

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – October 20, 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, October 20, 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 Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Tech Services Cris Perez, Senior Engineer Shadi Bader, Associate Engineer Elizabeth Sobczak, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Public Information Officer Kathie Martin, Administrative Assistant Terri Bell, IT Technician Craig Larsen, Baron and Budd Attorney Scott Summy, and members of the public.

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

Upon motion of Director K. Colley, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved the Amended 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

Upon motion of Director Plambeck, seconded by Director K. Colley and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar which included Resolution No. SCV-179 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

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-179**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO  
EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE**



**VALLEY CENTER WELL PFAS GROUNDWATER TREATMENT  
MATERIALS PURCHASE PROJECT**

**<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-102020-Resolution-SCV-179.pdf>**

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**General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 6).**

The General Manager thanked the families and community members for their comments on the Central Park dedication. He mentioned that we have a process to complete and having the time to do that as a public agency is important and we appreciate the sentiments and forbearance for that process. He also stated that on a personal note, he has been a member of this community for about 5 years and Central Park has been very important to him as well. He has seen a vibrant amount of activity that has been created in the space and the partnership that lead to this is a really big piece of our community. He stated he is proud of the former Castaic Lake Water Agency and SCV Water's willingness to commit that property and work with the City to develop it for the Santa Clarita Valley community.

He also mentioned the JPIA's recent visit to the Agency's facilities where they reviewed and gave some suggestions on our ever and ongoing efforts to work on Risk Management and Loss Control, as an insured Agency through the JPIA. One of the items that came to light during their visit was reviving our participation in their Commitment to Excellence Program. The former CLWA had been a participant in that program and with the merger it is one of those things that we should have on our "to do list" to bring to the Board. Staff has been looking at the program and verifying that we can meet those commitments. He mentioned that he thinks these are things that we normally do or should do and the Boards part is to adopt a Resolution in support of those activities. This will be a future agenda item for Board approval.

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**Committee Meeting Recap Report for Informational Purposes Only (Item 7).**

There were no comments on the recap reports.

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**President's Report (Item 8).**

President Martin reminded the Board that the November 3, 2020 regular Board meeting has been cancelled and that there will be a special meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. Lastly he updated the Board on upcoming virtual meetings/events.

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**AB 1234 Reports (Item 9).**

Written reports were submitted by Vice President Gladbach and were included in the Board packet which is part of record. Additional written reports were submitted by President Martin and



Director Atkins which were posted on the SCV Water website, OnBoard and are part of the record.

Vice President Gladbach and Director Atkins reported that they attended the ACWA Regions Virtual Event Series on October 20, 2020.

There were no further AB 1234 Reports.

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**Director Reports (Item 10).**

There were no Director reports.

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The Board went into Closed Session at 7:27 PM (Item 11).

The Board was instructed to disconnect from the current call and redial in on a separate teleconference line that was provided to them. President Martin instructed the public members and staff who wanted to stay on the call, to stay on the current teleconference line and once Closed Session has ended, the Board will reconvene for Closed Session announcements and the conclusion of the meeting.

President Martin reconvened the Open Session at 8:15 PM.

Tom Bunn, Esq., reported that pertaining to Item 11.1 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (Two Cases), the Board took the following actions:

By motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Director Plambeck and carried, the Board voted to authorize a lawsuit against the manufactures of PFAS chemical products for the contamination of the Agency’s groundwater by the following roll call votes:

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

By motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board voted to file an Answer in the Validation Action filed by the Department of Water Resources regarding its ability to use revenue bonds to pay for the Delta Conveyance Project by the following roll call votes:

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

There were no other actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 12).

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**Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 13).**

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

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**Request for Future Agenda Items (Item 14).**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM (Item 15).

  
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April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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President of the Board

