

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – June 21, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held at Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathye Armitage, B. J. Atkins, Beth Braunstein, William Cooper, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Lynne Plambeck.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Ed Colley and Maria Gutzeit.

Also present: Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Controller Amy Aguer, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, General Counsel Tom Bunn and Joe Byrne, Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas, Interim Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Senior Engineer Orlando Moreno, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Nossaman LLP Attorneys Byron Gee and Fred Fudacz, as well as additional SCV Water Agency staff and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was present.

There were no changes to the June 21, 2022 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

Upon motion of Director Ford, seconded by Vice President Orzechowski and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-280, SCV-281, SCV-282 and SCV-283 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

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

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-280

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
(CLWA) APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY
TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION OF TRACT 72680 TO COUNTY
LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-062122-Resolution-SCV-280.pdf>

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR
CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA
VALLEY WATER AGENCY (CLWA, NCW, AND NCW01) APPROVING AND ACCEPTING
THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM
ANNEXATION OF TRACT 72680
TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-062122-Resolution-SCV-281.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-282

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR
CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA
VALLEY WATER AGENCY (CLWA, NCW, AND NCW01) APPROVING AND ACCEPTING
THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM
ANNEXATION OF TRACT 72680
TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687**

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-283

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR
CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA
VALLEY WATER AGENCY (CLWA, NCW, AND NCW01) APPROVING AND ACCEPTING
THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM
ANNEXATION OF TRACT 72680
TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687**

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Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Braunstein and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-284 authorizing the General Manager to apply for funding under the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Drought Response Program and accept and execute a Grant Agreement for the S Wells PFAS Treatment and Disinfection Facility by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

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

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-284

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE GRANT APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE, AND EXECUTION
OF A FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE S WELLS PFAS AND DISINFECTION FACILITIES**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-062122-Resolution-SCV-284.pdf>

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

Assistant General Manager Steve Cole advised the Board that at the June 20, 2022 Finance and Administration Committee meeting, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell advised the Committee that Fitch upgraded the Agency's credit rating from AA to AA+ for its senior debt and from AA- (positive) to AA (stable outlook) for its subordinate debt.

Committee Meeting Recap Report for Informational Purposes Only (Item 8).

There were no comments on the recap reports.

President's Report (Item 9).

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

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 10).

A written report was submitted by Vice President Gladbach which was included in the Board packet. Additional written reports were submitted by President Martin and Director Braunstein which were posted on the SCV Water website and are part of the record.

Vice President Gladbach gave a brief report on last week's JPIA 3-day Strategic Planning meeting that he attended as well as the Program Committee and Executive Committees that meet this week. For the full report please refer to the meeting recording at https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Board_Recording_062122.mp3.

Director Braunstein reported that she attended the virtual Delta Conveyance Project Briefing on June 15, 2022.

Director Atkins reported that he attended the ACWA Region 9 Event – Virtual Roundtable Discussion on Federal Funding on June 15, 2022.

Vice President Orzechowski reported that he attended the virtual Delta Conveyance Project Briefing on June 15, 2022.

Director Ford reported that he attended a virtual one-on-one meeting with General Manager Stone on June 8, 2022.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:52 PM to discuss Items 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 (Item 11).

The Zoom meeting was put on hold while the Board went into Closed Session. President Martin advised the public and staff for those who wanted to stay, to stay on the current teleconference line and once Closed Session ends, the Board would reconvene for Closed Session announcements and the conclusion of the meeting.

President Martin reconvened the Open Session at 8:01 PM.

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that regarding Item 11.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, Claim of PumpMan LLC Against Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Claim for Employees' Personal Injury and Related Costs, Date of Claim June 1, 2022, the Board voted unanimously to reject the claim and submit it to the Agency's Joint Powers Insurance Authority, upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, by the following roll call votes:

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

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

Director Requests for Future Agenda Items (Item 13).

Director Braunstein requested that she would like the Agency/Board to consider revising the holiday calendar to add Juneteenth (recently added Federal holiday) to the Agency's holiday schedule. She feels this is important to promote inclusion and acceptance at the Agency.

Director Cooper mentioned that the EPA just released a new limit on PFAS detection, and he would like a report to come back to the Board on how it will affect the Agency and what it will mean.

Director Plambeck wanted to verify and make sure that we are not using Roundup at the Agency due to the issues that surround the use of that product.

Director Atkins asked that if there are any significant change in Grant Funding or anything that could impact the restoration of Bouquet Creek he would like to know and have the Board be made aware of it.

Director Orzechowski wanted to check on when the tours of the Agency facilities would be, acknowledged the Directors who previously asked for a tour and stated he hoped to make them happen.

There were no other requests for future Agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM (Item 14).


April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:


President of the Board

