

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – November 15, 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, November 15, 2022. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathye Armitage, Beth Braunstein, Ed Colley, William Cooper (Arrived at 6:27 PM), Jeff Ford, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski, Ken Petersen and Lynne Plambeck.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present: Administrative Services Manager Kim Grass, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Rochelle Patterson, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord, General Counsel Tom Bunn, General Manager Matthew Stone, Human Resources Manager Ari Mantis, Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas, Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, 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 November 15, 2022 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

Upon motion of Director Kelly, seconded by Director Gutzeit and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-315, SCV-316, SCV-317 and SCV-318 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Not Present
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Yes	Director Petersen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-315

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, 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. 1110"

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-316

**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 LIBRARY, SARITA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT
"ANNEXATION NO. 1111"**

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-317

**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 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1687, 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. 1112"**

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-318

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, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF ANTELOPE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT,

**APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX
REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA
VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT
"ANNEXATION NO. 1116"**

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Upon motion of Director Gutzeit, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved revising Employee Manual Policy No. 18 – Other Benefits, to provide the Agency retirees with both the HRA and cash in lieu options for their medical plan choice in retirement by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	No	Director Cooper	Yes
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Yes	Director Petersen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

Upon motion of Director Gutzeit, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute a construction contract with C. S. Legacy Construction, Inc. for the Bridgeport Pocket Park by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	No	Director Cooper	Yes
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Yes	Director Petersen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord gave a Risk Assessment Presentation (Item 7).

General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 8).

The General Manager gave updates on the following items:

- At the recent October 2022 State Water Contractors meeting held in Santa Nella located in the Central Valley the Contractors had the opportunity to participate in the following:
 - Visit with San Luis Field Division of DWR
 - Tour of William R. Gianelli Pumping Plan
 - Visit San Luis National Wildlife Refuge

- Sunset drive through Merced National Wildlife Refuge
 - Dinner hosted in the warehouse of the Grassland Water District (Central Valley Water Project Contractor which serves water to 75,000 acres of wildlife refuge, farms and other habitat areas).
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- He thanked all those who were involved in the Valley Center Well Water Treatment Facility Ribbon Cutting held on November 9, 2022.
 - He updated the Board on the first stakeholder meeting regarding the development of a retail capacity fee for developments in the Valencia division.
 - He mentioned that earlier this year, the Board approved going forward with soliciting bids for two projects which were eligible for SGIP incentive funds through the CPUC. He stated we worked with our consultant, TerraVerde, and our staff to screen a larger list of potential projects down to the ones with the best overall benefit to the Agency, and these were the projects that were moved forward. However, recent bidding results were not favorable, no bids were received. After conferring with prospective bidders, in addition to supply chain uncertainty, it appears that the greatest obstacle was the solar component of one of the projects, and we are evaluating with legal counsel and TerraVerde the possibility of rebidding or pursuing a sole source negotiated contract approach for battery only portions of the projects. He mentioned that we anticipate having an item for the Board in January of 2023.
 - He informed the Board that the proposed internship program and the Flexible workplace Policy would be going to the November 21, 2022 Finance and Administration Committee.
 - Lastly, he advised the Board that he had received the Board's performance evaluation from Mitch Rosenberg and the Board Officers and thanked them for their feedback.

To hear the full report please click on the following link https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Board_Recording-SCV-Water_111522.mp3.

Committee Meeting Recap Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 9).

There were no comments on the recap reports.

President's Report (Item 10).

The President updated the Board on upcoming community meetings and conferences and upcoming Board and Committee meetings.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 11).

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

Director Kelly reported that he attended the SCV Chamber of Commerce 12th Annual Salute to Patriots held at the Bella Vida Senior Center on November 9, 2022.

Vice President Orzechowski reported that he attended the VIA Bash held at the Hyatt Regency Valencia on November 4, 2022, attended the L.A. County Sanitation Districts' public tour of the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant held at the Valencia Reclamation Plant on November 5, 2022 and attended the SCV Chamber of Commerce 12th Annual Salute to Patriots held at the Bella Vida Senior Center on November 9, 2022

Director Ford reported that he attended the L.A. County Sanitation Districts' public tour of the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant held at the Valencia Reclamation Plant on November 5, 2022.

Director Braunstein reported that she attended the L.A. County Sanitation Districts' public tour of the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant held at the Valencia Reclamation Plant on November 5, 2022, attended the Valley Center Well Water Treatment Facility Ribbon Cutting held on November 9, 2022 and attended the SCV Chamber of Commerce 12th Annual Salute to Patriots held at the Bella Vida Senior Center on November 9, 2022.

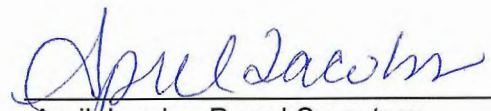
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There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Requests for Future Agenda Items (Item 12).

There were no requests for future Agenda Items.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM (Item 13).


April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



President of the Board

