

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – October 5, 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, October 5, 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, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen, Piotr Orzechowski and Lynne Plambeck via teleconference.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present via teleconference: General Manager Matthew Stone, General Counsel Joe Byrne, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Controller Amy Aguer, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, Customer Service Manager Kathleen Willson, Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, GIS Manager Jose Huerta, Principal Water Resources Planner Rick Viergutz, Water Conservation Specialist I Julia Grothe, Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Management Analyst II Cheryl Fowler, Executive Assistants Eunie Kang and Leticia Quintero, Administrative Technician Terri Bell, Accounting Tech II Kyle Arnold, Best Best and Krieger Attorney Glen Price, 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 Gladbach, seconded by Vice President Mortensen and carried, the Board approved the Amended Agenda pulling Items 6.1, 6.3 and 14.6 which will not be discussed at tonight’s meeting 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	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Plambeck and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar excluding item 5.2 which was pulled for further discussion, 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	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Ford, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to implement the proposed modifications to the existing Lawn

Replacement Program including a requirement that the rain barrels are recyclable and vector control is built in by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
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 Director Ford, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved a professional services agreement with Kris Helm for water resources strategic planning services through Fiscal Year 2022/23 for a maximum amount not to exceed \$270,000 by the following roll call votes (Item 5.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
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

Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos gave an overview presentation on the Devil's Den Water District (Item 7.1)

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

The General Manager thanked staff for getting the Board requested presentations prepared and presented at the various Board meetings.

He then provided a general update on COVID-19 and how it is affecting the Agency, which included numbers of cases and the upcoming safety tailgate meetings. These meetings will be small groups of staff to review safety protocols and discuss any questions and concerns they may have. He also thanked the Board for their ongoing support of resources to help manage the COVID-19 situation at the Agency.

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

There were no comments on the recap reports.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 10).

There were no comments on the written reports.

President's Report (Item 11).

The President updated the Board on upcoming meetings, events and Board reminders.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 12).

Written reports were submitted by Vice President Gladbach and Directors Armitage and Plambeck which were included in the Board packet.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 13).

Vice President Gladbach gave a brief presentation on the ACWA/JPIA, who they are and what they do. He explained the Certificate of Excellence that commits the Board to follow "Best Practices", which the Board is asked to sign.

Director Armitage acknowledged that this week is Water Professionals Appreciation Week and she wanted to take a moment to say thank you to everyone at the Agency, all the staff members, everyone in Administration and her fellow Board members for everything everyone does to serve our community and provide safe, affordable and reliable water. She stated it is an honor to work with everyone.

President Martin stated that he attended the Association of California Water Agencies of Ventura County 26th Annual Member and Policymakers Reception held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library on September 30, 2021.

There were no other Director reports.

The Board went into Closed Session at 9:53 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 11:06 PM.

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that there were no 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).

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

Director Requests for Future Agenda Items (Item 17).

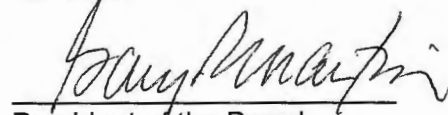
Director Armitage requested that a presentation come back to the Board on the Agency's Emergency Plan.

There were no other requests for future Agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 PM (Item 18).


April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:


President of the Board

