

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – September 3, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: B. J. Atkins, Tom Campbell, Kathy Colley, William Cooper, Robert DiPrimio (arrived at 6:52 PM), Jerry Gladbach, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen and Lynne Plambeck.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Ed Colley.

Also present: Matthew Stone, General Manager; Tom Bunn, General Counsel; April Jacobs, Board Secretary; Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager; Keith Abercrombie, Chief Operating Officer; Brian Folsom, Chief Engineer; Eric Campbell, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer; Rochelle Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration; Rick Viergutz, Principal Water Resources Planner; Matt Dickens, Resource Conservation Manager; Mark Passamani, Safety Officer; Jon Wallace, Safety Specialist I; Kathie Martin, Public Information Officer; Rene Ponce, IT Technician; Terri Bell, Administrative Assistant; and members of the public.

President Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present.

Upon motion of Director K. Colley, seconded by Director Mortensen and carried, the Agenda was approved by the following electronic votes (Item 4):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	Yes
Director E. Colley	Absent	Director K. Colley	Yes
President Cooper	Yes	Director DiPrimio	Not Present
Director Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Vice President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Mortensen, seconded by Director Gladbach and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-120, SCV-121 and SCV-122 by the following electronic votes (Item 5):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	Yes
Director E. Colley	Absent	Director K. Colley	Yes
President Cooper	Yes	Director DiPrimio	Not Present
Director Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Vice President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-120

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER
TO (1) APPLY FOR A ROUND 3 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, IDENTIFYING SCV WATER AS THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE**

FOR THE LOCAL COST SHARE AND (2) EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR A 2019 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS, SCV Water is a member agency of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA); and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2018, SCV Water and SCV-GSA entered into an Administrative Services Agreement requiring the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) to administer the SCV-GSA and provide the majority of funding to develop the state-required Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is administering the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program using funds authorized by Proposition 68 and Proposition 1 to encourage sustainable management of groundwater resources that support the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

WHEREAS, DWR has issued a Draft Round 3 Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for Planning Grants related to development or implementation of GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the application period is anticipated to begin September 9, 2019 and be open until November 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, an opportunity exists for SCV Water, to apply for Round 3 grant funding to fund portions of the GSP on behalf of the SCV-GSA; and

WHEREAS, SCV Water is evaluating projects and requested grant amounts and anticipates a minimum grant request of \$500,000, but may request more grant funds if eligible costs are identified; and

WHEREAS, the application process includes many requirements and considerations including: a) SCV-GSA adoption of a resolution affirming it desires SCV Water to submit a grant application on its behalf, b) identification of the total local cost share that will be committed to the proposal, and c) the minimum local cost share of 25% of total proposal cost must be provided; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Administrative Services Agreement between the SCV-GSA and SCV Water, SCV Water will apply for the grant and commit to providing the minimum local cost share; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Administrative Services Agreement, if a Round 3 Grant is awarded, grant revenues will be used to offset SCV Water's costs to develop the GSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, the governing body of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, resolves and orders as follows:

If the SCV-GSA Board affirms through a resolution that it desires SCV Water to apply for the Round 3 grant on behalf of the SCV-GSA, then the General Manager is authorized to:

- (1) Apply for a Round 3 Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Grant on behalf of the SCV-GSA, identifying Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency as the agency responsible for the local cost share, and
- (2) Execute an agreement with the State of California for a 2019 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-121

**RESOLUTION OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency has determined under its Board Procedures Manual that the Agency shall annually adopt a budget prior to the commencement of each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. SCV-105 executed on May 24, 2019, the Board of Directors approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/20 and FY 2020/21 Budget, including sections on the Operating Budget and Capital Expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2019/20 Retail Operating Budget needs to be increased by \$862,300 due to timing issues of capital projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency hereby:

1. Amends the FY 2019/20 Retail Operating Budget (Attachment 1).

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-122

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT PAYMENTS
DURING FISCAL YEAR 2019/20**

WHEREAS, the Castaic Lake Water Agency on April 30, 1963 contracted with the State of California through the Department of Water Resources for a water supply pursuant to the California Water Resources Development Bond Act; and

WHEREAS, the Castaic Lake Water Agency on June 23, 1972 joined in the Devil Canyon-Castaic Contract, which amended payment terms of the State Water Contract to require Agency payment for debt service on bonds issued under the contract and operation and maintenance of certain facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SB 634, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was created on January 1, 2018 and is the successor entity to the Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) and the Newhall County Water District (NCWD); and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency is currently entitled under the Water Supply Contract, as amended, to a total Annual Table A amount of 95,200 acre-feet; and

WHEREAS, the Water Supply Contract, as amended, requires the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency to make payments to the Department of Water Resources for water service on account of (1) a Delta Water Charge, (2) a Transportation Charge, (3) a Devil Canyon-Castaic Contract Charge, (4) an Off-Aqueduct Power Facilities Charge as an addition to the Transportation Charge, and (5) a Water System Revenue Bond Surcharge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 29 of the Water Supply Contract and Articles 17 and 22 of the Devil Canyon-Castaic Contract, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency has received statements of charges embracing and detailing payments due in FY 2019/20; and

WHEREAS, a summary of the charges contained in the statements is attached to this resolution and the total of the invoiced FY 2019/20 Water Supply Contract charges is \$19,652,165, plus Variable Operation, Maintenance, Power and Replacement Charges.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency authorizes the General Manager to disburse funds from the State Water Contract Fund, subject to adjustments, in a timely manner to meet the Water Supply Contract and Devil Canyon-Castaic Contract payment obligations due during FY 2019/20.

Safety Officer Mark Passamani and Safety Specialist I Jon Wallace presented the Annual Safety Program Update (Item 6).

Resource Conservation Manager Matt Dickens gave a presentation on the Conservatory Garden and Pocket Park Pilot Projects (Item 7).

The General Manager gave an update on his upcoming vacation (Item 8).

Director Mortensen updated the Board on the May and June 2019 Financial reports that were included in the Board packet (Item 9).

There were no reports on Item 10.

President Cooper reminded the Engineering and Operations Committee that this week's Engineering and Operations Committee meeting location had changed to the Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant, time remains the same. He also updated the Board on upcoming events and mentioned that the September 17, 2019 regular Board meeting would be cancelled (Item 11).

Director Gladbach addressed the Board on supporting a resolution nominating a candidate for the position of ACWA Vice President (Item 11.1).

Upon motion of Director Gladbach, seconded by Director DiPrimio and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-123 supporting the nomination of Pamela Tobin from San Juan Water District for the position of ACWA Vice President by the following electronic votes (Item 11).

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	Yes
Director E. Colley	Absent	Director K. Colley	Yes

President Cooper	Yes	Director DiPrimio	Yes
Director Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Vice President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-123

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF PAMELA TOBIN FROM SAN JUAN WATER
DISTRICT AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF ACWA VICE PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS, ACWA has announced that a Nominating Committee has been formed to develop a slate for the Association's statewide positions 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, Pamela Tobin has expressed interest in being a candidate for Vice President of the ACWA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Tobin has served in a leadership role as a member of the San Juan Water District Board of Directors since December 2004; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Tobin has served in a leadership role as a member of the ACWA Board of Directors since 2018; has served on the ACWA Region 4 Board since 2016; is currently Region 4 Chair; has served on the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee and the ACWA Local Government Committee since 2014; and has served on the ACWA Board of Directors' Steering Committee for Long Term Strategic Planning; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Tobin has been a Board member of the ACWA JPIA since 2016; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Tobin has been a leader in regional water management efforts, including as a Board Member and multiple terms as Chair of both the Sacramento Regional Water Authority and the Sacramento Groundwater Authority; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors that Pamela Tobin possesses all of the qualities needed to fulfill the duties of the office of ACWA Vice President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors wholeheartedly supports Pamela Tobin for nomination as a candidate for the office of ACWA Vice President.

AB 1234 Reports (Item 12).

Written reports were submitted by Vice President's Gutzeit and Martin which were handed out and are part of the record.

President Cooper reported that he participated in a conference call on August 28, 2019 with Mitch Rosenberg and Matt Stone regarding the upcoming GM Evaluation and attended the August 30, 2019 Arundo tour with Congresswoman Katie Hill and her staff.

Director Gladbach reported that he participated in a conference call with the ACWA Business Development Committee on August 28, 2019.

Director Reports (Item 13).

Director Kelly gave an update on the ACWA Finance and ACWA Communications Committees.

There was no need to go into Closed Session (Item 14).

Director Plambeck requested approval to attend Nossaman LLP's 2019 California Coastal Law conference being held on September 10, 2019 in Huntington Beach. The President approved. There were no other requests for approval for event attendance (Item 16).

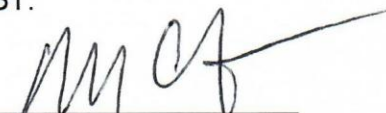
Director Atkins asked that an update on the Conservation Garden issue discussed at this evenings meeting be brought back to a future Board meeting. There were no other requests for future agenda items (Item 17).

Upon motion of Director Kelly, seconded by Director Gladbach and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM by the following electronic votes (Item 18):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	Yes
Director E. Colley	Absent	Director K. Colley	Yes
President Cooper	Yes	Director DiPrimio	Yes
Director Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Vice President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Not Present	Director Plambeck	Yes


April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Vice President of the Board

