

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – April 6, 2021

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, April 6, 2021. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathye Armitage, Beth Braunstein, Ed Colley, William Cooper, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen, Piotr Orzechowski and Lynne Plambeck via teleconference.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: B. J. Atkins.

Also present via teleconference: General Manager Matthew Stone, General Counsels 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, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord, Director of Tech Services Cris Perez, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Human Resources Manager Ari Mantis, Principal Engineers Jason Yim, Senior Engineer Shadi Bader and Jim Leserman, Associate Engineer Elizabeth Sobczak, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Customer Services Manager Kathleen Willson, Executive Assistant's Eunie Kang and Leticia Quintero, Senior Office Assistant Terri Bell, Accounting Tech II Kyle Arnold, and members of the public.

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

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

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Absent
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Vice President Mortensen, seconded by Director Kelly and carried, the Board pulled Item 5.2 for further discussion and approved the remaining items on the Consent Calendar by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Absent
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Item 5.2 authorizing the General Manager to execute an amendment extending the term of the Recycled Water Purchase Agreement with the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District was

removed from the agenda and will be considered at the April 20, 2021 regular Board meeting because the Board wanted to review a copy of the proposed amendment before approval.

Upon motion of Vice President Gladbach, seconded by Director Braunstein and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-205 authorizing the restructuring of the VWD Acquisition Interfund Loan as presented at tonight's meeting by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Absent
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-205

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE VALENCIA WATER DIVISION ACQUISITION INTERFUND LOAN

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-040621-Resolution-SCV-205.pdf>

Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell presented and reviewed the revised Proposition 218 Notice for Retail Water Rates (Item 7).

After discussion, the Board voted to leave the proposed language on page 7 of the Proposition 218 Notice that pertains to the method in which written protests may be filed as proposed, by motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Vice President Mortensen and carried, by the following roll call votes (Item 7):

Director Armitage	No	Director Atkins	Absent
Director Braunstein	No	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	No

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

There was no General Manager's report given.

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

Director Armitage expressed her excitement about the plans for the Conservatory Garden and Education Experience that was shared in the March 10, 2021 Water Resources and Watershed Committee Report and presented at that meeting. She feels it will be a great upgrade and hopes to see plenty of California native plants on full display for when our ratepayers and customers come visit the newly refurbished garden.

There were no other comments on the recap reports.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes only (Item 10).

Director Armitage had a question regarding the Finance, Administration and Information Technology Section report. She wanted to know why the Agency is recruiting for a temporary Water Quality Scientist, whether this position is going to be filled as a staff position or a consulting position and why is it going to be temporary.

Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord stated that one of our lab scientist is going out on ELA, and the temporary person will be used for support in the lab until that employee returns. This is a temporary person.

There were no other comments on the written reports.

President's Report (Item 11).

The President updated the Board on upcoming meetings and events.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 12).

Written reports were submitted by President Martin, Vice President's Gladbach and Mortensen and Directors Armitage, Colley, Ford and Plambeck which were included in the Board packet. An additional written report was submitted by Director Orzechowski which is posted on the SCV Water website and is part of the record.

President Martin reported that he and Directors Atkins and Cooper attended the SCV-GSA Board Meeting held virtually on April 5, 2021.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 13).

Director Orzechowski stated that there will be a summit to discuss COVID-19 mitigation which will take place on April 15, 2021 at 7:00 AM. The official name is WTTC/Carnival Corporation 2021 Global Scientific Summit on COVID-19 and he would urge all the Directors to attend if they can. He mentioned there will be a lot of good information that will be presented.

Director Cooper reported that Governor Newsom announced today that if things stay as they are he will be reopening California on June 15, 2021. Further, he advised the Board that this may affect how we currently meet for Board and Committee meetings and he felt that we should start preparing for when and if this happens in the near future.

There were no other Director reports.

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:13 PM (Item 14).

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 8:54 PM.

Tom Bunn, Esq., reported that pertaining to Item 14.2, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, (1) Amended Claim of Boucher LLP on Behalf of Multiple Claimants, dated March 22, 2021, (2) Individual and Representative Claim of Boucher LLP on Behalf of Multiple Individual Claimants and a Purported Class, Dated March 23, 2021 and (3) Any and All Claims that Arise from Incident Regarding FivePoint Magic Mountain Tank Sand Blasting, Located at 26975U Westridge Parkway, Against Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Claim for Personal Injury and Property Damage the Board voted to reject the claims and send them to the ACWA/JPIA by motion of Vice President Gladbach, seconded by Director Ford and carried, by the following roll call votes:

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Absent
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that there were no other actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 15).

Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 16).

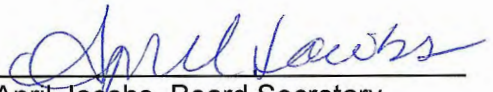
Director Armitage asked for approval to attend the Virtual Southern California Water Coalition “Drought: Are We Ready?” event held on April 29, 2021. President Martin approved for Board attendance.

There were no other Director requests for event attendance.

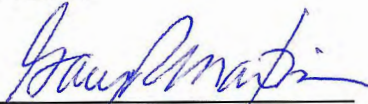
Requests for Future Agenda Items (Item 17).

There were no requests for future Agenda items at this time however, Director Plambeck asked at the beginning of the meeting for staff to look into hiring more minority and women based consultants companies.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM (Item 18).


April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:


President of the Board

