

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – November 2, 2021

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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, November 2, 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, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Controller Amy Aguer, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Customer Service Manager Kathleen Willson, GIS Manager Jose Huerta, Principal Engineers Brent Payne and Jason Yim, Senior Engineer Josephine Ngoon, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Management Analyst II Cheryl Fowler, Executive Assistant Leticia Quintero, Administrative Technician Terri Bell, Accounting Tech II Kyle Arnold, Nossaman LLP Attorneys Fred Fudacz and Byron Gee, 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 Mortensen, seconded by Director Ford 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 Director Cooper, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar which included Resolution Nos. SCV-237, SCV-238 and SCV-239 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-237**

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES**

**COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT. ANTELOPE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA CLARITA LIBRARY AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATION NO. 1107**

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**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-238**

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA CLARITA STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2, SANTA CLARITA LIBRARY AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATION NO. 1108**

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**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-239**

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT #5, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, ANTELOPE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATION NO. 1109**

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Upon motion of Director Plambeck, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-240 authorizing SCV Water to submit a Financial Assistance Application and to execute a Financial Assistance Agreement with the State Water Resources

Control Board for Incentive Project associated with the consolidation of the Los Angeles Residential Community and Royce Lily of the Valley LLC dba Lily of the Valley Mobile Village water systems into SCV Water by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

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-240**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AUTHORIZING SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY TO APPLY FOR FUNDING  
FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND  
AND TO EXECUTE A FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR  
GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION TREATMENT PROJECTS  
WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

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Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved (1) Resolution No. SCV-241 authorizing the General Manager to apply for funding under the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Water Drought Relief Grant Program, (2) executing a grant agreement and (3) committing to provide \$1,458,987 in matching funds 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-241**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING AN  
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE BUREAU OF  
RECLAMATION'S WATERSMART DROUGHT RESPONSE PROGRAM  
FOR THE ROSEDALE PHASE 2 WELLS PROJECT**

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

There was no General Manager Report given.

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

Director Orzechowski asked about Item 8.1, the October 13, 2021 Water Resources and Watershed Committee meeting recap report. He requested to know when the Board would be receiving a presentation on migration options and facts for 2022/23, as well as an explanation of the stress tests for those years. General Manager Stone stated this presentation would be given at the November 16, 2021 regular Board meeting.

Director Plambeck requested that the summary report for the Water Resources and Watershed Committee meetings be more detailed. She believes that the recap report is too vague, and that greater detail would be beneficial to Board members who are not on this Committee as well as the general public.

There were no other comments on the recap reports.

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**Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 9).**

Director Armitage expressed gratitude to staff for the section reports and assured staff that they were being read.

She went on to say that she was pleased to see that the Security Specialist position is being filled, and that the Data Scientist position is also being filled, according to the Finance, Administration, and Information Technology Section report. She considers both of these roles to be critical, and she is pleased to see things moving forward.

She went on to congratulate the Conservation team for obtaining its second EPA WaterSense Excellence Award as mentioned in this month's Water Resources and Outreach Section Report. She also wanted to mention the Bridgeport Pocket Park and make a push for native plants, she hoped to see them in the park. Lastly, she gave kudos to the Outreach team for being very visible with the messaging around the drought.

There were no other comments on the written reports.

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**President's Report (Item 10).**

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

Director Braunstein asked if the Board President could include in his report upcoming SCV Water Committee meetings for the benefit of the public.

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**AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 11).**

Written reports were submitted by President Martin and Directors Braunstein and Cooper which were included in the Board packet.

Director Atkins reported that he attended the virtual AWA 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Symposium held on October 21, 2021.

President Martin reported that he, Vice President Gladbach, Directors Atkins, Cooper and Plambeck attended the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency special Board meeting held virtually on October 20, 2021.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

**Director Reports (Item 12).**

Upon motion of Vice President Gladbach, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved Vice President Gladbach as the voting delegate and President Martin as the alternate voting delegate for the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency at the 2021 ACWA Fall Conference/ACWA Election casting a vote for Pam Tobin for ACWA President and Cathy Green for ACWA Vice President as recommended by the ACWA Nominating Committee by the following roll call votes (Item 12):

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

Director Plambeck requested that at a future Board meeting we discuss the DDWD and USCJVPA paying ACWA fees.

Director Armitage stated that because it is Native American Heritage Month, she would like to acknowledge that the Santa Clarita Valley was largely inhabited by the Tataviam and Chumash tribes, and that we would be wise to welcome and honor their voices in discussions at all levels about how we sustain our natural resources, including water. She simply wanted to pay tribute to them because it is their month.

In addition, she is also pleased to let everyone know that she is taking advantage of the Board's recently approved improved rebate program. She plans to convert a piece of her lawn to drought-tolerant native plants and is excited to learn more about how our customers apply for rebates. She is willing to share her progress with anyone who is curious about how things are going.

Director Orzechowski congratulated Director Cooper, General Manager Stone and Communications Manager Kathie Martin for being nominated for *The Signals* Santa Clarita's 51 Most Influential. He is pleased to see we, as a water agency, have a visibility out in our community.

There were no other Director reports.

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The Board went into Closed Session at 7:50 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 8:32 PM.

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 14).

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

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

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**Director Requests for Future Agenda Items (Item 16).**

Director Atkins requested that we look into Mr. Petzold's request to move the fence on the disc golf field to allow access to the course. General Manager Stone stated that staff will work with the City and report back to the Board at the appropriate time.

Director Ford inquired about the Water Infrastructure Funding Act of 2022, a proposed initiative that is currently being vetted. He requested that the Public Outreach and Legislation Committee investigate it and bring it to the Board for discussion, as well as what involvement the Agency might want to consider.

There were no other requests for future Agenda items.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM (Item 17).

  
April Jacobs, Board Secretary

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President of the Board

