

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – September 8, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held at the Embassy Suites, 28508 Westinghouse Place, Valenica, CA 91355 in the Mandarin and Naranja Rooms at 8:00 AM on Friday, September 8, 2023. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

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 Manager Kevin Strauss, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord, Director of Technology Cris Perez, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, General Counsel Joe Byrne, Means Consulting, LLC, Facilitator Ed Means, and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. A quorum was present.

Facilitator Ed Means gave the Board feedback on the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) meetings that took place in August of 2023 with the SCV Water staff, and confirmed the Strategic Plan Vision, Mission, Goal and Value Statements.

A short 10 minute break was taken around 9:45 AM.

Mr. Means continued discussion on the following:

- Vision, mission, goal and value statements
- Key 5-year activities and what the next 5-year priorities should be
- Appropriate level of buffer supplies in uncertain times

Presentations were given by staff and discussed by the Board on “Financial Planning for Future Challenges” and “Evolution of Water Resources”.

Mr. Means then wrapped up the session with a summary and what the next steps would be.

The public was given an opportunity to make public comments at the beginning, the middle and the end of the meeting. A public comment was heard in the middle of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 PM.


April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



President of the Board

