

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – January 19, 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, January 19, 2021. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jeff Ford.

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 Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Director of Tech Services Cris Perez, Controller Amy Aguer, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, GIS Supervisor/Planner Jose Huerta, Principal Engineers Brent Payne and Jason Yim, Senior Engineers Shadi Bader and Jim Leserman, Associate Engineer Elizabeth Sobczak, Water Resources Planners Sarah Fleury and Ernesto Velazquez, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Administrative Analyst Cheryl Fowler; Executive Assistant Leticia Quintero, Administrative Assistant Terri Bell, IT Technician Jonathan Thomas, Accounting Tech II Kyle Arnold, and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was present.

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

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Absent
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 Gladbach, seconded by Vice President Mortensen and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

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

Assistant General Manager Steve Cole gave a presentation regarding the Department of Water and Power reduced releases from Bouquet Canyon Reservoir and Principal

Engineering Brent Payne gave an update on the LARC Ranch Pipeline Project (Item 6.1).

Assistant General Manager Steve Cole and Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord gave an update on the PFAS Groundwater Treatment Implementation Plan (Item 6.2).

Water Resources Planner Sarah Fleury gave an update on the Status of the 2021 Water Supplies (Item 6.3).

Due to the lateness of the meeting and attorneys standing by for Closed Session the Board took Item 11 next and went into Closed Session at 9:27 PM (Item 11).

The Board was instructed to disconnect from the current meeting 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 meeting 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 11:13 PM.

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 12).

President's Report (Item 8).

President Martin asked the Board to consider and approve continuing the suspension of the limitations of single day events through June 2021.

Upon motion of Vice President Gladbach, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved continuing the suspension of the limitations of single day events though June 2021 by the following roll call votes (Item 8.1):

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

General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 7).

The General Manager updated the Board on the need for an appointee for the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority.

He mentioned that the Board had recently approved the next level of participation in the planning process for the Delta Conveyance Facility. He stated that the Board had also approved entering into a revised Joint Powers Authority, called the Delta Design and Construction

Authority (DCA), which is comprised of Agency's that are potentially participating in the project and are participating in this stage of the planning and environmental work.

The DCA Joint Powers Agreement was approved by the Board as well, and there have been a number of changes from the original Agreement, which had an original group of core members consisting of Metropolitan, Kern, Santa Clara and a few others. That membership has been expanded to better represent all of the potential participants who have expressed interest in the Delta Conveyance Project and as part of that there is a board representation structure that has seven seats. SCV Water shares one seat with Dudley Ridge Water District, and possibly two others in the future depending on ultimate participation in the project. At this time, the Agency chooses the primary Director and Dudley Ridge Water District will choose an alternate Director that will serve in the absence of the primary Director.

They first meeting of the body will be in February 2021. He has consulted with President Martin and shared the nature of the appointed Director and that roll. In addition, he mentioned that the DCA meets one or two times a month, one standing meeting and other meetings periodically. The DCA essentially will provide input to DWR on the planning, and potential design and construction of the Delta Conveyance Project if it were to move forward. The DCA is subject to the Brown Act and as a result, its meetings are open to the public.

The General Manager had no further reports.

President's Report Continued (Item 8).

Pertaining to the General Managers report, President Martin advised the Board that after discussion with the General Manager and confirming with General Counsel, the Board President has the authority to appoint a representative to the DCA Board. He indicated that he spoke with Vice President's Gladbach and Mortensen to get their input and that they felt that given his experience as a water engineer he would be best suited for the position. He then advised the Board that he will be filling this appointed seat and the General Manager will be notifying the DCA Board (Item 8.2).

The President then updated the Board on upcoming events and reminded them that there would be a special Board meeting on February 1, 2021, for the Board to take their mandated Sexual Harassment and Prevention training. He mentioned this meeting would be virtual and start at 6:00 PM.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal 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 Directors Atkins and Plambeck which were posted on the SCV Water website, OnBoard and are part of the record.

There were no further AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 10).

There were no Director reports.

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

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

Request for Future Agenda Items (Item 14).

Director Plambeck mentioned that she has previously requested that the Board discuss a possible Lifeline rate and had hoped that it was going to be on the Public Outreach and Legislative Committee's January 2021 meeting.

Vice President Gladbach stated that this item will be on the Public Outreach and Legislative Committee Agenda in February 2021 to allow staff time to get more background.

Director Armitage asked if we should be concerned about the water quality in schools since many of the schools were shut down or are being partially used. She expressed concern for when the children go back to school, wanting to make sure that the water is safe for drinking out of the fountains. Since we know that buildings that are closed for a long period of time and have stagnant water can have water quality issues.

General Manager Stone stated that we could put this item on the Agenda, however there may be a more direct approach that we could do. He mentioned that there is guidance for reopening buildings that has been put out by the CDC, Health Department and AWWA. He suggested that instead of putting this on the agenda that he work with Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord and Communications Manager Kathie Martin to see what we can do to focus some communication directly towards the school districts. He stated that they could do that and then report back to the Engineering and Operations Committee, if that was acceptable, which it was.

Director Orzechowski asked that staff present a basic operation costs and capital improvement projects costs as they were in 2020 and then have operating costs for each of the successive years that we will be installing the PFAS facilities. He wants to see how much we would possibly be short in each year.

General Manager Stone stated that a rate presentation is going to the Board on February 2, 2021. This is the presentation that came out of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting with some revisions based on the input staff received and some additional information. He thinks the presentation will address many of Director Orzechowski's questions and Director Orzechowski was good with this approach.

There were no other requests for future agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 PM in memory of our General Counsel Joe Byrne's mother, Marguerite "Chickie" Byrne, who passed away on January 17, 2021 (Item 15).



April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



Paul Martin
President of the Board

