

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – August 3, 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, August 3, 2021. 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, Ed Colley, William Cooper, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, R. J. Kelly (Left at 9:31 PM), Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen, Piotr Orzechowski and Lynne Plambeck via teleconference.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present via teleconference: General Manager Matthew Stone, General Counsel Tom Bunn, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord, Director of Tech Services Cris Perez, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Controller Amy Aguer, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, GIS Manager Jose Huerta, Information Technology Supervisor Jeff Herbert, Principal Engineers Brent Payne and Jason Yim, Senior Engineer Shadi Bader, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Executive Assistants Eunie Kang and Leticia Quintero, Administrative Technician Terri Bell, and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present.

Upon motion of Director Plambeck, seconded by Vice President Gladbach and carried, the Board approved the Agenda 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 Vice President Gladbach, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar which included Resolution Nos. SCV-224, SCV-225, SCV-226 and SCV-227 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

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-224

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

**AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO WOODARD
AND CURRAN FOR ADDITIONAL FINAL DESIGN
SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH END RECYCLED WATER
MAIN EXTENSION (PHASE 2C) PROJECT**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-080321-Resolution-SCV-224.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-225

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
REVISING THE APPROPRIATION LIMIT
FOR FY 2020/21**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-080321-Resolution-SCV-225.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-226

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
REVISING THE APPROPRIATION LIMIT
FOR FY 2021/22**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-050421-Resolution-SCV-226.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-227

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT PAYMENTS
DURING FISCAL YEAR 2021/22**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-050421-Resolution-SCV-227.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Vice President Gladbach and carried, the Board approved Option 1, no changes to the Boardroom technology, which includes no remote public participation and going back to the previous method of holding Board meetings, and extending the return to in-person meetings from September 2021 to October 2021 as allowed by Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-08-21 by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Armitage	No	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	No	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes

Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	No
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	No

President Martin will be setting up an Ad Hoc Committee to further discuss Boardroom Technology and remote public participation.

Upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Vice President Mortensen and carried, the Board approved Resolution SCV-228 authorizing SCV Water to provide the requested bacterial analysis from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 for a fee of \$50 per raw water sample and a fee of \$35 per treated water sample and Heterotrophic Plate Count 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

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-228

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
TO PROVIDE WATER QUALITY LABORATORY TESTING SERVICE
TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
OF WATER RESOURCES**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-050421-Resolution-SCV-228.pdf>

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

The General Manager reported on the following:

He updated the Board on the most recent COVID-19 issues as it pertains to operations at the Agency, which included the following updates:

- There have been two recent cases among staff, which appears to have been acquired outside of the workplace, with neither of the cases leading to the spread to others. Contact tracing and testing was completed.
- The Agency has implemented the updated mask requirements recommended by Los Angeles County Public Health.

- Recent data continues to demonstrate the benefit of vaccination in reducing the chances of being infected as well as the reduced frequency of severe infection requiring hospitalization.
- The Delta variant appears to be more infectious and has a shorter incubation time. The implications of this will be monitored as well as any changing advise from public health authorities.

Next, he noted that staff is working on wholesale water rates and will be bringing a proposal to the Finance and Administration Committee and then to the Board this year. He informed the Board that the Agency's only wholesale customer is Los Angeles County Waterworks District 36 and staff will be working with their staff to keep them informed and seek input.

He mentioned that staff continues to work with the Groundwater Sustainability Agency to complete the Groundwater Sustainability Plan process.

Lastly, due to the water supply issues hitting the state, staff will be providing another update to the Board before the end of this summer or fall 2021. He stated that staff will probably give quarterly updates going forward to keep the Water Resources and Outreach Committee and Board apprised of developments and how this impacts the Agency. He noted that staff is ramping up the conservation programs and messaging.

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

There were no comments on the recap reports.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 9).

Director Orzechowski mentioned how much he appreciates the detail in the written reports and wanted staff to continuing doing reports in that manner.

There were no other comments on the written reports.

President's Report (Item 10).

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

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 11).

Written reports were submitted by Vice President Mortensen and Director Plambeck which were posted on the SCV Water website and are part of the record.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 12).

There were no Director reports.

The Board went into Closed Session at 9:55 PM (Item 13).

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 10:10 PM.

Tom Bunn, Esq., reported that pertaining to Item 13.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, Application for Leave to Present Late Government Claim of Boucher LLP on Behalf of Multiple Claimants, dated July 20, 2021, the Board voted to grant the Application for Leave to Present Late Government Claim and denied the claim by motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, by the following roll call votes:

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Not Present
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Not Present

There were no other actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 14).

Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 15).

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

Director Requests for Future Agenda Items (Item 16).

Director Plambeck wanted to remind staff about her request for a presentation on Devil's Den Water District. She was advised that the presentation would be held at the regular Board

meeting on September 7, 2021. Note: This item was moved to the September 17, 2021 regular Board meeting to allow for full Board participation.

Director Armitage wanted to make sure that an Ad Hoc Committee would be set-up to discuss Boardroom technology and remote participation for public and staff.

Director Atkins requested an update on Bouquet Reservoir and Bouquet Creek between now and October 2021.

There were no other requests for future Agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Mary Jane Hendry at 10:18 PM (Item 17).



April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



President of the Board

