

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – April 2, 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, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350, at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Dante Acosta, Tom Campbell, Ed Colley, Kathy Colley, William Cooper, Robert DiPrimio, Jerry Gladbach, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen and Lynne Plambeck.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: B. J. Atkins.

Also present: Matthew Stone, General Manager; Joseph Byrne and Tom Bunn, General Counsel; April Jacobs, Board Secretary; Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager; Eric Campbell, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer; Keith Abercrombie, Chief Operating Officer; Brian Folsom, Chief Engineer; Rochelle Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration; Dirk Marks, Director of Water Resources, Cris Perez, Director of Tech Services; Amy Aguer, Controller; Kim Grass, Senior Management Analyst; Brent Payne, Principal Engineer Distribution Design; Kathie Martin, Public Information Officer; Jeff Herbert, Senior IT Technician; Terri Bell, Administrative Assistant; and members of the public.

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

Upon motion of Director Acosta, seconded by Director DiPrimio and carried, the Agenda was approved by the following electronic votes (Item 4):

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

Upon motion of Director Gladbach, seconded by Director K. Colley and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-96, SCV-97, SCV-98 and SCV-99 by the following electronic votes (Item 5):

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

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-96

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY**

IN SUPPORT OF SANTA CLARA RIVER STEWARDSHIP OBJECTIVES

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara River is one of the last free-flowing, natural riparian systems remaining in Southern California. The Santa Clara River Watershed consist of approximately 1,634 square miles and travels through both Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Though surface flow is intermittent through much of the approximately 18 miles within the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency service area, the river is home to many species of flora and fauna along its 83-mile length, including rare, very rare and protected species and

WHEREAS, The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency is an integrated regional water agency, exercising responsible stewardship of the Santa Clara River in our delivery of high quality water to the residents of the Santa Clarita Valley and

WHEREAS, The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency will endeavor to:

1. Work cooperatively with governmental agencies, non-governmental groups and other stakeholders, to develop and implement sustainable efforts for the long term health of the Santa Clara River.
2. Pursue and support public ownership of property along the Santa Clara River.
3. Preserve and protect parcels for water conservation and recharge.
4. Promote appreciation and enjoyment of the River through signage, mini-parks, respite areas and shade.
5. Seek options for the removal of invasive plant species from the River (incl. arundo and tamarisk); and prevention of their return.
6. Devise, promote and partner in conservation projects.
7. Manage the river to protect and ensure sustainability of groundwater resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency will seek to engage with stakeholders on a regular basis, to plan and discuss policies and projects to achieve tangible progress towards the objectives listed above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, does hereby adopt the Resolution in support of the Santa Clara River Stewardship Objectives.

RESOLUTION NO. 97

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO OLYMPUS AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
TO RECOAT HONBY TANK NO. 1**

WHEREAS, all proposals submitted to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Division (SCVWA) pursuant to SCVWA's Request for Bids for the Honby No. 1 Tank Recoat Project were received at SCVWA on February 12, 2019, in full accordance with the law and the SCVWA's customary procedures; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds, after considering the opinion of staff, that the total bid of Olympus and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$338,848 is the lowest responsible bid of six bids

received, and that said bid substantially meets the requirements of the construction contract documents as amended by Addenda; and

WHEREAS, it is in SCVWA's best interest that the Agency's Board of Directors authorize its General Manager or its Chief Engineer to accept the \$338,848 bid by Olympus and Associates, Inc. for the Honby No. 1 Tank Recoat Roof Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency does hereby authorize its General Manager or its Chief Engineer to issue a Notice of Award to Olympus and Associates, Inc. for the Honby No. 1 Tank Recoat Project.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the SCVWA's Chief Engineer is thereafter authorized to execute the contract and forward to Olympus and Associates, Inc. the Notice to Proceed.

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-98

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR POWER GENERATION ON SCV WATER'S DEVIL'S DEN PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that its Devil's Den property may potentially be an appropriate site for solar power generation; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2015, SunPower Corporation entered into a Site Control Agreement with SCV Water; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2016, SunPower Corporation entered into a Reimbursement and Indemnification Agreement with SCV Water; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2016, SunPower Corporation entered into a Non-Binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SCV Water; and

WHEREAS, SunPower requested the assignment to its Agreements with SCV Water to Clearway Energy, Inc. in August 2018; and

WHEREAS, Alamo Springs I, LLC was formed by Clearway Energy, Inc. as the single purpose entity for the solar generation project and Clearway has assigned all of its rights in the Agreements to Alamo Springs I, LLC; and

WHEREAS, a new Reimbursement and Indemnification Agreement has been prepared between SCV Water and Alamo Springs I, LLC under the same terms and conditions as the prior Agreement with SunPower; and

WHEREAS, a new non-binding MOU has been prepared between SCV Water and Alamo Springs I, LLC under the same terms and conditions as the prior Agreement with SunPower; and

WHEREAS, terms of the Site Control Agreement have been modified and addressed as the Third Amendment; and

WHEREAS, SCV Water consents to the assignment of the Site Control Agreement to Alamo Springs I, LLC and Alamo acknowledges that it has agreed to assume all of the obligations of SunPower; and

WHEREAS, terms of the Site Control Agreement have been modified to adjust the schedule and are addressed in a Third Amendment. The terms have changed to give Alamo the right to extend the Term of the Site Control Agreement to December 31, 2019 for evaluation of the project; to June 30, 2020, subject to an interconnection agreement being executed prior to December 31, 2019; and a final extension to December 31, 2020 to receive final CEQA approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency does hereby authorize the General Manager to enter into contracts related to development of solar power generation on SCV Water's Devil's Den Property.

RESOLUTION NO. 99

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONSULTANT(S) CONTRACTS TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF GROUNDWATER RECHARGE ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the Board of Director's for the successor Castaic Lake Water Agency previously authorized the General Manager to execute a reconnaissance level study to explore how integrated local water resource operations could be incorporated into the Santa Clarita Valley's water supply portfolio; and

WHEREAS, the successor agency Newhall County Water District utilized the recommendations of the Reconnaissance Study to commission Trussell Technologies and GSI Water Solutions to complete the *Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Recharge Feasibility Study* in 2017, which identified potential designated recharge locations on the eastern end of the Santa Clarita Valley near the Canyon Country service area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds that site specific data is required to determine the feasibility of future groundwater recharge activities for the locations identified in the above study; and

WHEREAS, the successor agency Newhall County Water District, in conjunction with JMP Development and Woodridge Capital, previously commissioned Geosyntec Consultants to complete the *Castaic Conceptual Feasibility Study for Infiltration of Recycled Water*, for the District's property known as the "Castaic School Site" located southwest of the Castaic Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, SCV Water's practice of continuing to develop options to supplement our diversified water supply portfolio is in alignment with feasibility investigations for groundwater recharge activities at both the Castaic School Site and east end locations; and

WHEREAS, the consulting firm GSI Water Solutions is uniquely qualified to conduct feasibility study investigations due to their previous experiences assisting the Agency's consultants to complete the Reconnaissance Study in 2015, the Trussell Study in 2017 as well as their recent work developing the Agency's current numeric groundwater basin model; and

WHEREAS, the CEQA determination is that the proposed action qualifies under both the feasibility and planning studies exemption and a categorical exemption (Section 15262 and Class 6, Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency does authorize the General Manager to enter into consultant(s) contracts with GSI Water Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$246,554 to investigate the feasibility of groundwater recharge activities.

Director DiPrimio updated the Board on the March 11, 2019 Compensation and Reimbursement Ad Hoc Committee meeting and advised the Board that both items were placed on the agenda one for consideration and the other for discussion.

Upon motion of Director Kelly, seconded by Director Gladbach and carried, the Board approved the recommended changes to the SCV Water Board of Directors Policies and Procedures Manual pertaining to appropriate use of teleconferencing for Board member attendance at Board meetings and updates to the travel expense reimbursement policy by the following electronic votes (Item 6.1):

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

The Board discussed the current Board per diem and by an informal vote agreed to not take a stipend increase at this time (Item 6.2.).

The General Manager updated the Board on the Oroville Spillway being reopened, discussed recent staff relocations, updated the Board on the following pertaining to customer service (1) centralizing customer service to two locations which will be Santa Clarita Water and Valencia Water locations, (2) closure of customer service at the Newhall County Water location and (3) the opening of several customer service centers which will enable customers more locations to pay their bills. He also discussed the upcoming "Lunch and Learn" for staff (Item 7).

There were no comments on Items 8 and 9.

The President updated the Board on upcoming items and reminders (Item 10).

AB 1234 Reports (Item 11)

Written reports were submitted by President Cooper and Directors Atkins, Gladbach, Martin and Plambeck.

President Cooper reported that he attended the ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento on March 28-29, 2019.

Director Acosta reported that he attended the Economic Outlook Forecast held at the Valencia Hyatt on March 14, 2019, attended the KHTS Sacramento Road Trip on March 18-19, 2019 and the VIA Monthly Luncheon held at the Valencia Hyatt on March 20, 2019.

Director Gladbach submitted a Directors report in writing pertaining to the ACWA/JPIA March 21, 2019 Bickmore Claims Audit (Item 12).

There were no requests for approval for event attendance (Item 13).

Director Kelly requested an update on the status on the old Santa Clarita Water Division Building located on Soledad Canyon Road (item 14).

President Cooper announced that at the April 1, 2019 SCV GSA meeting the Board appointed Gary Martin to be its representative on the ACWA/JPIA.

Upon motion of Director Mortensen, seconded by Director Kelly and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM by the following electronic votes (Item 15):

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


April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Vice President of the Board

