of Operations and Maintenance



Ali Elhassan
Director of Water Resources



Cris Pérez
Director of Technology Services



Kevin Strauss
Communications Manager

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water), welcome to our 2024-2028 Strategic Plan. SCV Water is the result of a collaborative response to the exhaustive “Economic, Efficiencies and Enhanced Water Management study” that identified the potential benefits of a new water agency in the Santa Clarita Valley. It was clear that a unified agency would be more effective in finances, governance, operational and infrastructure assessment, organizational analysis and regional water management. It was also clear we could streamline use of resources and increase efficiencies to better serve customers.

This Strategic Plan is the blueprint to continue to deliver on the promises of SB 634, including:

- Providing a more effective, locally representative and regionally integrated voice for water governance.
- Improving on current customer service models and achieving efficiency through economy of scale.
- Creating a financial structure that accounts for existing debts, liabilities and assets and provides for a fully transparent and accountable system.
- Improving operations and infrastructure management by fully integrating distribution networks and resources.
- Providing a single forum to debate and set policy to achieve the most effective way to develop and manage water resources.

The targets for projected savings from efficiencies were met but there is much more to do. The Board has set 8 overarching goals for the coming 5 years related to providing exceptional customer service and stakeholder engagement, providing reliable and sustainable water supplies and service, ensuring high quality drinking water, responsibly managing the financial resources the community has entrusted to us and maintaining a high-performance team to accomplish the above. The Board added two new goals, environmental stewardship and a safe and secure workplace, elevating the emphasis on these important areas in the next 5-year strategic planning period. We look forward to meeting the challenges of water service delivery to the Santa Clarita Valley and remain grateful for the continued support of our community and the dedication of the staff who delivered on these promises.



Gary Martin
President



MAINLINE REPAIRS IN NEWHALL

MESSAGE FROM

THE GENERAL MANAGER

IN OUR FIRST 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE NEW SCV WATER, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IDENTIFIED KEY ISSUES REQUIRING THE AGENCY'S ATTENTION:

- Developing a common information technology strategy and platform that provides a uniform view across the organization.
- Developing standardized operating procedures for a single organization.
- Managing the coming retirement wave in our workforce through hiring and training new generations and focusing on succession plans.
- Ensuring water supply diversity and resiliency through innovative efforts, a visionary groundwater sustainability plan, and continuing to support the Delta Conveyance Project.
- Ensuring our internal and external communications are transparent and informative.
- Maintaining, replacing and constructing new water infrastructure
- Developing a long-range financial plan to ensure the required investments are paid for in a fair and equitable manner.
- Revisiting the emergency preparedness program for the new Agency to ensure we have plans and resources in place to respond to emergencies.

To this end, and in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain challenges, inflation, unprecedented drought conditions, and significant new regulatory mandates (including water quality and electric fleet requirements), the staff made important progress on the Board's strategic goals.

The coming 5 years will bring new challenges, including the need to continue streamlining the Agency systems and processes, planning for a changing climate, managing workforce retirements and succession planning, ensuring continued provision of high-quality water, improving the resiliency of our water supplies and managing the collective rate impacts of these challenges on our customers. Based upon our responses to the challenges of the first 5 years of SCV Water, I am confident we are up to the task and am proud to have the opportunity to manage this organization to meet these challenges.



Matthew Stone
General Manager

PROGRESS CONTINUES FROM THE 2019 BOARD'S STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

- Operated and maintained the infrastructure to deliver essential water service to the community
- Developed plan and constructed facilities to address new PFAS standards
- Complied with all regulatory requirements
- Designed and began construction on significant recycled water infrastructure, the Earl Schmidt Sludge Collection System Project, and the Magic Mountain Pipeline Phase 6B Project
- Quickly funded and constructed facilities to treat our community's water supply for PFAS
- Pursued cost recovery litigation at the contaminated Whittaker-Bermite site
- Standardized the customer service procedures across SCV Water
- Implemented the outreach plan
- Standardize the water conservation program portfolio across SCV Water
- Developed an Emergency Response Plan
- Completed the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)
- Completed and Implemented the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Ordinance
- Implemented the dry-year recovery program
- Advanced key measures of the Water Resources Resiliency Plan
- Achieved 24% reductions in water consumption in response to the 20% Reduction in Gallons Per Capita Day by 2020 Mandate (sbx7-7)
- Executed a Castaic Lake release agreement with United Water Conservation District
- Executed an exchange agreement with Irvine Ranch Water District to address the drought
- Formed a Groundwater Sustainability Agency and completed a Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- Completed the update of the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan
- Completed buyout of solar power contracts
- Completed the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan
- Developed and implemented process for grant procurement resulting in over \$20 million in grant awards
- Evaluated environmental compliance tracking software
- Purchased the Agency's 4.5 MW Photovoltaic System (Solar Arrays at Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant)
- Conducted an Agency wide feasibility analysis for battery storage projects
- Launched a Battery Storage Project at the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant
- Updated cost of service financial models
- Developed a multi-year rate plan to establish appropriate funding and reserves
- Standardized warehouse inventory practices and centralized purchasing
- Reduced the number of customer service field offices, increased offsite payment locations and added Pay-Near-Me options
- Completed an organizational design study that results in updated job requirements, job classifications, clear career paths, and appropriate pay levels
- Standardized telecommunication, network equipment and network access
- Implemented several emergency policies in response to urgent Senate Bills and COVID-19
- Implemented a flexible workplace policy
- Completed requirements of the 2018 American Water Infrastructure Act
- Completed a Worksite Safety Plan
- Completed a draft Cybersecurity Plan

THE STRATEGIC PROCESS

The Strategic Plan was developed through a collaborative process with the Board of Directors, management and staff. The planning consultant (Means Consulting LLC) interviewed each of the Board members and management team regarding their perspectives on the future challenges for SCV Water. Eleven workshop sessions with the employees and supervisors mined key strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) facing the Agency. These interviews were followed by a management workshop to review the results and were shared with the Board at a Board Retreat in September 2023. The Board discussed the strategic challenges facing SCV Water and refined a set of goals for the next 5-Year Strategic Plan. The management team then developed strategies, objectives and key performance indicators for each of these goals, considering the feedback from the SWOT sessions.

The Board of Directors reviewed and accepted the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan on February 20, 2024. The Strategic Plan is structured in a supporting fashion: the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) track accomplishment of the Objectives, the Objectives support the Strategies, and the Strategies support the Goals, which support the Mission and achievement of the Vision as depicted in Figure 1.

FIGURE 01

HIERARCHY OF STRATEGIC PLAN ELEMENTS







SCV WATER'S 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

The purpose of SCV Water is to unify and modernize water resource management within the Santa Clarita Valley through the efficient, sustainable and affordable provision, sale, management and delivery of surface water, groundwater and recycled water for all uses, and to do so in a manner that promotes the sustainable stewardship of natural resources in the Santa Clarita Valley.

SCV Water was created January 1, 2018, by an act of the State Legislature (SB 634) through the merger of the four water entities in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water serves a population of nearly 300,000 through approximately 75,000 water service connections over 197 square miles. The merger included Castaic Lake Water Agency and its Santa Clarita Water Division, Newhall County Water District and the Valencia Water Company.

The Castaic Lake Water Agency was formed as a wholesale water agency to acquire,

treat, and deliver State Water Project water supply throughout the Santa Clarita Valley. The Santa Clarita Water Division, Newhall County Water District and the Valencia Water Company were the retail water purveyors. Population at build-out is estimated to be 420,000. SCV Water also provides wholesale water to Los Angeles County Waterworks District #36.

This Strategic Plan is the blueprint for how SCV Water will respond to current challenges and make the best of future opportunities for the benefit of our customers. It reaffirms SCV Water's vision and mission and succinctly defines eight Goals related to: Exceptional Customer Service and Stakeholder Engagement, Reliable Infrastructure, Sustainable Water Supply and Resources, Water Quality, Financial Resiliency, High-Performance Team, Environmental Stewardship and Safe and Secure Workplace. It also outlines the specific strategies that we will pursue to achieve this plan.



SIGNIFICANT EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL FACTORS SHAPE THIS STRATEGIC PLAN INCLUDING:

Continuous Streamlining of the Agency

SCV Water has made significant progress in integrating the four previous water utilities into one agency. Continued work is needed regarding emergency preparedness policies and procedures, integrating information and technology systems, and implementing a uniform asset management program.

Addressing Climate Change/Variability

Climate change and variation is receiving significant attention in the State of California. The last three years have seen the lowest initial allocations of water from the State Water Project in history. Providing a resilient/diverse portfolio of water supplies that avoids overreliance on any one source will be an important challenge for SCV Water going forward. The investments necessary to ensure this will be significant. Also, water is heavy and requires energy to treat and deliver. Shifting from fossil fuels to renewable sources of electricity to provide this energy has profound operational and financial implications for SCV Water. Energy is the second largest operating cost for the Agency (behind labor).

This 5-year Strategic Plan is intended to establish the framework for addressing these challenges to maintain reliable and high-quality water service to the Santa Clarita Valley.

Addressing a Changing Workforce

Much has been written about the pending wave of retirements in the country's workforce and SCV Water will be affected by this. The anticipated loss of staff will require recruiting and retaining the necessary diverse skills to maintain the high level of water service to the community. Many of the skills needed are in short supply in the region and will require creative approaches to filling these skill needs. Continuing to enhance the employee experience and maintaining SCV Water's reputation as a desirable place to work will help the Agency retain and attract talented and dedicated staff. This will be an important focus for SCV Water in the coming years.

Supply Chain Constraints, Inflation and Rate Setting

Provision of water service depends on access to operating and construction materials and supplies for new and existing infrastructure. It is very capital intensive. Further, COVID-19 ushered in numerous supply chain constraints that continue to affect SCV Water. Access to certain materials and supplies suffered extended delays and, for some materials, continue to be constrained. SCV Water is subject to the same inflationary pressures that our customers see in their lives. These costs must be managed efficiently and recovered fairly from our community. This will be a significant focus area in the next 5-year Strategic Plan.

Water Supply Portfolio Investments

The Santa Clarita Valley's water supply faces challenges. The SCV Water's State Water Project supply has experienced a number of regulatory-driven reliability reductions related to endangered species. The Delta Conveyance Project is one part of the California Water Action Plan to bolster local self-sufficiency, reduce consumption, improve water supply reliability, and ensure resiliency of the Delta to meet future needs. Other investments in groundwater banking and the Sites reservoir are being pursued to continue the Agency's long history of investing in a diverse portfolio approach.

Optimizing the Santa Clarita Valley groundwater basin while balancing endangered species issues will be especially challenging for the Agency. This groundwater resource is a vital asset for the region and integrating its use with stormwater and recycled water production is imperative. SCV Water's leadership role in the watershed and groundwater management positions the Agency to be a collaborative and positive force in sustainably managing these resources. As always, our continued focus on conserving this vital resource and supporting the quality of life in the Santa Clarita Valley will be required.

Water Quality

SCV Water and its predecessor agencies have a long history of providing providing high quality water. At minimum, SCV Water meets all drinking water regulatory requirements. Beyond that, though, SCV Water maintains a leadership role in understanding and implementing water treatment for new potential contaminants. The latest example of this is the significant improvements to water treatment that were put in place to manage the so-called "forever chemicals" (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances or PFAS) in water. We will remain vigilant and protective of the water quality we provide.





VISION & VALUES

AGENCY
VISION

EXEMPLARY WATER MANAGEMENT
FOR A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE IN
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY.

AGENCY
MISSION

PROVIDING RESPONSIBLE WATER STEWARDSHIP TO ENSURE
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HAS RELIABLE SUPPLIES
OF HIGH-QUALITY WATER AT A REASONABLE COST.





MATTHEW G. STONE, GENERAL MANAGER

Our agency is built on a foundation of shared values. These values guide our every action.”

AGENCY VALUES



CREATIVITY

We are industry leaders who embrace change by seeking pioneering solutions and growing our knowledge.



EXCELLENCE

We strive for excellence in everything we do.



INCLUSION

We maintain an inclusive culture that is characterized by civility, respect and consideration of all viewpoints and reflects the community we serve.



INTEGRITY

We commit to the highest ethical standards of honesty, transparency and respect in all our interactions.



SAFETY

We maintain a healthy and secure work environment.



TEAMWORK

We are a collaborative team of highly skilled professionals



TRUST

We act in a transparent fashion that builds trust

GOALS, STRATEGIES AND OBJECTIVES

SCV Water's strategic planning focuses on eight goal areas that provide direction for achieving the Agency's Mission and Vision.

GOAL A - EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT:

ADVOCATE AND MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF CUSTOMER AND COMMUNITY

SATISFACTION THROUGH POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND CONTACTS.

This goal establishes a commitment on the part of SCV Water to align with the values of the customers and the community in fulfilling the organization's mission. The strategies below define the approach the organization will take to achieve the goal. Objectives are the measurable actions that track progress towards execution of the strategy.

STRATEGY A.1 - PROVIDE "BEST IN CLASS" CUSTOMER SERVICE.

- A.1.1 Reassess delegation of authority to Customer Care Representatives for improving first call resolution
- A.1.2 Develop a customer-focused mobile app (e.g., provides customers with current and relevant information so that they can manage and make decisions on their water use, including account access to make payments, the ability to report water-waste, information about water quality and water-saving rebates and resources)
- A.1.3 Track, evaluate and implement emerging technologies for improving community engagement on water issues





STRATEGY A.2 – PROACTIVELY COMMUNICATE WITH AND ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY ON WATER MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE REGION POSITIONING SCV WATER AS A LEADING RESOURCE AND RELIABLE AUTHORITY ON WATER ISSUES.

- A.2.1 Develop supporting data to make the case for the value of water and implement a targeted outreach program regarding the value of water in preparation for establishing new rates and charges
- A.2.2 Increase public understanding of water issues (e.g., water quality, emergency preparedness, value of water, regulatory and climate challenges, water sources/supplies, watershed planning, water conservation, etc.)
- A.2.3 Implement engagement tools to receive feedback from stakeholders (e.g., Customer Service Survey, Conservation Communications)
- A.2.4 Continue to participate in community events as they align with the Agency’s mission and event participation criteria
- A.2.5 Raise awareness of and demand for conservation programs (e.g., water conservation campaign(s) and related media buys, public and school educational programs, participation at public events, SCV Water website, e-newsletter and social media, etc.)
- A.2.6 Maintain positive public perception of SCV Water as a leading resource and reliable authority on water issues through the Water Academy, Water Matters series and other speaking engagement opportunities
- A.2.7 Work with local media to ensure accurate reporting
- A.2.8 Conduct opportunities to engage with engineering and planning customers to explore optimizing SCV Water review and approval processes
- A.2.9 Update the website to ensure information is current and accessible
- A.2.10 Explore opportunities for open houses and other community engagement approaches
- A.2.11 Research, develop and host a regional Water Summit in the Santa Clarita Valley
- A.2.12 Research and evaluate emerging technology to enhance communications and outreach strategies

STRATEGY A.3 – ENGAGE WITH LOCAL, REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS, INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO INFLUENCE WATER POLICY FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR SERVICE AREA CUSTOMERS.

- A.3.1 Engage in state and federal activities to further the interests of water in the Santa Clarita Valley
- A.3.2 Continue coordination with SCV Water legislative analysts in communications with state and federal elected officials and their staffs
- A.3.3 Support SCV Water efforts to work with industry associations, academic institutions and special interest groups to influence water policy
- A.3.4 Maintain strong working relationships with local agencies (water agencies, special districts, city and local governments)
- A.3.5 Foster and continue effective working relationships with the Department of Water Resources and other State Water Project Contractors
- A.3.6 Coordinate legislative initiatives concerning Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and water conservation with legislative analysts, Association of California Water Agencies, State Water Contractors, the California Water Efficiency Partnership, and other necessary parties to enhance the reliability and cost effectiveness of the SCV Water’s SWP water supply
- A.3.7 Develop and initiate research projects to support Agency needs and collaborate/partner with water industry organizations and academic institutions to conduct research that comports with evaluation rigor and standards

KPIs

1. Conduct an annual Customer Satisfaction Survey to measure community satisfaction, attentiveness to water use, awareness of rebates and other SCV Water programs and initiatives
2. Grow Agency social media follower count each year (5% increase over prior year)
3. Maintain and report complaint statistics (e.g., water quality, service, pressure, traffic and inquiries)
4. Resolve customer issues within 48 hours



GOAL B - RELIABLE INFRASTRUCTURE: IMPLEMENT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE WATER SERVICE PROVISION.

Ensuring the availability of infrastructure and its reliable operations is fundamental to meeting the service obligations of SCV Water. The strategies below define the approach the organization will take to achieve the goal. Objectives are the measurable actions that track progress towards execution of the strategy.

STRATEGY B.1 - PLAN TO MEET DEMAND INCLUDING STORAGE CAPACITY AND INTERCONNECTIONS BETWEEN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER SYSTEMS.

- B.1.1 Complete the Water Master Plan
- B.1.2 Analyze the seismic resiliency of SCV Water's supply portfolio
- B.1.3 Consider life-cycle cost in all project evaluations
- B.1.4 Develop and configure water system hydraulic model for the SCV Water service area
- B.1.5 Implement next phase of the Graphical Information System
- B.1.6 Develop and implement a SCV Water-wide asset management program with end user/operations level asset management tools to enhance performance
- B.1.7 Conduct space study for future potential treatment and well needs

STRATEGY B.2 - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT FACILITIES TO MEET DEMAND INCLUDING STORAGE CAPACITY AND INTERCONNECTIONS BETWEEN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER SYSTEMS.

- B.2.1 Update and carry out capital projects related to water system reliability and sustainability
- B.2.2 Develop standardized designs and specifications (e.g., reservoirs, pump stations, recycled water)
- B.2.3 Develop recycled water policies and ordinances
- B.2.4 Develop and implement a corrosion control program
- B.2.5 Assess and streamline requirements needed for design/build projects
- B.2.6 Evaluate benefits of doing small pipeline designs inhouse
- B.2.7 Maintain/update as-built drawings

EARL SCHMIDT FILTRATION PLANT



STRATEGY B.3 – OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES.

- B.3.1 Maintain all facilities and appurtenances in a consistent fashion to achieve operational efficiency and functionality
- B.3.2 Exercise / replace water system valves and appurtenant infrastructure
- B.3.3 Identify key areas and causes of leaks
- B.3.4 Evaluate opportunities to centralize staff to improve operating efficiency
- B.3.5 Continue providing effective wholesale water service to Los Angeles County Waterworks District #36
- B.3.6 Standardize and schedule the asphalt maintenance program
- B.3.7 Assess current maintenance intervals on infrastructure and benchmark to industry best practice

KPIs

1. Annual Major Capital Improvement Program (CIP) actual expenditures against planned (target >70%)
2. Maintain construction change orders within 5% of planned costs
3. Maintain Capital design expenditures within 10% of planned costs
4. Standardized CMMS by year 3
5. Conduct condition assessment on schedule
6. Track and report loss of/restoration of well production capacity
7. Set maintenance standards for critical components
8. Number of valves exercised compared to target (20% of total annually)
9. Number of meters replaced compared to planned (based on 15-year service life, 7% annually)
10. Maintain 100% of pressure control valves
11. Track and report number and volume of service leaks and main breaks
12. Track and report percent reactive vs planned maintenance



VALLEY CENTER WELL
TREATMENT FACILITY

GOAL C - SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY AND RESOURCES: IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS TO ENSURE THE SERVICE AREA HAS RELIABLE SUPPLIES OF WATER AND SUPPORTING RESOURCES.

By developing and protecting SCV Water’s water resources, SCVWA secures the supply reliability and water quality the Santa Clarita Valley depends on. The strategies below define the approach the organization will take to achieve the goal. Objectives are the measurable actions that track progress towards execution of the strategy.

Conduct planning to ensure long-term water demands and system resiliency needs are met.

STRATEGY C.1 – CONDUCT PLANNING TO ENSURE LONG-TERM WATER DEMANDS AND SYSTEM RESILIENCY NEEDS ARE MET.

- C.1.1 Complete the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan update and all associated Plans
- C.1.2 Continue groundwater basin monitoring and annual reporting of basin conditions in accordance with the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and complete the five-year update to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (first adopted in 2022)
- C.1.3 Update the Water Supply Reliability Plan every two years to verify the appropriate supply availability given supply and demand uncertainties. Initiate planning for projects identified in the plan to enhance long-term water supply reliability
- C.1.4 Update planning models with assumptions reflecting the most recent regulations and climate change data based on state-of-the-practice climate science approaches to ensure long-term water supply reliability and sustainability
- C.1.5 Renew/extend partnership with Rosedale Rio Bravo
- C.1.6 Support the development and implementation of a Water Demand Factor model for demand forecasting



SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN AT BRIDGEPORT PARK

STRATEGY C.2 – PROTECT THE SCV WATER INTERESTS IN THE STATE WATER PROJECT.

- C.2.1 Ensure that SCV Water operational plans utilizes available water supplies under its SWP contract and other water supply agreements that rely on SWP conveyance to meet customer water demands and store water for reliability enhancements and dry year use
- C.2.2 Participate in planning, financing, development and implementation of the Delta Conveyance Project
- C.2.3 Collaborate with DWR and other State Water Contractors to improve the administration of the SWP in a manner that promotes long-term cost effectiveness, operational reliability and supply availability
- C.2.4 Engage with other State Water Contractors and DWR on SWP facilities' reliability and maintenance
- C.2.5 Support efforts to improve reliability of imported water infrastructure
- C.2.6 Educate and keep community stakeholders informed of the status and importance of the regional and state water infrastructure

STRATEGY C.3 ADVANCE THE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF IMPORTED AND LOCAL WATER RESOURCES.

- C.3.1 Implement the Groundwater Sustainability Plan with SCV Water and other basin stakeholders to maximize integrated resource management, such as through basin monitoring and identification of private well use
- C.3.2 Support preparation of the SCV Water Recycled Water Master Plan Update and California Environmental Quality Act document
- C.3.3 Collaborate with interested partners to develop a foundation for a successful recycled water program
- C.3.4 Coordinate and analyze performance of new and existing water banking and exchange programs
- C.3.5 Coordinate additional dry-year recovery projects for the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Water Banking Program
- C.3.6 Identify and secure access or ownership of suitable groundwater recharge areas in the watershed for development of recharge programs
- C.3.7 Consider and potentially participate in Sites Reservoir project
- C.3.8 Evaluate and implement additional groundwater banking programs as needed

STRATEGY C.4 ADVANCE DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND ACHIEVE STATE MANDATED WATER USE EFFICIENCY TARGETS.

- C.4.1 Update water conservation planning to develop, implement and provide the framework for the Agency's water conservation initiatives
- C.4.2 Maintain and update the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Ordinance
- C.4.3 Support local and statewide regulations consistent with the updated goals of the water conservation plan
- C.4.4 Achieve the annual urban water use objectives in compliance with the Conservation Long-term Framework (AB 1668 and SB 606)
- C.4.5 Work with the Santa Clarita Valley Sustainable Water Action Taskforce or equivalent to further enhance retail purveyor, City and County drought and water conservation activities
- C.4.6 Reevaluate and prioritize outreach targets and methods to maximize rebates and incentive benefits to encourage additional conservation
- C.4.7 Develop equitable conservation/demand management programs to meet current and upcoming regulatory measures
- C.4.8 Evaluate infrastructure technology (AMI/AMR) and operational strategies to better manage demands
- C.4.9 Work with developers and/or permitting agencies to implement the appropriate water efficient landscapes in new development including non-functional turf requirements
- C.4.10 Promote drought tolerant and water efficient landscapes in the community
- C.4.11 Communicate and engage with customers the message that "conservation is a way of life"

KPIs

1. Track and report progress towards California conservation as a way of life standard
2. Level of conservation program participation (increase 5% annually)
3. Track and report progress on Commercial, Industrial and Institutional performance measure implementation
4. Track and report Non-Revenue Water as a percent of water supplied
5. Percentage of SWP allocation put into beneficial use annually (100%)
6. Complete mandated plans within schedule (yes or no)
7. Sufficient water storage and put-and-take capacity to ensure water banking program success in meeting annual demands (target: 95% confidence level)



GOAL D - HIGH QUALITY WATER: PROTECT THE QUALITY OF OUR WATER SUPPLIES AND ENSURE OUR DRINKING WATER MEETS OR SURPASSES ALL WATER QUALITY REQUIREMENTS.

Ensuring the water is safe to drink is a key commitment of SCV Water to the community we serve. The strategies below define the approach the organization will take to achieve the goal. Objectives are the measurable actions that track progress towards execution of the strategy.

STRATEGY D.1 – ACHIEVE 100% COMPLIANCE WITH DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS.

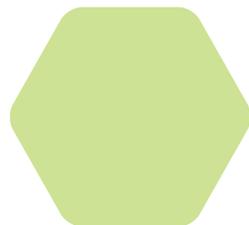
- D.1.1 Meet all applicable water quality regulations
- D.1.2 Evaluate a long-term strategy to provide consistent water quality across the service area (evaluate blending, well head softening, versus point-of-use homeowner expense of water softening systems)
- D.1.3 Engage the public to understand and meet customer’s water quality requirements/demands
- D.1.4 Communicate transparently regarding water quality trends and objectives
- D.1.5 Track and report water quality complaints
- D.1.6 Consolidate operating permits

STRATEGY D.2 – PROACTIVELY INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN GROUNDWATER TREATMENT INFRASTRUCTURE TO AVOID IMPACTS ON WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY (E.G., VOCS, PERCHLORATE, PFAS, ETC.).

- D.2.1 Engage in regulatory agency coordination, communication and collaboration toward the aggressive pursuit of responsible parties
- D.2.2 Continue litigation to hold parties responsible for groundwater contamination

STRATEGY D.3 – ANTICIPATE AND COMPLY WITH DRINKING WATER REGULATORY CHANGES.

- D.3.1 Track state and federal statutory and regulatory changes pertaining to the Safe Drinking Water Act
- D.3.2 Maintain interagency water quality communication collaborations
- D.3.3 Track and assess the impact of contaminants of emerging concern (CEC) on SCV Water
- D.3.4 Continue implementation of PFAS treatment
- D.3.5 Continue quarterly meetings with DDW



KPIs

1. Maintain compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act
2. Track and report loss of/restoration of well production capacity due to contamination
3. Goal E - Financial Resiliency: Maintain a long-range, transparent, stable and well-planned financial condition, resulting in current and future water users receiving fair and equitable rates and charges.
4. Managing the financial resources entrusted to SCV Water in a prudent manner ultimately reduces the cost of service to the community. The strategies below define the approach the organization will take to achieve the goal. Objectives are the measurable actions that track progress towards execution of the strategy.

GOAL E - FINANCIAL RESILIENCY: MAINTAIN A LONG-RANGE, TRANSPARENT, STABLE, AND WELL-PLANNED FINANCIAL CONDITION, RESULTING IN CURRENT AND FUTURE WATER USERS RECEIVING FAIR AND EQUITABLE RATES AND CHARGES.

Managing the financial resources entrusted to SCV Water in a prudent manner ultimately reduces the cost of service to the community. The strategies below define the approach the organization will take to achieve the goal. Objectives are the measurable actions that track progress towards execution of the strategy.

STRATEGY E.1 – ESTABLISH RATES AND CHARGES THAT COVER SCV WATER COSTS.

- E.1.1 Prepare supporting materials for Board consideration of new rates and charges (including standardized capacity fees, alternative rate structure, etc.)
- E.1.2 Identify and implement new revenue opportunities (e.g., Devil's Den property, energy recovery, etc.)
- E.1.3 Consider drought revenue recovery through update of rate structure
- E.1.4 Optimize grant opportunities to manage rate impacts

STRATEGY E.2 – INCREASE FOCUS ON FORWARD LOOKING FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

- E.2.1 Maintain a financial model that can forecast financial requirements and results through the service area buildout
- E.2.2 Implement tracking and assessment of debt portfolio
- E.2.3 Continue to track and assess SCV Water's debt portfolio

STRATEGY E.3 – EXPAND FINANCIAL & PERFORMANCE REPORTING.

- E.3.1 Establish management dashboards that will communicate operational performance to management and staff

STRATEGY E.4 – IMPROVE FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT.

E.4.1 Evaluate opportunities to hedge financial risks with insurance

STRATEGY E.5 – MAINTAIN OR IMPROVE THE AGENCY'S BOND RATING

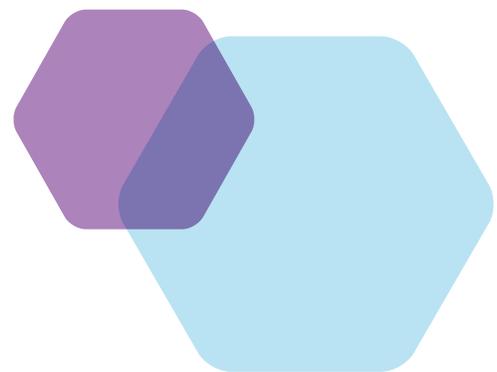
E.5.1 Evaluate rating agency requirements to improve bond ratings

E.5.2 Implement the findings as appropriate

KPIs

1. Maintain current bond rating
2. Meet debt service coverage ratio as defined in bond covenants
3. Maintain reserve fund targets at >80% as defined by policy
4. Actual costs meet or are less than budgeted costs

STATE WATER PROJECT





GOAL F - A HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAM: ATTRACT AND RETAIN QUALITY STAFF MEMBERS AND GROW A CULTURE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT THAT FOSTERS SCV WATER'S VALUES.

SCV Water's services depend on its trained and dedicated workforce. Maintaining a high-performance organization will achieve the goals, mission and vision of the organization. The strategies below define the approach the organization will take to achieve the goal. Objectives are the measurable actions that track progress towards execution of the strategy.

STRATEGY F.1 - CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT POST-MERGER INTEGRATION OF SCV WATER.

- F.1.1 Remain in compliance with the requirements of SB 634
- F.1.2 Optimize use of SCV Water real estate
- F.1.3 Assess facility consolidation opportunities (emergency materials staging, work/life balance issues, inventory, storage, workspace needs)

STRATEGY F.2 - PROMOTE THE AGENCY'S VALUES.

- F.2.1 Communicate SCV Water values across the organization
- F.2.2 Foster a climate of inclusivity and welcomeness. Emphasize to all employees the core mission of SCV Water and how diversity and inclusiveness in all aspects of the organization helps to contribute to that mission
- F.2.3 Continue to provide opportunities for employees to learn about the wider Agency scope of activities, what each department or group is responsible for and how that contributes to our mission
- F.2.4 Explore and provide additional opportunities for employees interested in cultural diversity at SCV Water to engage, learn and participate together

STRATEGY F.3 - PROMOTE AN OPEN AND PROFESSIONAL WORK ENVIRONMENT.

- F.3.1 Communicate the 5-year Strategic Plan to staff and the public
- F.3.2 Establish a tool and process for centralized communications to provide timely updates for all employees to regularly review (e.g., post department updates for project managers)
- F.3.3 Establish a change management process to ensure all affected departments are engaged
- F.3.4 Establish a streamlined chain of communication for decision-making
- F.3.5 Conduct bi-annual employee communications survey
- F.3.6 Continue to provide employees with "bottom-up" communication through all employee meetings (All Hands, etc.)
- F.3.7 Continue to provide General Manager-to-staff memos and quarterly employee newsletters
- F.3.8 Continue to regularly distribute The Pipeline, the employee e-newsletter
- F.3.9 Include staff in key planning/implementing of policy changes (clearly convey rationale for changes)



- F.3.10 Develop an innovation program (including a cross-departmental workgroup) to encourage, capture and deploy new ideas/suggestions
- F.3.11 Continue the EmpAct Committee activities to develop a comprehensive and consistent staff engagement strategy considering:
 - Establishing expectations for type, nature and frequency of communication within and across departments
 - Consider annual meet/greet, employee of the month, new employee mentoring program
- F.3.12 Develop an internal “Points of Contact” tool for staff to use to assist in identifying and involving key individuals in the Agency on particular issues
- F.3.13 Encourage cross department committees to solve Agency problems
- F.3.14 Restart bimonthly Lunch & Learns to include department updates
- F.3.15 Maintain and update Financial and Administrative policies

STRATEGY F.4 – ATTRACT, TRAIN AND RETAIN QUALITY STAFF.

- F.4.1 Continue to emphasize employee well-being, role in the organization, supervisor relationships and openness to new ideas
- F.4.2 Ensure SCV Water benefits remain competitive
- F.4.3 Develop clear career path mapping for employees and classifications to understand career growth within their specific roles at SCV Water
- F.4.4 Provide consistent rating approach in performance evaluations and clear metrics regarding criteria for step increases
- F.4.5 Encourage regular informal performance feedback to employees
- F.4.6 Assess alternative work schedule opportunities and trade-offs
- F.4.7 Evaluate span of control (currently up to 15:1)
- F.4.8 Identify and fill key staffing needs (e.g. additional crew in Operations)
- F.4.9 Continue to update job requirements, job classifications and appropriate pay levels
- F.4.10 Research compensation for licenses and certifications through market survey (e.g., crane operators)
- F.4.11 Continue team building strategy to foster trust and shared values (e.g. EmpAct Committee, quarterly all-employee meetings, regular field staff tailgates, etc.)



CUSTOMER CARE REPRESENTATIVE
ASSISTING CUSTOMER IN LOBBY



- F.4.12 Develop a comprehensive training plan considering:
- Providing facility tours for staff
 - Develop a job shadowing program
 - Develop coaching/mentoring program
 - Ensure all equal positions are trained to the same level
 - Providing training for teamwork and conflict management
 - Provide supervisor and management training (e.g., a Leadership Academy)
 - Continue supervisor training to enhance working knowledge and a general understanding of the SCV Water's recruitment and performance evaluation and other human relations processes
 - Assess adequacy of heavy equipment operations certification coverage
 - Train/re-train on Oracle and IT applications
 - Develop/document employee and Director onboarding approach
 - Promote the Employee Education Reimbursement Program
 - Promote training programs and opportunities through partner agencies (i.e. ACWA/JPIA, AWWA, etc.)
 - Promote personal development and the development of interpersonal skills
 - Train staff on grant administration
- F.4.13 Provide a method for employees to track workforce skills and training achievements.
- F.4.14 Implement and maintain a Health & Wellness Program including an annual health fair, as well as regularly sharing resources for physical, mental, emotional and financial health and wellness

STRATEGY F.5 – OPTIMIZE BUSINESS PROCESSES TO SUPPORT EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE.

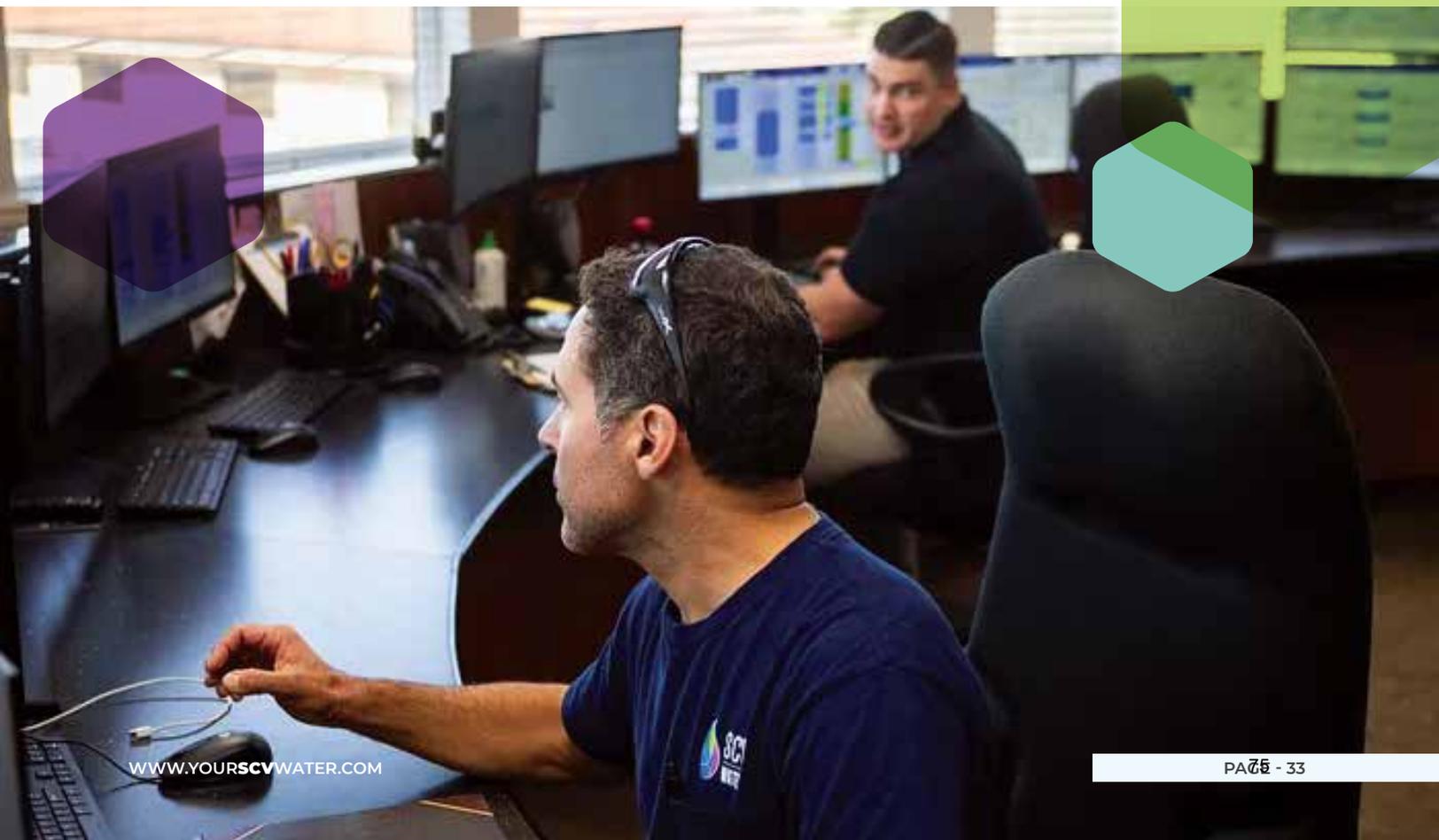
- F.5.1 Develop and implement a data governance framework including safe, ethical and responsible use of artificial intelligence (evaluate impact of AI on utility operations)
- F.5.2 Identify/document key business processes and procedures. Establish a standard procedure for:
- Change management process
 - As-builts/plans
 - Project closure process
- F.5.3 Identify and assess potential opportunities for automation
- F.5.4 Continue move to paperless processes
- F.5.5 Leverage technology to support inclusivity and participation

STRATEGY F.6 – IMPLEMENT INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATIONS ACROSS THE ORGANIZATION.

- F.6.1 Develop an Information Technology Strategic Plan
- F.6.2 Continue integration of IT/OT system/platforms
- F.6.3 Improve breadth, depth, quality and timeliness of business planning information
- F.6.4 Create useful dashboard(s) for conveying key business statistics to staff

- F.6.5 Implement integrated applications (Asset Management and data access) across the organization
- F.6.6 Continual improvement of technology and data risk management processes
- F.6.7 Expand usage of the agency intranet through education and work process integration
- F.6.8 Continue to maintain regular and routine computer replacement program and management of technology through an asset management approach
- F.6.9 Continue to maintain regular and routine network appliance replacement schedule
- F.6.10 Continue to update and modernize collaborative workspaces and Agency technology to meet the needs of the modern workforce
- F.6.11 Evaluate and implement data culture (e.g., governance and warehousing)
- F.6.12 Create one data system for water supply and production tracking
- F.6.13 Assess field crew communications methods/ technology and improve as appropriate
- F.6.14 Consolidate the various document management systems to one cloud-based Agency-wide solution
- F.6.15 Establish a centralized communications interface with timely updates for all employees to regularly review

WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS



KPIs - HR

1. Vacancy rate below 10%
2. Track number and types of certified and licensed staff and continuous professional development
3. Track and report completion of annual performance evaluations
4. Inclusion of employee input on career advancement plans (100%)
5. Conduct bi-annual employee communications survey

KPIs - TECH

1. Track and report service desk time to respond/resolve an internal customer issue
2. Network availability for Business and SCADA - High availability sites uptime percentage >99%
3. Conduct monthly live technology training (at least 1 training session per month)
4. Tech service desk internal customer satisfaction (satisfaction scores higher than 90%)
5. GIS data quality (modifications and updates >90% completion within 30 days or less from receipt of red-lines)
6. Track and report number of GIS data users (measure of Agency staff using GIS)



GOAL G – ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: ACHIEVE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

AND STRIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE POLICIES, PROJECTS AND PRACTICES.

Ensuring that we conduct our operations in a fashion that is sensitive to the environment and in compliance with environmental requirements is a key commitment of SCV Water to the community we serve. The strategies below define the approach the organization will take to achieve the goal. Objectives are the measurable actions that track progress towards execution of the strategy.

STRATEGY G.1 – COLLABORATE AND ENGAGE WITH PARTNERS TO ADVANCE WATERSHED RESILIENCY.

- G.1.1 Work through the Groundwater Sustainability Agency to protect the watershed
- G.1.2 Continue to work with NGOs to understand common goals within the community/watershed
- G.1.3 Engage in watershed nutrient and salinity management activities
- G.1.4 Develop and implement a plan for Arundo removal
- G.1.5 Monitor progress in Arundo removal plan and implantation
- G.1.6 Partner with the San District on recycled water
- G.1.7 Partner with the City of Santa Clarita on stormwater capture projects

STRATEGY G.2 – ANTICIPATE AND COMPLY WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY CHANGES.

- G.2.1 Achieve 100% compliance with environmental regulations
- G.2.2 Track state and federal environmental statutory and regulatory activity
- G.2.3 Encourage stakeholder collaborations that support the Agency's goals on environmental stewardship

STRATEGY G.3 – ADVANCE AGENCY SUSTAINABILITY PROFILE.

- G.3.1 Implement the Sustainability Plan
- G.3.2 Conduct organization-wide energy assessment to identify opportunities to reduce energy use
- G.3.3 Optimize facility operations to minimize power, supplies, chemicals and labor consumption
- G.3.4 Assess opportunities for power recovery from within the distribution system
- G.3.5 Evaluate SCV Water's solar power contracts and options to optimize the cost and value to SCV Water
- G.3.6 Develop and implement a transition plan to meet state electrification regulations
- G.3.7 Assess the carbon footprint of SCV Water
- G.3.8 Develop / implement appropriate emissions reductions
- G.3.9 Implement Battery Storage Project at the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant

KPIs

1. Track and report percent change in recycled water use
2. Maintain use of groundwater supplies consistent with the groundwater sustainability plan
3. Track and report greenhouse gas emissions
4. Track and report utility consumption of water and energy
5. Track and report progress towards conversion of fleet to alternative fuels
6. Track and report Renewable Energy Certificates
7. Maintain 90% operability of solar generation facilities
8. Track and report battery use and peak power offsets



GOAL H – SAFE AND SECURE WORKPLACE: MAINTAIN THE SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES

AND SECURE THE AGENCY’S PHYSICAL AND CYBER RESOURCES.

STRATEGY H.1 MAINTAIN A SAFE WORK ENVIRONMENT.

- H.1.1 Continue to provide all required and recommended safety training
- H.1.2 Continue to emphasize safety through weekly tailgate and safety meetings
- H.1.3 Conduct live confined space entry and rescue drill
- H.1.4 Conduct a live chemical spill response drill with local fire department and/or emergency services contractor
- H.1.5 Improve Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant road access gate
- H.1.6 Evaluate the need for additional Safety Department staff to meet the expanding safety needs of the Agency as it grows
- H.1.7 Expand Safety Committee functions to include topic specific subgroups for critical safety issues

STRATEGY H.2 MAINTAIN A SECURE WORK ENVIRONMENT.

- H.2.1 Emphasize, communicate and foster a security minded culture
- H.2.2 Evaluate/staff a dedicated security position
- H.2.3 Create Workplace Safety and Security policy for Safety Manual
- H.2.4 Continue the cross-departmental security and cybersecurity workgroup
- H.2.5 Assess and address current vulnerabilities and develop a comprehensive physical security strategy
- H.2.6 Conduct regular physical and cyber trainings
- H.2.7 Complete upgrade of Agency-wide security camera surveillance system

STRATEGY H.3 PLAN AND PREPARE FOR CATASTROPHIC EMERGENCIES.

- H.3.1 Review and update all Agency-specific emergency preparedness and response plans to ensure accuracy and consistency
- H.3.2 Evaluate materials needs for earthquake response
- H.3.3 Develop plan to convey local supplies within service area should a prolonged outage of imported water infrastructure occur
- H.3.4 Develop emergency power strategy to assure ability to respond to short-term and long-term power supply outages for key facilities
- H.3.5 Coordinate emergency response planning efforts with the regional water agencies, county and cities
- H.3.6 Identify and secure appropriate interagency agreements for emergency support

- H.3.7 Conduct emergency preparedness planning and training for all staff
- H.3.8 Conduct periodic tests of SCV Water’s disaster recovery plan
- H.3.9 Finalize and adopt the draft Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan
- H.3.10 Assess and mitigate fire threat to Agency assets
- H.3.11 Resolve criteria and goals for emergency supply and storage
- H.3.12 Develop Incident Management Team based on ICS structure
- H.3.13 Secure chlorine delivery supply chain
- H.3.14 Assess appropriate customer notification system in the event of outages

KPIs

1. Complete one ICS-based tabletop emergency exercise drill annually
2. Resolve Safety Support tickets within 15-days of submittal at least 50% of the time; >90% resolved within 30-days
3. Completion of annual physical security audit and related necessary remediation
4. Security camera uptime >90% of all cameras or remediated within 72 hours
5. Conduct routine safety inspections and correct >80% of issues noted within 30-days.
6. Maintain the number of days lost to workplace personal injuries to >15% below the industry rate (as reported in BLS)
7. >90% completion of all compliance safety training for staff (determined by employee’s job assignment)
8. Monthly cybersecurity training completion >85% participation completion
9. Maintain industry best practices regarding cybersecurity



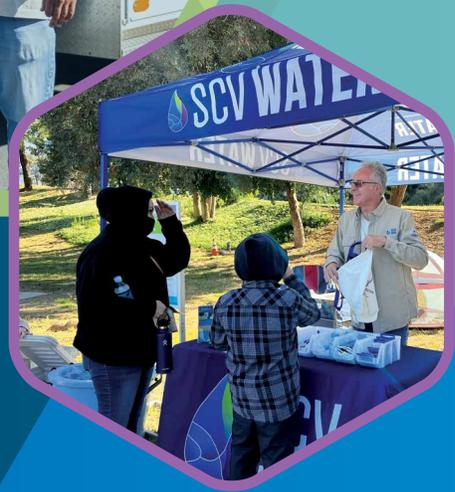
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GLOSSARY

The following key terms are used in this Strategic Plan:

Action Plan	A detailed set of tactical actions that will be developed in order for the strategies/objectives to be achieved.
Values	Non-negotiable standards that the staff and the Board believe in and embody how they will act individually and as an organization.
Goal	SCV Water's commitment to the community it serves.
Key Performance Indicator	Selected measure to indicate performance against a Strategic Plan Goal.
Mission	The primary reason(s) for the existence of the organization.
Objective	Measurable work activity that, when accomplished, will directly lead to the success of the strategy.
Issue	A problem or opportunity facing SCV Water.
Strategy	How an issue is solved to achieve the goal.
Strategic Plan	A structured plan to drive SCV Water to achieve its goals.
SWOT Analysis	Description of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to identify areas of focus in the Strategic Plan.
Vision	What SCV Water aspires to become.





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BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 6, 2024

TO: Board of Directors 

FROM: Keith Abercrombie
Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: Approve Adopting a Resolution Authorizing Change Order Authority to the General Manager for Olympian (North Oaks) Water Storage Tanks 1 and 4 Coating Project

SUMMARY

On November 11, 2023, work for the Olympian (North Oaks) Water Storage Tanks 1 & 4 Coating Project began. The work consists of removing and replacing the interior linings and spot repairs of the exterior epoxy to maintain the integrity and service life. During the project, there were several staff scope changes and several unforeseen site condition scope changes.

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors recommend the approval of adopting a resolution authorizing the General Manager to execute additional change orders in an amount not to exceed \$95,871.36 over the current five percent (5%) change order authority for the Olympian (North Oaks) Water Storage Tanks 1 & 4 Coating Project.

DISCUSSION

The Olympian (North Oaks) Tank 1 is a welded steel, above ground water storage tank built in 2000. It is one of four water storage tanks on site. The interior linings are the original coatings applied. All the interior steel surfaces, and appurtenances are coated with a thin film epoxy lining. The internal roof lap seams and roof/shell chime are not caulked. The exterior tank and appurtenance paint system includes a urethane finish coat. The tank lining has reached the end of its service life, and there are isolated locations with significant corrosion development. Significant corrosion has developed on the edges of roof support structure, roof structure fasteners and at an isolated area on the tank bottom.

The Olympian (North Oaks) Tank 4 is a welded steel, above ground tank built in 2000. It is one of four tanks on the site. The interior linings are the original coatings applied. All the interior steel surfaces, and appurtenances are coated with a thin film epoxy lining. The internal roof lap seams and roof/shell chime are not caulked. The exterior tank and appurtenance paint system includes a urethane finish coat. The tank lining has reached the end of its service life. Significant corrosion has developed on the edges of roof support structure, the overflow, and at an isolated area on the tank bottom.

During the project there have been three staff scope changes which included welded repairs to the rafters, use of dehumidification unit due to rain, and request to furnish and install a new roof vent for Olympian Tank 1.

The total costs of these change orders are within the General Manager's change order authority of five percent (5%) for this contract.

In addition to the scope changes discussed above for Tank 1, necessary changes for the center column and roof have been identified at the cost of \$95,871.36 for Olympian Tank 4. Upon sand blasting the center column and rafters inside the tank to remove the lining, it was discovered that additional repairs are needed to this area. The area of corrosion concern was identified around the center-most part of the roof support structure of the tank. The corrosion became apparent after the center of the tank was abrasive blast cleaned to bare metal. The recommendation is to replace several rafter ends with new sections and weld to shell, along with weld repairs to pits on the top plate of the column. This also requires that the roof plate be removed with the center vent to have access to the inner rafter ends. In order to facilitate a timely completion of the Project, staff is also requesting that the Board of Directors provide the General Manager an additional contingency for up to \$40,000 in further change orders.

STRATEGIC PLAN NEXUS

This project supports Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Strategic Plan B.1.1 – Implement capital projects related to infrastructure reliability.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funding for Olympian (North Oaks) Water Storage Tanks 1 and 4 Coating Project is provided through the CIP Storage Tank Improvements & Replacements budget and is included in the FY2023/24 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that The Board of Directors approve adopting the attached resolution authorizing the General Manager to execute a change order in an amount not to exceed \$95,871.36 and provide the General Manager authority to execute additional changes for up to \$40,000 without returning to the Board, if necessary, for a total of \$135,871.36 over the 5% change order authority for the Olympian (North Oaks) Water Storage Tanks 1 and 4 Coating Project.

Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-XXX

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY TO
THE GENERAL MANAGER FOR OLYMPIAN (NORTH OAKS)
WATER STORAGE TANKS 1 AND 4 COATING PROJECT**

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2023, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) Board of Directors approved a resolution for the Olympian (North Oaks) Water Storage Tanks 1 & 4 Coating Project (Project), The work consists of removing and replacing the interior linings and spot repairs of the exterior epoxy to maintain the integrity and service life. During the project, there were several staff scope changes and several unforeseen site condition scope changes; and

WHEREAS, as the previously approved Project, there have been three staff scope changes which included welded repairs to the rafters, use of dehumidification unit due to rain, and request to furnish and install a new roof vent for Olympian Tank 1; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the scope changes discussed above for Tank 1, necessary changes for the center column and roof have been identified at the cost of \$95,871.36 for Olympian Tank 4. Upon sand blasting the center column and rafters inside the tank to remove the lining, it was discovered that additional repairs are needed to this area. The area of corrosion concern was identified around the center-most part of the roof support structure of the tank. The corrosion became apparent after the center of the tank was abrasive blast cleaned to bare metal. The recommendation is to replace several rafter ends with new sections and weld to shell, along with weld repairs to pits on the top plate of the column. This also requires that the roof plate be removed with the center vent to have access to the inner rafter ends. In order to facilitate a timely completion of the Project, staff is also requesting that the Board of Directors provide the General Manager an additional contingency for up to \$40,000 in further change orders; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Agency's Purchasing Policy, the General Manager's change order authority is equal to five percent (5%) of the original contract amount; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency best interest that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to execute additional change orders in an amount not to exceed \$95,871.36 over the current five percent (5%) change order authority for the Olympian (North Oaks) Water Storage Tanks 1 & 4 Coating Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute a change order in an amount not to exceed \$95,871.36 and provide the General Manager authority to execute additional changes for up to \$40,000 without returning to the Board, if necessary, for a total of \$135,871.36 over the 5% change order authority for the Olympian (North Oaks) Water Storage Tanks 1 and 4 Coating Project.

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**RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY TO THE
GENERAL MANAGER FOR OLYMPIAN (NORTH OAKS)
WATER STORAGE TANKS 1 AND 4 COATING PROJECT**

**Regular Board Meeting
February 20, 2024**

James Saenz
Water Systems Supervisor

OLYMPIAN TANKS 1 & 4 COATING

- On November 11, 2023, work for the Olympian Water Storage Tanks 1 & 4 Coating Project began.
- The project consists of removing and replacing the interior linings and spot repairs of the exterior epoxy to maintain the integrity and service life.
- During the project, there were several staff-initiated scope changes and several unforeseen site condition scope changes.

SCOPE CHANGES

- There have been three staff-initiated scope changes which included welded repairs to the rafters, use of dehumidification due to rain, and request to furnish and install a new roof vent for Olympian Tank 1.
- The total costs of these change orders are within the General Manager's change order authority of five percent (5%) for this contract.

SCOPE CHANGES

- Upon sand blasting the center column and rafters inside Tank 4, it was discovered that additional repairs are needed to this area.
- Area of corrosion concern was identified around the center-most part of the roof support structure of the tank.
- It was also recommended to replace several rafter ends with new sections and weld to shell, along with repairs to pits on the top plate of the column.
- This work requires that the roof plate be removed with the center vent in order to have access to the inner rafter ends.



SCOPE CHANGES

- In addition to the scope changes discussed above, for Tank 1, these necessary changes for the center column and roof have been identified at the cost of \$95,871.36 for Olympian Tank 4.

SCOPE CHANGES

- To facilitate a timely completion of the Project, staff is also requesting that the Board of Directors provide the General Manager an additional contingency for up to \$40,000 in further change orders.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Directors approve adopting a resolution authorizing the General Manager to execute a change order in an amount not to exceed \$95,871.36 and provide the General Manager authority to execute additional changes for up to \$40,000 without returning to the Board, if necessary, for a total of \$135,871.36 over the 5% change order authority for the Olympian Water Storage Tanks 1 and 4 Coating Project.



MEMORANDUM

To: Los Angeles County Independent Special Districts

From: William F. Kruse, Special Counsel 

Date: January 8, 2024

Subject: Nomination of Candidates for Special District Voting Member

As you know, since 1994 special districts in Los Angeles County have been represented by two voting members and one alternate member of the Local Agency Formation Commission. On May 6, 2024, the four-year term for Special District Voting Member Don Dear will conclude. On behalf of the special districts of Los Angeles County, LAFCO has appointed us to assist in conducting the elections to fill these vacancies.

By law, independent special district seats on LAFCO are filled by the Special District Selection Committee. That Committee is made up of the presiding officers of each independent special district in Los Angeles County.

In order to expedite the process of electing the voting member, I have included a form to be used to nominate candidates for consideration for the position. After nominations are received, each district will receive a complete package of nominee resumes, together with a ballot for consideration by the presiding officer of your board. Voting will be conducted by mailed ballot.

Nominations for the Committee’s consideration are welcome. Please provide as much relevant information about the candidates as reasonably possible. Any biographical information and/or candidate statement should be **limited to one page**. Please remember that, to be eligible, the nominee must be an elected official or appointed to your board for a fixed term, but shall not be members of the legislative body of a city or county (Government Code § 5633(c)). Nominations must be received in the office of Lagerlof, LLP, **ATTN: WILLIAM F. KRUSE**, no later than **5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2024**.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions.
 Voice: (626) 793-9400
 Fax: (626) 793-5900

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NOMINATION
OF
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT **VOTING MEMBER**
TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

To: Independent Special District Selection Committee

From: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors

Date: February 20, 2024

Name of Candidate: Dirk Marks

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency is pleased to nominate

as a candidate for appointment as special district **voting**

member to the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission. The nominee is an elected official or a member of the board of an independent special district appointed for a fixed term. For your consideration, we submit the following additional information together with a resume of the candidate's qualifications.

Elective office: Division 2 Director

Agency: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Type of Agency: Special Act Water Agency

Term Expires: January 2027

Residence Address: 27633 Yardley Way, Valencia, CA 91354

Telephone: 661 713-8496

PLEASE ATTACH RESUME OR CANDIDATE STATEMENT (limit one page)

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

(Name of Agency)

By: _____

Its: President

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LAFCO Nomination Attachment for Dirk Marks

Dirk Marks is a registered professional engineer with over 40 years of experience in water resource management and planning and is well qualified to support LAFCO's efforts to assure the orderly and efficient provision of public services. His qualifications include:

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board Member

- Currently serving as Division 2 Director through 2026
- Member of Water Resources and Watershed Committee

Association of California Water Agencies

- Serving on Groundwater Committee

Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency

- Director representing SCV Water

SCV Water/Castaic Lake Water Agency Work Experience

- Participated in consolidation of three water agencies to form SCV Water
- Managed or oversaw preparation of key planning documents including:
 - 2010, 2015, and 2020 Urban Water Management Plan
 - Supply Reliability Report
 - Regional Water Use Efficiency Strategic Plan
 - Groundwater Sustainability Plan for Santa Clara River East Subbasin
 - Annexation of Tesoro Del Val into SCV Water
- Represented SCV Water in several multi-agency organizations including:
 - Safe Clean Water Program Santa Clara River Watershed Steering Committee
 - State Water Contractors Operations and Maintenance Committee
 - State Water Contractors Delta Conveyance Contract Amendment Team
 - Sites Reservoir Committee
- Negotiated multiple bilateral water banking and water transfer agreements

Other Work Experience

- 21-years at Metropolitan Water District managing imported water supplies
- 7-years in private sector designing and inspecting water projects

Education

- Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering, CSU Long Beach
- Completed California Special District Leadership Academy

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