

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – November 5, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: B. J. Atkins, Tom Campbell, Ed Colley, Kathy Colley, William Cooper, Robert DiPrimio, Jeff Ford, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen and Lynne Plambeck.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jerry Gladbach.

Also present: Keith Abercrombie, Chief Operating Officer sitting in for the General Manager; Tom Bunn, General Counsel; April Jacobs, Board Secretary; Eric Campbell, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer; Rochelle Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration; Dirk Marks, Director of Water Resources; Cris Perez, Director of Tech Services; Rick Viergutz, Principal Water Resources Planner; Jeff Herbert, Senior IT Technician; Terri Bell, Administrative Assistant; Chris Palmer, California Special District Association Field Coordinator; and members of the public.

President Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum was present.

Upon motion of Director Mortensen, seconded by Director K. Colley and carried, the Agenda was approved by the following electronic votes (Item 4):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	Yes
Director E. Colley	Yes	Director K. Colley	Yes
President Cooper	Yes	Director DiPrimio	Yes
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gladbach	Absent
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
Vice President Martin	Yes	Director Mortensen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

California Special District Association Field Coordinator Chris Palmer presented the SCV Water Board of Directors with the Special District Leadership Foundation, District Transparency Certificate of Excellence (Item 5.1).

Upon motion of Director Mortensen, seconded by Director Kelly and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution No. SCV-129 by the following electronic votes (Item 6):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	Yes
Director E. Colley	Yes	Director K. Colley	Yes
President Cooper	Yes	Director DiPrimio	Yes
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gladbach	Absent
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
Vice President Martin	Yes	Director Mortensen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-129

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
EQUATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that the Agency needs to engage project management services in order to address the needs of all divisions of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has merged three separate entities into one, and it is critical that the financial system implementation is handled properly so that SCV Water obtains the project management to meet its needs; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds, after consideration of the recommendation of staff, that Equation Technologies is the most uniquely qualified firm to ensure that SCV Water implements a system that will meet its needs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency does authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Equation Technologies for project management services in an amount not to exceed \$292,500, plus travel, subject to review and approval by Legal Counsel.

Upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Director K. Colley and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-130 authorizing the General Manager to (1) submit a proposal to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, (2) commit to providing the required matching funds for SCV Water projects, (3) require the Other Project Sponsors to provide matching funds through a sub grantee agreement with the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, (4) enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Region, and (5) execute a grant agreement with the California Department of Water Resources by the following electronic votes (Item 7.1):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	Yes
Director E. Colley	Yes	Director K. Colley	Yes
President Cooper	Yes	Director DiPrimio	Yes
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gladbach	Absent
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
Vice President Martin	Yes	Director Mortensen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-130

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY APPROVING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE GENERAL MANAGER TO (1) SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO OBTAIN A ROUND 1 INTEGRATED**

REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PURSUANT TO THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014, (2) COMMIT TO PROVIDING THE REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS FOR SCV WATER PROJECTS, (3) REQUIRE THE OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS THROUGH A SUB GRANTEE AGREEMENT WITH THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, (4) ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT REGION, AND (5) EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clarita, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County and the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency have established a Regional Water Management Group in accordance with the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002; and

WHEREAS, the State of California provides grant funds for integrated regional water management pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014; and

WHEREAS, this grant program is administered by the Department of Water Resources (DWR); and

WHEREAS, the DWR requires the grant applicant to designate, by resolution, an authorized representative for filing the grant application and executing the Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency is authorized by the Regional Water Management Group of the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Plan to prepare and apply for a grant on its behalf for a Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014; and

WHEREAS, the stakeholders of the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan region have identified six projects to be included in an Implementation Grant; and

WHEREAS, the six projects provide benefit for regional self-reliance, groundwater sustainability, and help with the region's adaptation to climate change; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, the City of Santa Clarita, the Los Angeles County, and the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County all have projects in the suite of projects (Other Project Sponsors); and

WHEREAS, the grant requires the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency commit to providing matching funds for its projects; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency will require that the Other Project Sponsors in this grant execute a sub grantee agreement with the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency to provide matching funds for their projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, the governing body of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, authorizes the General Manager to:

- (1) Submit a proposal to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014,
- (2) Commit to providing the required matching funds for SCV Water projects,
- (3) Require the Other Project Sponsors to provide matching funds through a sub grantee agreement with the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency,
- (4) Enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Region, and
- (5) Execute a grant agreement with the California Department of Water Resources

Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell gave an update on the Financial Management Information System (Item 8).

Principal Water Resources Planner Rick Viergutz gave a presentation on the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Drought Relief Project (Item 9).

Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie gave a quick update on (1) the recent Active Shooter staff presentations that were given at multiple locations on multiple days, (2) the recent public safety shut offs and how it impacted the Agency and (3) the recent move of Customer Care from Pine Street to the Rockefeller location. Mr. Abercrombie also gave an update on PFAS, pertaining to the N Well project, how it is moving forward advising that bids have been sent out on the vessels and design and electrical work with Edison is ongoing. He also mentioned that things are going well. Mr. Abercrombie also stated that the Department of Water Resources has indicated the response levels will be revised sometime in the upcoming months (Item 10).

Director Mortensen gave a brief update on the monthly Financial Report that was reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee to be received and filed (Item 11.2).

There was no discussion on Item 12.

The President updated the Board on upcoming meetings (Item 13).

AB 1234 Reports (Item 14).

Written reports were submitted by Directors DiPrimio, Ford, Gladbach and Plambeck and were included in the Board packet. Additional written reports were submitted by Vice President Martin and Directors Atkins and Kelly which were handed out and are part of the record.

Director E. Colley reported that he attended the VIA Bash held at the Hyatt Regency on October 19, 2019.

Director K. Colley reported that she attended the VIA Bash held at the Hyatt Regency on October 19, 2019.

Director Kelly reported that he attended the VIA Bash held at the Hyatt Regency on October 19, 2019 and the CSDA Legislative Committee held in Sacramento on October 24, 2019.

Director Mortensen reported that he had lunch with General Manager Matt Stone on October 24, 2019.

There were no Directors reports (Item 15).

There were no Director requests for approval for event attendance (Item 16).

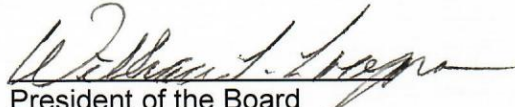
Director E. Colley requested that a report come back to the Board regarding power usage in general and how the newer rates are going to effect the SCV Water Agency solar projects as well as how it will impact the Agency as a whole (Item 17).

Upon motion of Director Mortensen, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM by the following electronic votes (Item 18):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	Yes
Director E. Colley	Yes	Director K. Colley	Yes
President Cooper	Yes	Director DiPrimio	Yes
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gladbach	Absent
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
Vice President Martin	Yes	Director Mortensen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		


April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:


President of the Board

