

**April Jacobs**

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**From:** Terri Dokovna <tldokovna@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2018 12:00 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Dante Acosta

As a constituent of SCV, I object to the appointment of Dante Acosta to the Water board. He doesn't even live in Val Verde or Castaic.

We need someone who has the interests of the residents.

Terri D.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** retailgm@roadrunner.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2018 12:15 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** I am opposed to Dante Acosta's nomination to the newly formed Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Dear Ms Jacobs,

Please know that I object to the nomination of Dante Acosta to serve on the newly formed Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency in the District 36 seat which represents Val Verde and Castaic.

This is why I object to Mr. Acosta's nomination:

- 1). Acosta has already demonstrated he doesn't side with the residents of Val Verde/Castaic. He sent an official representative and letter of support to the public hearing for the expansion of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill in Val Verde - siding with the big corporation that puts unbearable odors into the community where many residents have fallen very ill and believe it to be related to the landfill.
- 2). Our limited water supply is too important to be trusted to political favoritism and a board member who voted against water conservation during his time in the assembly (AB1668). The bill requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt long-term standards for the efficient use of water and performance measures for commercial, industrial, and institutional water use on or before June 30, 2022. Former Assembly member Dante Acosta voted against it.
- 3). Acosta DOESN'T LIVE IN THE DISTRICT that he would be representing and the local town council wasn't informed and had no say in the nomination. Additionally, he was appointed by only one of the supervisors and not the whole board with no chance for public comment.
- 4). Water board members usually come from science or engineering backgrounds, Acosta does not and knows nothing about water issues in Santa Clarita or District 36.
- 5). The voters have spoken, and Acosta was voted out of office by voters in this district. He shouldn't just be handed another position of authority outright. If he wants to serve the public again he should run for office and let the voters decide.

Please nominate a more qualified candidate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Wendy Bentkoski  
28484 N. Mayfair Drive  
Valencia, CA 91354

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**From:** Fern \* <fernoutside@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2018 8:32 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Danta Acosta should not be appointed to the Santa Clarita Water Agency Board.

Good morning, Ms. Jacobs.

I object to Dante Acosta being appointed to the SCVA Board for many reasons including the facts that he has no science or engineering background, does not live in the Val Verde/Castaic area and voted against water conservation during his time in the state assembly.

He was appointed by one LA Co Supervisor and not the entire board. Where was the opportunity for public comment?

This is political favoritism and not sound governing. Dante Acosta does not belong on the SCWA Board.

Thank you,  
Fern Zalin Jones  
Valencia, CA

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**From:** Adrian Tenney <adriantenney@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2018 11:06 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** No to Dante Acosta

Hello, I'm writing to ask that you vote No to electing Dante Acosta to the water agency board. I am a longtime Santa Clarita resident who spent several years living in Val Verde and I think that the Chiquita canyon landfill should not be expanded, and that water should be used more carefully and honorably than we currently are.

Thank you  
Adrian Tenney

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Adrian Tenney

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**From:** Deirdre Bolona <deirdreb3000@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2018 2:21 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Dante Acosta on water board...NO

Dante Acosta was an assembly man that did nothing for the victims of the Aliso Canyon blowout. This facility poisoned our water level of lithium in my home drinking water is 81ppm

DWP denies that any ground water was used in the water they provide but we have learned differently the proof is in the putting I'm drinking with him every day as are my animals.

Dante said in his mailers he was in favor of doing something about the Gas storage facility the fifth largest in the United States.

But when we went to one of his coffee meetings he was dismissive of us and said there's nothing he can do.

Dante Acosta is not an innovative thinker or problem solver. And politics especially in what's going on today we need people that can solve problems and go after corruption not be afraid to speak out against corporations like SoCalGas/Sempra that poison our water and air because if not might not be a good career move.

Thank you,  
Deirdre Bolona

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Catherine Flynn <catflynn661@gmail.com> on behalf of Catherine Flynn <cflynn661@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2018 3:05 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Acosta not good candidate for water board

Dante Acosta should NOT be approved for our water board. He was put out of office by the voters of this valley and does not represent our values. He does not live in Val Verde, does not have a background in science and will contribute nothing but a political presence. Kathryn Barger can do better by the voters of this valley.

Thank you,  
Catherine Flynn  
Valencia

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**From:** dok byr <dokbyr@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2018 4:18 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Dante Acosta's appointment to the new Water Board

Dear April Jacobs and all member of the Board,

### **I am seriously beseeching the Board to Vote NO to the appointment of Dante Acosta.**

The voters expressed their disapproval of Assemblyman Dante Acosta in November and voted him OUT in November. Now as a long time resident of Castaic I am VERY strongly objecting to Kathryn Barger's appointment of him to the newly created Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, District 36 seat which represents Val Verde and Castaic areas.

### **We the residents of this beautiful area do NOT want Dante Acosta anywhere near our land and water... for the following reasons:**

- First of all he doesn't even live here in the area he'd be representing.
- He supports large corporations and the expansion of Chiquita Land Fill which will be terrible for our community's air quality.
- The Water Board usually and very well should have science and engineering backgrounds. Acosta has already proven he does NOT and knows nothing about water issues in Santa Clarita or District 36 or anywhere else.
- We the voters spoke when we voted Dante Acosta OUT of office in our district and he should not then be handed a position of power and authority in our community. If he wants another position of power he should run again and let the voters decide.
- Our limited and valuable water supply is far too important to be trusted to Dante Acosta! It is far too important to be entrusted to political favoritism and especially to a board member who literally voted against water conservation during his time in office: Dante Acosta's [Bill Votes](#) against water conservation in AB1668. He literally voted against long term standards for efficient use of water and performance measures for commercial, industrial water use. Both Assemblyman Dante Acosta and State Senator Scott Wilk both sided with corporations and voted against it AB1668 inspite of the needs and requests of the community.

### **Dante Acosta is unsuitable to serve on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency!**

Thank you,

Betty Byrnes

Castaic - Stonegate resident  
27545 Jasper Way  
Castaic 91384

**Bill Votes**



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**From:** Stacy Fortner <s\_fortner@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2018 10:05 AM  
**To:** info@da.lacounty.gov; April Jacobs; mgilmer@da.lacounty.gov; ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov  
**Cc:** Sup Hilda Solis; Sup Janice Hahn; Sup Kathryn Barger; Sup Mark Ridley-Thomas; Sup Sheila Keuhl  
**Subject:** Brown Act Violation of Santa Clarita Water District Appointment to LA County Waterworks District 36, Dante Acosta (recently lost election in AD38)  
**Attachments:** SCV Water Board Packet - December 18, 2018 PAGE 1 Item 5.pdf; Brown Act Violation.docx; 130644.pdf

Honorable Board Members

This letter is to call your attention to what I believe is a violation of a central provision of the Ralph M. Brown Act, Govt. Code **Section 54954.2 - Agenda contents and posting**

As you are undoubtedly aware through the ethics training that Directors are required to take each year, the Ralph M Brown Act states in its preamble:

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To cure and correct, Brown Act Govt. Code Section 54960.1, requires you to withdraw any commitments made, re-post and re-hear the matter. As provided by Govt. Code Section 54960.1, you have 30 days from receipt of this demand to either cure or correct the challenged action or to inform me of your decision not to do so.

Respectfully yours,

Stacy L Fortner  
661-993-6688

Stacy Fortner  
28314 Lobelia Lane  
Valencia, CA 91354

12-17-18

Secretary and Board of Directors  
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency  
27234 Bouquet Canyon Rd.  
Saugus, CA 91350

Re: Brown Act Violation

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**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
27234 BOUQUET CANYON ROAD  
SANTA CLARITA, CA 91350  
RIO VISTA WATER TREATMENT PLANT BOARDROOM  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018 AT 6:30 PM**

**AND TELECONFERENCE SITE LOCATED AT**

**VICE PRESIDENT R.J. KELLY  
129 WALNUT RIDGE DRIVE  
IRON STATION, NC 28080  
(661) 510-1025**

**6:00 PM DISCOVERY ROOM OPEN TO 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 6:30 PM.

**OPEN SESSION BEGINS AT 6:30 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Members of the public may comment as to items not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so now or prior to each item as they arise. Please complete and return a comment request form to the Agency Board Secretary. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Board's presiding officer, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.) Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in Closed Session before they are considered by the Board must request to make comment at the commencement of the meeting at 6:30 PM.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
5. **SPECIAL PROCEDURES**
  - 5.1. ♦ Consideration of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde, Nomination to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors and Approve by Resolution

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

DECEMBER 11, 2018

**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY NOMINATION**

The Castaic Lake Water Agency was dissolved by the State of California Legislature on January 1, 2018, pursuant to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Act (Act"), and was replaced by a new governmental agency, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency ("SCVWA"). The State legislature further appointed the then-existing directors of the Board of Directors of Castaic Lake Water Agency to the Board of Directors of SCVWA with terms that expire on January 1, 2019. The State legislature set forth procedures to the determine the composition of the SCVWA Board of Directors, which provide (among other things) that Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde ("the purveyor"), is responsible for nominating the "successor appointed director" to the SCVWA Board of Directors. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ("Board") is the governing body of the "purveyor," Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde. A nominee of the purveyor may be a director, officer, agent, or employee of the purveyor and shall be a registered voter within the County of Los Angeles or the County of Ventura. The Director of Public Works is requesting that the Board nominate Mr. Dante Acosta to represent the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde, as the successor appointed Director to the Board of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency. Mr. Acosta is very knowledgeable and has many years of extensive experience in the water supply field and meets the criteria of the Act.

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MOTION

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RIDLEY-THOMAS \_\_\_\_\_

KUEHL \_\_\_\_\_

BARGER \_\_\_\_\_

HAHN \_\_\_\_\_

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Nominate Mr. Dante Acosta to represent the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde, as the successor appointed Director to the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency.
2. Adopt the Resolution submitting Mr. Acosta's name to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency for appointment as the successor appointed Director to the Board of Directors.
3. Find that the actions set forth in this motion are not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act as the proposed actions do not constitute a project and are exempt from review under the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Sections 15378(b)(5) and 15061(b)(3).

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December 17, 2018

Ms. Stacy Fortner  
28314 Lobelia Lane  
Valencia, CA 91354

Re: SCV Water: Alleged Brown Act Violation

Dear Ms. Fortner:

This is in response to your letter of today's date, alleging a Brown Act violation.

Dean Efstathiou's term as the appointed director expires January 1. When the agenda for the December 18 meeting was prepared, the County had not yet selected its nominee. In order to preserve the Board's ability to appoint a new director in case we received a nomination, we put the item on the agenda as a placeholder, so that there would be no lapse in representation.

We did not receive notice from the County of its nominee until today. We did read about the appointment in the Signal, but did not feel that we should base the agenda item on that unverified report.

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Very truly yours,

Thomas S. Bunn III

Ed and Joan Dunn  
15414 Rhododendron Dr.  
Canyon Country, CA 91 387  
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Please copy to all Board Members

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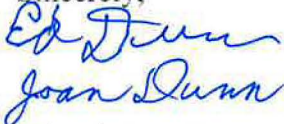
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As this nominee was voted out of office at the general election on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> by a majority of the people in the Santa Clarita Valley, we believe that this known and important information was intentionally kept off your agenda in an effort to keep the information from the public when you may have surmised that the public would object to this appointment.

The purpose of the Brown Act is to ensure public transparency. In the recent press release for his newest government transparency bill, SB53, our own Senator Scott Wilk who sponsored the formation of this agency, states "*Transparency equals accountability*". This statement certainly should be taken to heart by the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency.

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Sincerely,



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cc: Los Angeles County District Attorney, Office of Public Integrity





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