



SCV WATER AGENCY REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 20, 2023
Meeting Begins at 6:00 PM

Members of the public may attend by the following options:

In Person

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant
Boardroom
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

By Phone

Toll Free:
1-(833)-568-8864
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(Public comments take place during Item 3 of the Agenda and before each Item is considered. Please see the Agenda for details.)

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**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**RIO VISTA WATER TREATMENT PLANT
BOARDROOM
27234 BOUQUET CANYON ROAD
SANTA CLARITA, CA 91350**

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023, AT 6:00 PM

IMPORTANT NOTICES

5:15 PM DISCOVERY ROOM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Dinner for Directors and staff in the Discovery Room.
There will be no discussion of Agency business taking place prior to the
Call to Order at 6:00 PM.

This meeting will be conducted in person at the address listed above. As a convenience to the public, members of the public may also participate virtually by using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-(833)-568-8864, Webinar ID: 160 900 2700 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1609002700>**. Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Board using the call-in number or Zoom Webinar link above.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Members of the public may comment as to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Board’s presiding officer, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.)

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** **PAGE**

5.1	*	Approve Minutes of the June 6, 2023 Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Regular Board of Directors Meeting	7
5.2	*	Approve a Resolution Supporting the Nomination of Cathy Green for the Position of Association of California Water Agencies President	15

6. **ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL** **PAGE**

6.1	*	Approve a Resolution Appointing Kathie Kurt (Martin) as a Retired Annuitant/Extra Help with 180-day Wait Period Exception and Approving Employment Agreement	25
6.2	*	Approve a Designation of an SCV Water Representative to Serve on the Devil’s Den Water District Board	33

7. **GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT ON ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

8. **COMMITTEE MEETING RECAP REPORT FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY** **PAGE**

8.1	*	May 22, 2023 Rescheduled Public Outreach and Legislation Committee Meeting Recap Report	37
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9. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

10. **AB 1234 WRITTEN AND VERBAL REPORTS** **PAGE**

10.1	AB 1234 Reports	
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11. **DIRECTOR REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

- * Indicates Attachment
- ◆ Indicates Handout

Note: The Board reserves the right to discuss or take action or both on all of the above Agenda items.

NOTICES

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Posted on June 14, 2023.

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – June 6, 2023

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, June 6, 2023. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathye Armitage, Beth Braunstein, William Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Ken Petersen.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Ed Colley.

Also present: 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, Communications Managers Kevin Krause and Kathie Martin, General Counsel Tom Bunn (Virtually) and Joe Byrne, General Manager Matthew Stone, Principal Water Resources Planner Rick Viergutz (Virtually), Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas, Senior Engineer Orlando Moreno, Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos (Virtually), Attorney's from Best Best & Krieger Joanna Gin and Lutfi Kharuf (Virtually), Consultants (Virtually) from Bartell Wells Associates Doug Dove (Virtually), Robert D. Niehaus, Inc. Anthony Elowsky, Rincon Consultants, Inc. Annaliese Torres, True North Research, Inc. Timothy McLarney, PhD, as well as additional SCV Water Agency staff (Virtually), and members of the public (In person and virtually).

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. A quorum was present.

President Martin noted there was a typo on the Agenda pertaining to Item 8.4, it should have read "Approve Receiving and Filing of March 2023 Monthly Report" instead of "2022 Monthly Report". Item 8.1 Approve Adopting a Resolution to Approve the Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration Under the California Environmental Quality Act and a Purchase Order to Hazen and Sawyer for Final Engineering Services for the S Wells PFAS Treatment and Disinfections Facility Project, this item will come back to the Board for consideration at a future meeting for consideration. There were no further changes or modifications to the June 6, 2023 Board Agenda and it was accepted with those changes (Item 4).

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:11 PM to discuss the Item 5.1 (Item 5).

Item 5.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (One Case).

The Zoom meeting was put on hold while the Board went into Closed Session. President Martin advised the public and staff for those who wanted to stay, to remain on the current teleconference line and once Closed Session ends, the Board would reconvene for Closed Session announcements and the conclusion of the meeting.

President Martin reconvened the Open Session at 7:34 PM.

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 6).

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Armitage and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-351, SCV-352, SCV-353, SCV-354, SCV-355, SCV-356, SCV-357 and SCV-358 by the following roll call votes (Item 7):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Absent	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-351

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE, PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF
SANTA CLARITA'S MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SIERRA HIGHWAY
BRIDGE WIDENING PROJECT, AN AGREEMENT
ON BEHALF OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY WITH THE CITY OF
SANTA CLARITA FOR CONSTRUCTING THE SIERRA HIGHWAY BRIDGE PIPELINES
PROTECTION AND INSTALLATION PROJECT**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/approved-resolutions/scv/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-351.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-352

**RESOLUTION OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADOPTING THE APPROPRIATION OF ALL AS-YET UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-352.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-353

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
ADOPTING THE APPROPRIATION LIMIT
FOR FY 2023/24**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-353.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-354

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

**PLACING IN NOMINATION WILLIAM COOPER
AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES REGION 8 BOARD**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-354.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-355

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, 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. 1125"

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-355.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-356

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, 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. 1126"

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-356.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-357

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. 1127"

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-357.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-358

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, LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1687, 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 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. 1129"

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-358.pdf>

Item 8.1 was pulled from the Agenda at the start of the meeting.

Vice President Gutzeit requested that this item be postponed to a future meeting, which was seconded by President Martin and after discussion and by the following roll call votes the request for postponement failed and Item 8.2 was discussed.

Director Armitage	No	Director Braunstein	No
Director Colley	Absent	Director Cooper	No
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	No
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	No		

The Board took a recess at 8:49 PM.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:07 PM.

After further discussion, Director Cooper motioned to postpone this item to allow staff time to review and respond to a letter that was submitted this evening by Newhall Land and Farming Company, which was seconded by Vice President Gutzeit and carried and by the following roll call votes, this item was postponed to a future meeting (Item 8.2).

Director Armitage	No	Director Braunstein	No
Director Colley	Absent	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes

President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

Upon motion of Director Petersen, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved the proposed Proposition 218 Notice, ballots and adopted Resolution No. SCV-361 initiating proceedings to adopt water standby charges for the annexed portion of the Tesoro Del Valle Development, and set a public hearing for such by the following roll call votes (Item 8.3):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Absent	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-361

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
INITIATING PROCEEDINGS TO ADOPT WATER STANDBY CHARGES
FOR TESORO DEL VALLE DEVELOPMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24
PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM STANDBY CHARGE PROCEDURES ACT AND
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 5471 ET SEQ.,
CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIII D OF THE
CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54984.3,
AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS RELATING THERETO**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-361.pdf>

Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Director Marks and carried, the Board received and filed the March 2023 Monthly and FY 2022/23 Third Quarter Financial Report by the following roll call votes (Item 8.4):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Absent	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

President of True North Research, Inc. Timothy McLarney, Ph.D, gave a presentation to the Board on the 2023 Customer Survey Results (Item 9).

General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 10).

General Manager Stone reported on the following:

He advised the Board that the Fitch Ratings today reaffirmed their AA+ and AA ratings on SCV Water's outstanding debt obligations with a stable outlook. He suggested the Board members

review the Fitch report for further information and insight into their rating process and conclusions. He mentioned staff will issue a press release shortly.

To hear the full report in its entirety, please refer to the Board recording at –
<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/board-meetings/2023/scv/Board-Recording-060623-Part-1.mp3>
<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/board-meetings/2023/scv/Board-Recording-060623-Part-2.mp3>

Committee Meeting Recap Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 11).

There were no comments on the recap reports.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 12).

Vice President Orzechowski mentioned that he encourages the Board to look at the bar graph in the Finance, Administration and Information Technology Services Section Report pertaining to the Repeat Shut-offs.

There were no other comments on the recap reports.

To hear the Directors full comments in their entirety, please refer to the Board recording at
<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/board-meetings/2023/scv/Board-Recording-060623-Part-1.mp3>
<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/board-meetings/2023/scv/Board-Recording-060623-Part-2.mp3>

President's Report (Item 13).

Due to the late hour the President did not give his report but asked the Board Secretary to send out the upcoming meeting dates to the Board.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 14).

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

Director Cooper reported that he attended the SCVEDC Public Officials Night held at the California Institute of the Arts on May 18, 2023, attended virtually the ACWA Structure Task Force meeting on May 23, 2023, attended the 14th Annual State of the County held at the Valencia Hyatt on May 31, 2023, attended the ACWA Board of Directors meeting on June 1

and 2, 2023 in Sacramento and attended the SCV GSA Board meeting held at RVWTP on June 5, 2023.

Vice President Gutzeit reported that she attended the SCV GSA Board meeting held at RVWTP on June 5, 2023.

Vice President Orzechowski reported that he attended the SCVEDC Public Officials Night held at the California Institute of the Arts on May 18, 2023 and attended the SCV GSA Board meeting held at RVWTP on June 5, 2023.

Director Marks reported that he attended the SCVEDC Public Officials Night held at the California Institute of the Arts on May 18, 2023.

Director Armitage reported that she attended the Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County General Membership Meeting held at Palmdale Water District on May 18, 2023, attended SCVEDC Public Officials Night held at the California Institute of the Arts on May 18, 2023 and attended the 14th Annual State of the County held at the Valencia Hyatt on May 31, 2023.

Director Braunstein reported that she attended the SCVEDC Public Officials Night held at the California Institute of the Arts on May 18, 2023.

President Martin reported that he attended the 14th Annual State of the County held at the Valencia Hyatt on May 31, 2023 and attended the SCV GSA Board meeting held at RVWTP on June 5, 2023.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 15).

Director Cooper reminded the Board that the ACWA Region 8 Program and Tour is coming up on July 13, 2023 being hosted by West Basin Municipal Water District on the Colorado River and its future.

Director Armitage congratulated all this year's graduates.

Director Braunstein thanked staff for their support of the Community and their efforts to taking care of our customers needs.

There were no other Director reports.

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<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/board-meetings/2023/scv/Board-Recording-060623-Part-2.mp3>

Director Requests For Approval for Event Attendance (Item 16).

There were no requests for approval for event attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 PM (Item 17).

April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

President of the Board

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF
CATHY GREEN AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is seeking nominations of candidates for the 2023 election of the Association's statewide positions of President and Vice President; and,

WHEREAS, an official nominating resolution from an ACWA member agency on whose board the nominee serves must accompany all nominations for the positions of President and Vice President; and,

WHEREAS, eligible candidates must be an elected or appointed member of the governing body or commission of a member agency of the Association; and,

WHEREAS, the ACWA Election Committee will present an open ballot with all qualifying candidates to the members for a vote by written ballot; and,

WHEREAS, the individual who fills an officer position will need to have a working knowledge of water industry issues and concerns, possess strength of character and leadership capabilities, and be experienced in matters related to the performance of the duties of the office; and,

WHEREAS, this person must be able to provide the dedication of time and energy to effectively serve in this capacity; and,

WHEREAS, Cathy Green has served as ACWA Vice President since 2021 and on the ACWA board since 2014, and she has served on the ACWA Board Executive Committee since 2020; and,

WHEREAS, as ACWA Vice President since 2021, Cathy Green would like to run as President of ACWA to continue the momentum she has built on key initiatives she is leading, including advocating for state accountability on water policy issues, spearheading the ACWA Council of Past Presidents to mentor new ACWA members, and an internal human resources initiative to support ACWA staff; and,

WHEREAS, Cathy Green has served as ACWA Region 10 Chair and Vice Chair; and,

WHEREAS, Cathy Green has served on the ACWA Water Quality Committee, ACWA Energy Committee, and ACWA State Legislative Committee; and,

WHEREAS, Cathy Green has served in a leadership role at Orange County Water District (OCWD). She was appointed to the OCWD Board of Directors in November 2010 and was elected to office in 2012, and re-elected in 2016 and 2020. She was selected by the Board to serve as its President in 2014-16, and 2022 through present. She also served as 1st Vice President from 2013-14 and 2018-22; and,

WHEREAS, Cathy Green currently serves as the Chair of the OCWD Executive Committee and the OCWD Joint Planning Committee; and,

WHEREAS, prior to Cathy Green's service on OCWD's Board, she was elected to two consecutive terms on the Huntington Beach City Council where she served two terms as mayor. Cathy Green

has been involved as a council liaison and committee member on many city boards, commissions, and committees; and,

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors that Cathy Green possesses all of the qualities needed to fulfill the duties of the office of ACWA President; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors does hereby support the nomination of Cathy Green as a candidate for the office of ACWA President.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency at a regular meeting of said Board held on June 18, 2023.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
TO NOMINATE AND SUPPORT
OCWD PRESIDENT CATHY GREEN AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF
ACWA PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS, ACWA is developing an Elections Committee to develop a slate for the Association's statewide position of President and Vice President; and,

WHEREAS, the individual who fills an officer position will need to have a working knowledge of water industry issues and concerns, possess strength of character and leadership capabilities, and be experienced in matters related to the performance of the duties of the office; and,

WHEREAS, this person must be able to provide the dedication of time and energy to effectively serve in this capacity; and,

WHEREAS, President Green has served as ACWA Vice President since 2021 and on the ACWA board since 2014, and she has served on the ACWA Board Executive Committee since 2020; and,

WHEREAS, as ACWA Vice President since 2021, President Green would like to run as President of ACWA to continue the momentum she has built on key initiatives she is leading, including advocating for state accountability on water policy issues, spearheading the ACWA Council of Past Presidents to mentor new ACWA members and an internal human resources initiative to support ACWA staff; and,

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WHEREAS, President Green currently serves as the Chair of the OCWD Executive Committee and the OCWD Joint Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, prior to President Green's service on OCWD's Board, she was elected to two consecutive terms on the Huntington Beach City Council where she served two terms as mayor. President Green has been involved as a council liaison and committee member on many city boards, commissions and committees; and,

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the OCWD Board of Directors that President Green possesses all of the qualities needed to fulfill the duties of the office of ACWA President; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCWD Board of Directors does hereby nominate and support President Cathy Green as a candidate for the office of ACWA President, pledging the District's support of her endeavors in fulfilling the duties of this office if elected.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the OCWD Board of Directors at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 15th day February, 2023.



CATHY GREEN BIOGRAPHY

In December of 2021, Cathy Green was elected vice president of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) for a two-year term. She has served as an active member of ACWA since 2012, including serving on ACWA's executive committee since 2020, the ACWA Board since 2016, and the Region 10 Board from 2012-2021. She held the position of ACWA Region 10 chair from 2018-2019 and served as vice chair from 2016-2017 and 2020-2021. Cathy Green has also served on several ACWA committees including the water quality committee since 2012, the energy committee since 2019, and the state legislative committee from 2012-2015.

Cathy Green was elected to the Orange County Water District (OCWD) Board of Directors in November 2010 and was re-elected in 2012, 2016 and 2020. She was selected by the Board to serve as its 2015, 2016 and 2023 president. She served as 1st vice president in 2013, 2014 and from 2020 to 2022.

Cathy Green currently serves as vice chair of National Water Research Institute, a 501c3 nonprofit that collaborates with water utilities, regulators, and researchers in innovative ways to help develop new, healthy, and sustainable sources of drinking water.

Prior to Cathy Green's service on OCWD's Board, she was elected to two consecutive terms on the Huntington Beach City Council where she served two terms as mayor. Cathy Green has been involved as a council liaison and committee member on many city boards, commissions and committees. She served on the Orange County Transportation Authority Board and was a director of OC Clean Tech.

Cathy Green serves on the boards of the Huntington Valley Boys and Girls Club and the Orange County Explorer Program; serves on the Huntington Beach City School District Medi-Cal Collaborative; is a director of the Prime Health Foundation and the Huntington Beach Hospital; is a member of the American Legion Unit 133 Auxiliary, Huntington Beach Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Elks Lodge 1959; and is on the advisory board of the Bolsa Chica Conservancy. She is a founding member of Amigos de Bolsa Chica.

In addition, her community involvement has included serving as president of the Therapeutic Riding Center and the Huntington Beach Community Clinic, chair of the Orange County Emergency Medical Care Committee and of Explorer's/Learning for Life, first aid chair of Huntington Beach CERT, and board member of the OC Boy Scouts of America Council and American Family Housing.



Cathy Green is the recipient of many awards. Her most recent is a 2020 Boys and Girls Clubs of America National Service to Youth Award. In 2010, she was the recipient of the Spurgeon Award, and, in 2005, she was named Woman of the Year by then State Senator John Campbell. Other awards include the 2006 United Way Excellence in Child Care Planning, the 2007 Peace Maker Award from the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council and the Golden West College Pillar of Achievement Award. She has also been recognized as Huntington Beach's Citizen of the Year by the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce, a Huntington Beach Soroptimist's Woman of Distinction and a Bolsa Chica Conservancy Conservator of the Year.

Cathy Green is a registered nurse and holds a degree in law. As a nurse, she worked in the health care areas of intensive care, student health, community health, and patient advocacy. In addition to nursing, she gained experience with a variety of environmental projects while associated with Lockhart and Associates.

Cathy Green has been a resident of Huntington Beach since 1970 where she raised her two children, Teresa and Tom, with her late husband Peter.



COMMITMENT · EXPERIENCE · LEADERSHIP

ACWA BOARD MEMBER

- ACWA Vice President (2022-current)
- Executive Committee (2020-current)
- Region 10 Chair (2018-2019)
- Region 10 Vice Chair (2016-2017, 2020-2021)
- Region 10 Board Member (2012-2021)

ACWA COMMITTEES

- Water Quality Committee (2012-current)
- Energy Committee (2019-current)
- State Legislative Committee (2012-2015)

ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

- President (2015-2016, 2022-current)
- 1st Vice President (2013, 2014, 2019-2022)
- Director (2010-current)
- Joint Planning Committee: Chair
- Labor Ad Hoc Committee: Chair
- Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee: Vice Chair

CIVIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency: Chair
- CalDesal: Director
- City of Huntington Beach Mayor (2003, 2009)
- Councilwoman (2002-2010)
- Registered Nurse
- Law degree

My vision for ACWA is to embrace its motto -- Bringing Water Together -- which, for me, is about unifying ACWA members and working collaboratively with diverse stakeholders to find smart solutions to the challenges we are now facing.

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As ACWA's Vice President since 2022, I have and will continue to diligently listen to and work on behalf of all ACWA members. My vision for ACWA is to fully embrace its motto of *Bringing Water Together*. I believe that we can accomplish this by unifying ACWA members and collaborating with stakeholders to find effective solutions to the challenges we face.

As your ACWA President, I will continue to advance the momentum I have built on key initiatives including: 1) advocating for state accountability on water infrastructure investments and policy issues, 2) spearheading the ACWA Council of Past Presidents to mentor new members so that they are aware of membership benefits, and 3) furthering ACWA's economical, efficient, and effective member services through sound fiscal, HR, managerial, and administrative practices.

I will also work on three new initiatives including: 1) re-examining ACWA dues to provide equity for all members, 2) strengthening the Association's ability to attract, develop, and retain top industry talent, and 3) increasing non-dues revenues.

I ask for your vote so that I may continue working to ensure ACWA offers value for all members. My experience, qualifications, decade long ACWA membership, and role as ACWA Vice President have provided me a unique understanding of ACWA as the nation's largest statewide coalition of public water agencies. Please contact me any time at 714.321.0522 or CGreen@OCWD.com.

ACWA Board Member and Committees

- ACWA Vice President (2022-current)
- Executive Committee (2020-current)
- Region 10 Chair (2018-2019)
- Region 10 Vice Chair (2016-2017, 2020-2021)
- Region 10 Board Member (2012-2021)
- Water Quality Committee (2012-current)
- Energy Committee (2019-current)
- State Legislative Committee (2012-2015)

Orange County Water District

- President (2015-2016, 2022-current)
- 1st Vice President (2013, 2014, 2019-2022)
- Director (2010-current)
- Joint Planning Committee Chair
- Labor Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Civic, Professional Experience

- Huntington Beach Mayor (2003, 2009)
- Council Member (2002-2010)
- Registered Nurse
- Law degree

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 9, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Steve Cole
Assistant General Manager

SUBJECT: Approve a Resolution Appointing Kathie Kurt (Martin) as a Retired Annuitant/Extra Help with 180-day Wait Period Exception and Approving Employment Agreement

SUMMARY

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1), which involves taking the following action in the order listed:

1. Appoints Kathie Kurt (Martin) to serve SCV Water as an extra help retired annuitant.
2. Waives the 180-day waiting period.
3. Authorizes the General Manager to enter into an Employment Agreement (Exhibit A) with Kathie Kurt (Martin).

DISCUSSION

Communications Manager, Kathie Kurt (Martin) retired effective June 15, 2023. California law allows retirees receiving a pension under the CalPERS system to work part-time for a CalPERS employer as an extra-help retired annuitant under certain conditions designed to prevent “double-dipping” by the retiree. The key conditions are an annual 960-hour limit on part-time hours worked, no accrual of benefits as a part-time employee, a limit on the hourly wage rate, and the work performed is of “limited duration”. Normally, such a retiree would have to wait 180 days prior to working as an extra-help retired annuitant, but under specified conditions the 180-day waiting period can be waived.

Per Government Code section 21224, extra-help retired annuitants are limited to an hourly rate, as determined by statute, for work performed and may not receive any further compensation or benefits.

Ms. Martin has five and a half years of experience with SCV Water. There are some tasks for which Ms. Martin is uniquely skilled and her continued work on these tasks would be beneficial to SCV Water. These tasks meet the CalPERS Government Code Section 21224 requirement that “*the retired person has specialized skills needed in performing work of limited duration*” such as elimination of backlog, special project work, or to perform work in excess of what regular staff can do. The proposed scope of work to be carried out by Ms. Martin is described in detail in the exhibit to the enclosed employment agreement.

Nothing herein shall be interpreted as an agreement to employ Ms. Martin for any specific assignment or duration.

On May 22, 2023, the Public Outreach and Legislation Committee considered staff's recommendation to approve a resolution appointing Kathie Kurt (Martin).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Ms. Martin will be paid an hourly rate of \$51.88 per hour, which is equal to the hourly rate for the salary paid to a person holding a Management Analyst I position. She will not be entitled to any benefits, sick leave, vacation or holidays, unless otherwise required by state or federal law. The cost will be offset by the elimination or reduction of consultant contract for similar work.

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Outreach and Legislation Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the attached resolution appointing Kathie Kurt (Martin) as an extra help retired annuitant and approve the proposed Employment Agreement.

Attachment

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ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY FOR EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAITING PERIOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7522.56 AND 21224

WHEREAS, in compliance with Government Code Section 7522.56, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (“SCV Water”) must provide CalPERS this certification resolution when hiring a retiree before 180 days have passed since his or her retirement date; and

WHEREAS, Kathie Kurt (Martin) retired from SCV Water in the position of Communications Manager, effective June 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Section 7522.56 requires that post-retirement employment commence no earlier than 180 days after the retirement date, which is December 12, 2023 for Kathie Kurt (Martin), unless this certification resolution is approved by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Section 7522.56 provides that this exception to the 180-day wait period shall not apply if the retiree accepts any retirement-related incentive; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, SCV Water, and Kathie Kurt (Martin), certify that Kathie Kurt (Martin) has not and will not receive a Golden Handshake or any other retirement-related incentive; and

WHEREAS, the successor to Kathie Kurt (Martin)’s current position of Communications Manager was hired on May 22, 2023 and will take step into the position upon Ms. Martin’s retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes to appoint Kathie Kurt (Martin) as an extra help retired annuitant to assist SCV Water with local legislative affairs, effective August 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the limited-term employment agreement between Kathie Kurt (Martin) and SCV Water has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and is attached herein; and

WHEREAS, no matters, issues, terms, and/or conditions related to this employment and appointment have been or will be placed on the consent calendar; and

WHEREAS, the employment shall be limited to 960 hours per fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the compensation paid to retirees cannot be less than the minimum nor exceed the maximum hourly rate paid to other employees performing comparable duties as listed on SCV Water’s publicly available pay schedule; and

WHEREAS, the position on the pay schedule that is most comparable to the work that will be performed by Ms. Martin is Management Analyst I for which the current minimum hourly rate is \$42.58 and the maximum hourly rate is \$51.88, subject to any subsequent adjustment to the hourly rate as adopted by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate to be paid to Kathie Kurt (Martin) will be the maximum hourly rate in effect for the Management Analyst I position as set forth in SCV Water's publicly available pay schedule, which is currently \$51.88; and

WHEREAS, Kathie Kurt (Martin) has not and will not receive any other benefit, incentive compensation in lieu of benefit, or any other form of compensation in addition to this hourly pay rate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water Agency hereby finds, determines and resolves as follows:

1. The Board of Directors has considered the full record before it, which may include but is not limited to such things as the staff report, testimony by staff and the public, and other materials and evidence submitted or provided to it. Furthermore, the recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Board of Directors hereby certifies the nature of the appointment of Kathie Kurt (Martin) as described herein and detailed in the attached employment agreement and that this appointment is necessary to assist SCV Water with local legislative affairs.
3. The Board of Directors hereby waives the 180-day waiting period pursuant to Government Code Sections 7522.56(f)(1).
4. The employment agreement with Kathie Kurt (Martin), a copy of which is enclosed herein as Exhibit "A", is approved by the Board of Directors, effective August 1, 2023.
5. The General Manager is authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water Agency, with such technical amendments as may be deemed appropriate by the General Manager and General Counsel.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of June, 2023.

EXHIBIT "A"

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June 20, 2023

Ms. Kathie Kurt (Martin)
[Address on File]

Re: CalPERS Retiree Limited-Term Appointment Agreement

Dear Kathie:

If accepted by you, this letter represents an agreement for a limited-term appointment as a CalPERS retiree with the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (“SCV Water”) in an extra-help capacity under the provisions of Government Code Section 21224 to assist SCV Water on local legislative affairs, as described further on Exhibit I to this Agreement, and such duties and functions as may be assigned by the General Manager.

This Agreement is made because we have determined that your specialized skills and your institutional knowledge are necessary to assist with local legislative affairs of importance to SCV Water.

The terms of this agreement include:

- The term of your appointment will be from August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, unless you or SCV Water elect to terminate this agreement on an earlier date.
- Rate of pay for this temporary appointment will be the maximum hourly rate in effect for the Management Analyst I position as set forth in SCV Water’s publicly available pay schedule, which is currently \$51.88.
- No further payments or benefits other than the hourly rate will be provided unless required by state or federal law.
- Hours worked shall not exceed 960 hours in a fiscal year (inclusive of all hours worked for any CalPERS employer), unless an exception applies.

SCV Water and you enter into this Agreement with the mutual understanding that the appointment complies with the requirements applicable to the employment of CalPERS retirees, as codified in Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21224. Specifically, an appointment under Sections 7522.56 and 21224 is permissible if all of the following requirements are met:

- (1) The appointment must be to a temporary position.
- (2) The appointment is of limited duration.
- (3) The appointment is either during an emergency to prevent stoppage of public business or because the retiree has specialized skills needed in performing the work.
- (4) The total hours worked by the retiree in a fiscal year, for all CalPERS employers, cannot exceed 960 hours, unless an exception applies.

- (5) The compensation received by the retiree is not more than the maximum, nor less than the minimum, hourly pay rate to other employees performing comparable duties as listed on SCV Water's publicly available pay schedule.
- (6) The compensation paid to the retiree is limited to the hourly rate and no other benefits may be provided.
- (7) For any retirees with a retirement effective date on or after January 1, 2013, the appointment must occur at least 180 days following the date of retirement unless the employer certifies that the appointment is necessary to fill a critically needed position before 180 days have expired and the governing body approves the appointment in a public meeting.
- (8) The retiree cannot have received unemployment insurance payments in the prior 12-month period arising from work performed as a retiree for any public employer.
- (9) If the retiree is less than normal retirement age (i.e., the highest age under any retirement formula that the retiree accrued benefits under with any CalPERS employer), at least 60 days must have passed since the retiree's retirement. This waiting period cannot be waived.

SCV Water, in good faith, has determined that your appointment meets (1) – (6) of the foregoing requirements as follows:

- (1) The appointment will be to a temporary position.
- (2) The appointment is of limited duration because it is anticipated to last less than one (1) year.
- (3) This appointment is made because you possess the specialized skills, as identified in the first paragraph of this appointment offer, necessary for the purpose of the appointment.
- (4) The appointment will not exceed 960 hours in a fiscal year (inclusive of all hours worked for any CalPERS employer).
- (5) The compensation you will receive is no more nor less than the hourly rate paid to other employees performing comparable duties as listed on the SCV Water's publicly available pay schedule.
- (6) Your compensation consists of the hourly rate only; no further benefits will be provided unless required by state or federal law.

By executing this Agreement, you are also, in good faith, determining that your appointment meets each of the nine (9) requirements noted above, including the unemployment insurance requirement. That is, while SCV Water is not in a position to do so, by executing this agreement you are confirming the fact that you have not received unemployment insurance payments within the past 12 months arising from work performed as a retiree for any public employer.

Since you retired less than 180 days from this appointment, the Board of Directors adopted a Resolution to certify that your appointment is necessary to fill a critically needed function before the 180 days have expired as specified in (7) above.

By signing this agreement, you are also confirming that the bona fide separation rule described in (9) above does not apply because you are at least of normal retirement age.

Notwithstanding (4) above, SCV Water has no way of monitoring the hours that you work for another CalPERS employer. As such, it is your responsibility to ensure that the total hours worked in a fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) for SCV Water and any other CalPERS employer do not exceed 960 hours in

the aggregate. However, please note that consistent with the requirements of Section 21220(d) and (e), **SCV Water will enroll you in CalPERS solely for administrative recordkeeping purposes (you will remain in retired status) and will report both your hours and pay pursuant to this agreement.**

While SCV Water and you make this agreement because we believe that it is authorized under Sections 7522.56 and 21224, CalPERS could disagree. If CalPERS disagrees, there is a risk that you will be required to do the following: (1) return any retirement allowance you received during the period of the appointment; (2) pay an amount of money equal to the employee contributions that should have been made, plus interest, during the appointment; and (3) pay CalPERS' administrative expenses incurred as a result of its audit of the appointment. You will also be subject to reinstatement from retirement.

By executing this agreement, you waive any claims against SCV Water arising from an adverse determination by CalPERS associated with this appointment that is attributed to any misrepresentation made by you in this Agreement or any violation of these rules caused by employment with any other CalPERS employer. Please contact CalPERS if you have any questions regarding the requirements of Sections 7522.56 and 21224 or this appointment.

There is no right to public employment expressed by this agreement. All limited-term appointments are subject to the business necessity of SCV Water and are at-will; therefore, the appointment may end with or without cause or advance notice.

We welcome you to your limited-term appointment with the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency and extend our best wishes for your success in this limited duration appointment.

If you have additional questions or comments, feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Matt Stone, General Manager
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Acknowledgment:

I, Kathie Kurt (Martin), agree to this Conditional Limited Term Appointment Agreement (CalPERS Retiree), and hereby warrant that I understand and agree with all the terms and conditions of employment as set forth in this letter.

Signature

Date

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EXHIBIT 1

Scope of Work

On behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, maintain a representative presence in Santa Clarita Valley, which monitors issues of importance to SCV Water, and the Santa Clarita Valley community, and keeps respective offices informed of issues of interest to the Agency.

Elected Officials and Government Agencies

Foster and nurture relationships with local elected representatives and staff on behalf of SCV Water, to include planning and implementing annual legislative staff briefing event.

Provide liaison services to the City of Santa Clarita, County of Los Angeles 5th District, local school districts, Sanitation District and other relevant government entities represented in the SCV Water service area. These services could include review of meeting agendas and meeting summaries. Attendance (virtual or otherwise) would be limited to meetings that may have items with a potential impact on the Agency or its customers.

Water Industry

Actively engage with and foster relationships with key personnel in water industry associations and coalitions, other water industry advocates, and water providers in neighboring Ventura County and Los Angeles County. This would include conducting related activities such as educating on or advocating for Agency positions and informing of programs, services and projects. This network would include the Association of California Water Agencies and Southern California Water Coalition.

Non-Government Organizations

Foster and nurture relationships with:

- Non-profit, community and environmental groups with interests in the health of the watershed, both upstream and downstream, including but not limited to the Sierra Club, TreePeople and Friends of the Santa Clara River.
- Area councils such as but not limited to the Val Verde Civic Association, Castaic Town Council and the Canyon Country Advisory Committee.
- Business affiliate organizations including but not limited to SCV Economic Development Association, the SCV Chamber of Commerce, the Valley Industry Association, Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed)

Advocacy

- Coordinate with the Agency's state and federal lobbyists on actions related to proposed legislation or regulations in accordance with the adopted Legislative Platform.

- Support the Agency's Public Outreach and Legislative Committee.
- Support outreach activities related to the SCV-GSA.

Other Stakeholders

- Develop a monthly email to stakeholders that would cover updates on legislative and regulatory issues, as well as Agency programs and resources.
- Facilitate Agency sponsorship efforts with industry associations, as needed.
- Re-establish and market Agency speaker's bureau opportunities to local clubs and organizations.



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Joe Byrne
General Counsel
SUBJECT: Approve a Designation of an SCV Water Representative to Serve on the Devil's Den Water District Board

SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

DDWD is a California water district whose Board is elected by owners of land within the District. In order to qualify to be elected or appointed to serve as a Board member, a person must be able to certify that they are: (a) a holder of title to land within the District; or (b) the legal representative of a holder of title to land within the District (i.e., a duly appointed and acting guardian, executor, or administrator of the estate of the holder of title, or a person duly authorized to act for or on behalf of a holder of title that is not a natural person); or (c) a representative designated by a holder of title to land within the District.

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) owns approximately 90% of the land within DDWD, and as a result, has recommended designated SCV Water representatives to the DDWD Board for appointment to fill vacancies in the past and to be eligible to run for election to the DDWD Board. Historically, at least a majority of the DDWD Board of Directors have also been current members of the SCV Water Board of Directors (formerly Castaic Lake Water Agency).

At present, the DDWD Board consists of two Directors who sit on the SCV Water Board of Directors and three that do not. This item is being brought forward at the recommendation of the Board President for the Board to consider whether to designate an additional sitting SCV Water Director to be eligible to serve on the DDWD Board of Directors, with the intent being for a majority of the DDWD Board to be SCV Water Directors. If a current SCV Water Director is so designated, they would be eligible to run for the DDWD Board and assume office after the next DDWD election. In order to make room for the new designated Director, the SCV Water Board would need to revoke the designation of an existing DDWD Director who is not on the SCV Water Board effective after the next DDWD election.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board President recommends that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency adopt the attached resolution (1) designating Piotr Orzechowski as a representative of SCV Water to be eligible to run for office and serve on the Devil's Den Water District Board and (2) revoke the designation of former SCV Water Director R.J. Kelly effective upon the expiration of his existing term of office.

Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**DESIGNATION OF PIOTR ORZECZOWSKI AS A REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY FOR
PURPOSES OF SERVING AS DIRECTOR OF THE DISTRICT AND REVOKING THE
DESIGNATION OF R. J. KELLY AS A REPRESENTATIVE EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF
THEIR EXISTING TERM OF OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Devil’s Den Water District is a California Water District, whose Board of Directors is elected by the landowners within the District, and whose directors must either be a landowner, legal representative of a landowner, or designated representative of a landowner in the District; and


WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, as the owner of the majority of land within the Devil’s Den Water District, is entitled to designate a representative for eligibility to run for office and serve on the Devil’s Den Water District Board of Directors.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (“Agency”) that the Board does hereby (1) designate SCV Water Director Piotr Orzechowski to serve as a designated representative of the Agency for purposes of serving as a Director of the Devil’s Den Water District and (2) revokes the designation of former SCV Water Director R. J. Kelly effective upon the expiration of their existing term of office.

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 23, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Cole 
Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: May 22, 2023 Rescheduled Public Outreach and Legislation Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Rescheduled Public Outreach and Legislation Committee met at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 22, 2023, at the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom located at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. In attendance were Committee Chair Maria Gutzeit, Directors Kathye Armitage and Beth Braunstein. Staff members present were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, new hired Communications Manager Kevin Strauss, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang and Information Technology Tech I Jonathan Thomas. Attending virtually were Consultant Geoff Bowman from Van Scoyoc Associate, Consultant Dennis Albiani and Annalee Akin from California Advocates, Consultant Hunt Braly from Poole Shaffery, and members of the public were present. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

Item 2: Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Item 3: Legislative Consultant Reports – Staff and the Committee reviewed the federal legislative report by Geoff Bowman, state legislative report by Dennis Albiani and Annalee Akin and local legislative report by Hunt Braly.

Item 4: Discussion of Local Legislative Advocate Position – After review and discussion, the Committee recommended through consensus to move this item forward for consideration by the Board and approval. This item will be presented in a separate report going to the June 20, 2023 regular Board meeting.

Item 5: Communications Manager Activities – Kathie Martin provided a summary of current staff activities.

- Staff and Committee welcomed the new Communications Manager Kevin Strauss.
- Education Summer Program – new summer program titled 2023 Summer Scout Days. The program is designed for Girls and Boys Scouts within Santa Clarita Valley from grades 1-5 and 6-12. The course will include Water Treatment and Facility Tour and work towards badge requirements. Registration forms will be available on the Agency's website.
- Bridgeport Park – currently developing social media video post on work in progress. Groundbreaking planned for late August or early September 2023.
- Consumer Confidence Report – is complete and posted online in English and Spanish versions. Outreach and press release begins May 25. Billing notices have started, in order to meet requirement for notification to all customers by July 1, 2023.
- Ratepayer Assistance – accepting applications beginning June 1.

There was public comment on item 5.

Item 6: Committee Planning Calendar – Staff and Committee reviewed the Planning Calendar.

Item 7: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Agency website or by clicking the following link:
<https://www.yourscvwater.com/meetings/rescheduled-committee-meeting-052223-0>


Attachment

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Date: May 16, 2023

To: **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee**
Maria Gutzeit, Chair
Kathye Armitage
Beth Braunstein
Ed Colley

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager 

The **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee** meeting is rescheduled on **Monday, May 22, 2023 at 5:30 PM at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 in the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom**. Members of the public may attend in person or virtually. To attend this meeting virtually, please see below.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

This meeting will be conducted in person at the addresses listed above. As a convenience to the public, members of the public may also participate virtually by using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-833-568-8864, Webinar ID: 161 290 3404 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1612903404>**. Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Committee using the call-in number or Zoom Webinar link above. However, in the event there is a disruption of service which prevents the Agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using either the call-in option or internet-based service, this meeting will not be postponed or rescheduled but will continue without remote participation. The remote participation option is being provided as a convenience to the public and is not required. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting in person.

Attendees should be aware that while the Agency is following all applicable requirements and guidelines regarding COVID-19, the Agency cannot ensure the health of anyone attending a Committee meeting. Attendees should therefore use their own judgment with respect to protecting themselves from exposure to COVID-19.

Members of the public unable to attend this meeting may submit comments either in writing to ekang@scvwa.org or by mail to Eunie Kang, Executive Assistant, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 26501 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. All written comments received before 4:00 PM the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Committee members and posted on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency website prior to the start of the meeting. Anything received after 4:00 PM the day of the meeting, will be made available at the meeting, if practicable, and will be posted on the SCV Water website the following day. All correspondence with comments, including letters or emails, will be posted in their entirety.

MEETING AGENDA

<u>ITEM</u>		<u>PAGE</u>
1.	<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	
2.	<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> – Members of the public may comment as to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.)	
3. *	Legislative Consultant Report	
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7.	Adjournment	
*	Indicates Attachment	
◆	Indicates Handout	

NOTICES:

Any person may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation needed for that person to be able to participate in the public meeting by telephoning Eunie Kang, Executive Assistant, at (661) 297-1600, or email to ekang@scvwa.org or by writing to Eunie Kang, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 26501 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. Requests must specify the nature of the disability and the type of accommodation requested. A telephone number or other contact information should be included so that Agency staff may discuss appropriate arrangements. Persons requesting a disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time before the meeting for the Agency to provide the requested accommodation.

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