

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – November 17, 2020

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held via teleconference at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present via teleconference: General Manager Matthew Stone, General Counsel Tom Bunn and Joe Byrne, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Customer Service Manager Kathleen Willson, Principal Engineer Jason Yim, Senior Engineer Jim Leserman, Associate Engineer Elizabeth Sobczak, GIS Supervisor/Planner Jose Huerta, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Public Information Officer Kathie Martin, Executive Assistant Leticia Quintero, Administrative Assistant Terri Bell, IT Technician Jonathan Thomas and members of the public.

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

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

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

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The Agency Act, as amended by SB 387, provides that at the next regular meeting of the Board following the 2020 general election, the Board shall choose by lot the seat of one of the Directors elected at the 2020 general election, which shall result in the Director elected to that seat at the 2024 general election serving a two-year term. Subsequent elections for the seat of the Director chosen by lot to serve a two-year term shall be conducted at the 2026 general election, and on that four-year election cycle thereafter.

General Counsel Tom Bunn conducted the lot drawing by reading out loud the names of each of those with the highest votes, per Division, as of November 17, 2020 at 2:28 PM. Each of those names had been typed on a sheet of paper and in no particular order were shown to the camera, folded and placed in a box. The Board Secretary April Jacobs then on camera selected one folded sheet of paper, which was read and shown to the camera the name of the person who then would serve a term of four years until the 2024 general election at which time that seat would then become a two-year seat and return to a four-year term in the 2026 general election.

Names placed in the box and shown on camera were:

Division 1  
Beth Braunstein  
Gary Martin

Division 2  
Ed Colley  
Piotr Orzechowski

Division 3  
B. J. Atkins  
Kathy Armitage

The name the Board Secretary selected was Director B. J. Atkins from Division 3. His seat will become the two-year seat in the 2024 general election and then return to a four-year seat in the 2026 general election (Item 5).

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Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Mortensen and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar which included Resolution Nos. SCV-181 and SCV-182 by the following roll call votes (Item 6):

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. SCV-181**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO  
GSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR THE RIO VISTA WATER TREATMENT  
PLANT CHLORINE SCRUBBER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-111720-Resolution-SCV-181.pdf>**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. SCV-182**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SIMPSON SANDBLASTING & SPECIAL  
COATINGS, INC. FOR NEWHALL TANK NO. 2 INTERIOR RECOAT AND REPAIR  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$261,000**

**<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-111720-Resolution-SCV-182.pdf>**

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Upon motion of Director DiPrimio, seconded by Director Ford and carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. SCV-183 (1) authorizing the General Manager to execute the proposed amendment to Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's long-term water supply contract with

DWR to provide for enhanced water management tools and (2) make responsible agency findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the Final Environmental Impact Report for the State Water Project Supply Contract Amendments for Water Management, and adopt CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Project by the following roll call votes (Item 7.1):

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

### RESOLUTION NO. SCV-183

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY (1) AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY'S LONG TERM WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO SUPPLEMENT AND CLARIFY WATER MANAGEMENT TOOLS REGARDING TRANSFERS AND EXCHANGES OF SWP WATER; AND (2) MAKING RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FINDINGS PURSUANT TO CEQA FOR THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE STATE WATER PROJECT SUPPLY CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR WATER MANAGEMENT, AND ADOPTING CEQA FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS**

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Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. SCV-184 (1) authorizing the General Manager to inform the Department of Water Resources that the Agency desires to participate in the Delta Conveyance Project at a 2.6% participation level, (2) authorizing the General Manager to execute a funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources for environmental planning costs associated with the Delta Conveyance Project in the amount of up to \$8,852,849 (3) authorizing the General Manager to enter the amended Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Joint Powers Agreement; and (4) directed the General Manager to have staff prepare and file a Notice of Exemption within five working days of the approval of said resolution that the Agency's actions are not a "project" requiring environmental review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15378 and, alternatively, are statutorily exempt from CEQA review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15262 by the following roll call votes (Item 7.2):

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

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-184**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY (1) AUTHORIZING A LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT; (2) AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COSTS FOR THE PROJECT; (3) AUTHORIZE ENTERING INTO THE DELTA CONVEYANCE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT; AND (4) DETERMINING THAT THE ACTIONS ARE EXEMPT FROM CEQA**

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General Counsel Tom Bunn updated the Board on Enactment of AB 992 (Item 8).

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

The General Manager reported that the PFAS Strike Team consisting of staff and consultants continue to work on the design of the next locations for added wellhead treatment so that impacted wells can be brought back into service.

He announced that the Agency also filed litigation in a multi-district case in Federal Court in South Carolina in an effort to recover monetary damages from a group of chemical manufacturers.

He updated the Board on the recent restart of his monthly one-on-one meetings with Board members over the last few months.

He stated that he had an opportunity to have a discussion with the Board leadership regarding his 2020 performance evaluation. He expressed his appreciation for the thoughtful feedback, both positive and constructive, that the Board provided in that process.

Lastly, he mentioned that we are approaching nine months of COVID-19 operations. He noted we will be providing information in response to the State Water Resources Control Board survey of water agencies to determine financial impacts of COVID-19. On a side note, he stated from the looks of things, we could have another 4 to 6 months before vaccinations are widely available.

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

There were no comments on the recap report.

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**President's Report (Item 11).**

President Martin updated the Board on the ACWA Fall 2020 virtual event.

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**AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 12).**

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

Director Cooper gave a brief update on the November 17, 2020 Central Park Ad Hoc Committee meeting where Directors E. Colley, Mortensen and himself as well as SCV Water staff and the City Manager Ken Striplin attended virtually. He stated the meeting was to get a better understanding of the requests by the Muehlberger and Blackwell families pertaining to the Central Park signage and the motion that was passed by the Santa Clarita City Council. He reported that the Ad Hoc Committee had a better understanding of what has occurred to this point since SCV Water was not involved with the beginning discussions. He stated that the Central Park Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting again and hopefully will come back to the Board with a recommendation.

Vice President Gutzeit reported that she attended the teleconference review meeting with the General Manager on November 9, 2020.

Director Atkins reported that he attended the ACWA teleconference Local Government Committee meeting on October 27, 2020, attended the CSDA teleconference Legislative Committee meeting on November 6, 2020 and attended the ACWA Regions Virtual Event Series – Zooming Through California on November 12, 2020.

Director's E. Colley and Mortensen reported that they attended the Central Park Ad Hoc Committee teleconference meetings held on October 27, 2020 and November 17, 2020.

Director Ford reported that he met with the General Manager via teleconference for a one-on-one Director meeting on November 9, 2020.

Director Plambeck reported that she met with the General Manager at Central Park for a one-on-one Director meeting on November 10, 2020.

There were no further AB 1234 Reports.

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**Director Reports (Item 13).**

There were no Director reports.

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

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

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**Request for Future Agenda Items (Item 15).**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 PM (Item 16).

  
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April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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President of the Board

