

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – March 5, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held at Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 23780 Pine Street, Newhall, CA 91321 at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 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, Beth Braunstein, William Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Ken Petersen.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Ed Colley.

Also present: Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Rochelle Patterson, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Communications Manager Kevin Strauss, Director of Technology Services Cris Perez, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, General Counsel Joe Byrne, General Manager Matthew Stone, Information Technology Technician I Oliver Molina, Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas, Water Resources Planner Ernesto Velazquez, 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 March 5, 2024 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Director Armitage and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including the revised meeting minutes and Resolution Nos. SCV-410, SCV-411, SCV-412, SCV-413 and SCV-414 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		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-410

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 LIBRARY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT #5, 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

ANTELOPE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA CLARITA LIBRARY, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT "ANNEXATION NO. 1116"

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-411

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. 1130"

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-412

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION OF L 038-2020 TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-413

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION OF L 038-2020 TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-414

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR
CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA
VALLEY WATER AGENCY APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE
NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES
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Communications Manager Kevin Strauss presented the 2023 Communications Year in Review (Item 6).

Water Resources Planner Ernesto Velazquez presented the Water Recharge Feasibility Study Update (Item 7).

General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 8).

The General Manager reported on the following:

He updated the Board on his recent vacation and his attendance at the International Folk Music Conference in Kansas City.

He advised the Board of Roger Hitchen's retirement and retirement luncheon held last week.

He mentioned the recent meeting that took place with the Whittaker-Bermite Ownership Group that focused on implementing the Saugus 1 and 2 Settlement Agreement.

He informed the Board of the complaints received by staff and staff's response to the Chiquita Canyon Landfill. Staff responded both verbally and by sampling the water in that area.

Lastly, he gave a quick updated on the Boardroom reconfiguration.

Committee Meeting Recap Report for Informational Purposes Only (Item 9).

There were no comments on the recap report.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 10).

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

There were no other comments on the written reports.

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

President's Report (Item 11).

President Martin updated the Board on upcoming meetings and events.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 12).

A written report was submitted by Vice President Gutzeit which was included in the Board packet and is part of the record and one written report was submitted by President Martin which was emailed, posted to the website and is part of the record.

Vice President Orzechowski reported that he attended the SCV Chamber of Commerce February Business After Hours Mixer held at Tommy's in Castaic on February 21, 2024.

Director Braunstein reported that she attended the Special District North Los Angeles County Chapter General Membership luncheon held at The Centre on February 21, 2024.

Director Cooper reported that he attended the Special District North Los Angeles County Chapter General Membership luncheon held at The Centre on February 21, 2024.

Director Marks reported that he attended the Special District North Los Angeles County Chapter General Membership luncheon held at The Centre on February 21, 2024.

Director Armitage reported that she attended the Special District North Los Angeles County Chapter General Membership luncheon held at The Centre on February 21, 2024.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 13).

Director Armitage mentioned that CSDA and USC Price EXED Forum are hosting the virtual Special Districts Resilience Summit being held on April 12, 2024. It is free to CSDA members and will cover several topics of interest. She mentioned she could send the information if anyone should be interested.

Lastly, she thanked staff for all their hard work in moving the Board meetings to Pine Street while the RVWTP Boardroom is under reconfiguration/remodeling.

There were no other Director reports.

Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 14).

There were no requests for approval for event attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM (Item 15).

Signature on File
April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Signature on File
President of the Board



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