

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – April 26, 2022

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A special 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, April 26, 2022. 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, Jerry Gladbach, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Lynne Plambeck.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jeff Ford.

Also present: Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, General Counsel Joe Byrne, General Manager Matthew Stone, Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas, Senior Information Technology Technician Emmanuel Adinkra, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, Water Resources Planner Sarah Fleury, RDN Consultant Ichiko Kido, several SCV Water Agency staff and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was present.

President Martin announced that Item 5.1 Directors' Seating Selections at the Board Table and Item 7.2 Authorizing the General Manager to Enter Into a Short-Term Water Exchange Agreement with Irvine Ranch Water District would be pulled from tonight's Agenda, there were no other changes to the April 26, 2022 Board Agenda and it was accepted with those changes. (Item 4).

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Upon motion of Director Orzechowski, seconded by Vice President Gladbach and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-273 and SCV-274 by the following roll call votes (Item 6):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Absent
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Director Orzechowski	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-273**

**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 TITLE XVI WIIN ACT WATER  
RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECTS FOR THE RECYCLED WATER  
EXPANSION PROJECT**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-042622-Resolution-SCV-273.pdf>

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-274**

**RESOLUTION CALLING THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY ELECTION FOR OFFICES OF THE AGENCY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF SAID ELECTION WITH THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION AND APPROVING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**

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Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Braunstein and carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. SCV-275 enacting Stage 2 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Ordinance by the following roll call votes (Item 7.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Absent
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Director Orzechowski	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-275**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY DIRECTING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT STAGE 2 OF THE WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN AND DECLARE A STAGE 2 WATER SHORTAGE CONDITION PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-042622-Resolution-SCV-275.pdf>

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Item 7.2 was pulled from the Agenda.

Upon motion of Director Kelly, seconded by Vice President Gladbach and carried, the Board approved the revised position control for FY 2022/23 adding (1) Engineer, (1) Water Quality Technician, (1) Office Assistant, (1) Facilities Maintenance Technician, (1) Recycled Water Coordinator Technician, (1) Administrative Technician and (2) Utility Workers for a total position count of 233 by the following roll call votes (Item 7.3):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
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Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Absent
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Director Orzechowski	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

After a presentation and discussion by the Board, Item 7.4 was moved to the May 17, 2022 regular Board meeting to allow staff time to address Board concerns. A presentation on the Capital Improvement Projects will be incorporated into the Budget presentation.

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

The General Manager reported the following:

First, he wanted to thank members of our staff who supported the development of information and a recommendation for the Stage 2 Declaration. He advised the Board that he has reprogrammed his own sprinklers to make sure that his watering days and times are correct.

He then acknowledged the work of the Finance team and all departments and staff members who worked to compile and refine the revised FY 2022/23 Budget. He congratulated and thanked them for the extra effort. He also acknowledged the staff who are supporting the hybrid Board meetings, which have been numerous this past month.

He updated the Board on the most recent case of Covid-19 among staff and that there were no close contacts in the workplace.

He informed the Board that since we are back to in-person meetings and with relaxing of COVID restrictions, staff is now planning Board tours of some SCV Water Agency facilities. He said, stay tune for more information. He then mentioned that the tours would be noticed as a Board meeting for Brown Act compliance and the public would be permitted to attend. Further, he mentioned that there will also be a second tour to see the Rio Vista Water Treatment plant most likely on a regular Board meeting night.

He reminded the Board that the Public Affairs and other staff will be participating in the Home and Garden Show in Central Park on April 30 and May 1, 2022.

In response to a couple of public comments that were made at tonight's meeting, he wanted to offer some information.

First, a member of the public expressed the belief that none of the former Newhall County Water District wells had been impacted by PFAS. He stated that this is not the case. PFAS has impacted alluvial wells at multiple locations within our service area. This includes one well that was part of the former Newhall County Water District. Part of the Agency's successful strategy to maintain service, while taking wells offline which exceed the state water quality levels, has been to complete interconnections and improve the ability to move imported water where needed in the system. As a series of PFAS treatment facilities are completed at various locations, the alluvial groundwater supply capability will be recovered. The first project that has been complete at the N wells, brought 3 wells back into service. The next project at Valley Center well should be completed later this year. He explained that the Board recently awarded a

contract for the Santa Clara and Honby wells project, and other sites are in the planning and preliminary design process. You will see these projects move forward over the next few years.

He then addressed the public comment inquiring whether water agencies in the Santa Clarita Valley have been planning to implement further recycled water. He described the Agency's efforts on recycled water, including the innovative new drop program, and explained some of the environmental and regulatory complexities involved in recycling water that has historically been treated and discharged into the river and that now supports the river's ecosystem. For the General Managers full comment pertaining to this item, please click on the following link for the April 26, 2022 Board recording and forward to Item 8 [https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Board\\_Recording\\_042622.mp3](https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Board_Recording_042622.mp3).

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

There were no comments on the recap reports.

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**Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 10).**

Director Orzechowski had a question on the Finance, Administration and Information Technology Section Report pertaining to the air filters and what kind they were.

Director Armitage made several comments on the Water Resources Section report pertaining to the meeting with local nurseries to promote the Lawn Replacement Program, the CBS Interviews with staff regarding the drought and Agency efforts to support conservation, she was specifically pleased with the Spanish language interview and finally regarding the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) that is currently being put together, she was hoping that the Board would get a similar update on CCR as was given last year.

There were no other comments on the written reports.

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**President's Report (Item 11).**

The President updated the Board on upcoming meetings, events and Board reminders. He also briefly covered how written public comments are distributed.

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**AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 12).**

Director Atkins reported that he attended the SCWC Quarterly Luncheon held at the Wilson Creek Winery in Temecula on April 22, 2022.

President Martin reported that he attended the virtual DCA Board of Directors meeting on April 21, 2022.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

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**Director Reports (Item 13).**

Vice President Gladbach advised the Board that he was re-elected as the Special District Voting Representative for LAFCO, term expiring on May 4, 2026.

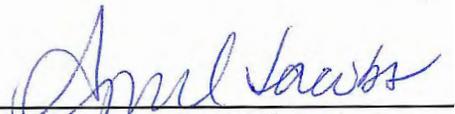
Director Colley asked that the action items that come to the Board be phrased in a way that allows the Board to make decisions within the subject matter of the item on the Agenda.

There were no other Director Reports.

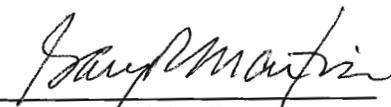
**Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 14).**

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 PM (Item 15).

  
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April Jacobs, Board Secretary

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President of the Board

