

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – March 3, 2020

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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, March 3, 2020. 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 6:47 PM), Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen and Lynne Plambeck.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Ed Colley.

Also present: Matthew Stone, General Manager; Joe Byrne, General Counsel; April Jacobs, Board Secretary; Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager; Eric Campbell, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer; Keith Abercrombie, Chief Operating Officer; Rochelle Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration; Jason Yim, Principal Engineer; Shadi Bader, Senior Engineer; Kathie Martin, Public Information Officer; Rene Ponce, IT Technician; Terri Bell, Administrative Assistant; and members of the public.

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

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Atkins 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
Director Cooper	Yes	Director DiPrimio	Not Present
Director Ford	Yes	Vice President Gladbach	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Director Mortensen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

Upon motion of Director K. Colley, seconded by Director Mortensen and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar by the following electronic votes (Item 5):

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

Upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved the Community Facility District Policy by the following electronic votes (Item 6.1):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	No
Director E. Colley	Absent	Director K. Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director DiPrimio	Yes

Director Ford	Yes	Vice President Gladbach	No
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Kelly	No
President Martin	No	Director Mortensen	Yes
Director Plambeck	No		

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Upon motion of Director Campbell, seconded by Director K. Colley and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to purchase the treatment media for the N Wells PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project for an amount not to exceed \$900,000 by the following electronic votes (Item 6.2):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	Yes
Director E. Colley	Absent	Director K. Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director DiPrimio	Yes
Director Ford	Yes	Vice President Gladbach	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Director Mortensen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

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#### **General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 7).**

The General Manager reported on his attendance at the Urban Water Institute Conference held on February 19-21, 2020 in Palm Springs, he highlighted the following:

- A panel discussion on PFOA which included the City of Fullerton, Pico Water District and an engineer from Hazen and Sawyer.
- Participated as a speaker for a panel on "Making the Impossible, Possible: Rethinking Institutional and Regulatory Challenges to Drive Success". He recapped the effort to bring SCV Water together and focused on early successes, challenges and key insights taken from the merger.
  - Takeaways from this panel were:
    - The importance of a committed group of leaders to sit down and work out a plan together, rather than continue in a conflict mode.
    - The importance of a team effort and how from there, board, management, staff, lawyers, and others see it through and implement the vision.
    - You cannot communicate too often – both externally and internally.
    - When faced with a once in a generation opportunity – go big or go home.
    - Persistence is key. There will be challenges and hurdles. Keep moving forward as you address them.

He continued with highlighting several other panels that he attended during the conference which included:

- Hindsight is 2020 – Projects or issues that have gone wrong.
- Just How Ugly Can Cyber Threats Be? – Watering holes and human engineering (fooling someone to open something or click on something).
- I've Seen Fire and I've Seen Rain – Wildfires from a water utility perspective.
- Filling Buckets with Talents, Time and Treasure (which he moderated) – Unsung heroes are helping people, communities and nations deliver clean, safe water where this is neither. Discussion centered around helping provide water and sanitation in the developing world. He stated that there were two water charities featured – Golf Fore Africa, LPGA and Lifewater International.

Lastly he spoke about how the conference ended with a water utility version of the TV show "Shark Tank" called "Who's Swimming with the Sharks?" Three innovators presented their ideas which were vetted by a panel of experts and voted on by the audience.

The General Manager then asked Public Information Officer Kathie Martin to update the Board on the first SCV Water Summit being held at the Hyatt Regency on April 17, 2020.

Public Information Officer Kathie Martin gave an update on the April 17, 2020 Water Summit.

- Theme is "Forward Momentum...Delivered by You".
- MC will be Justin Wallin.
- Several great speakers and sponsors for this event.
- SCV Water staff is out in the community promoting the event and soliciting sales.
- Ticket prices are \$75 through March 10, 2020, then go up to \$100 and on the day of the event are \$125.
  - Cost is due to the location of the event, breakfast and lunch being served and snacks being available. The cost does not cover the full cost of the attendance of one person but is being offset by sponsorships. The event will also be recorded to enable those who couldn't attend, the ability to experience and receive the benefits of the Summit through video.
- Two additional seats will be given to each Director to give out to someone in the Community either an organization that they are a part of or a community member.
- Some of the sponsors purchased full tables that they will not fill and will be donating those seats for use by members of the community and/or employees who would like to attend.

The General Manager finished with a quick update on the Corona Virus and how the Agency is working with staff. He mentioned that Safety Officer Mark Passamani sent an email to staff regarding some key guidance on the basics of handwashing, good hygiene, going home if you are sick and staying home when you are sick, etc. They will be keeping staff updated and informed as things develop.

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#### **Committee Meeting Recap Reports (Item 8).**

There was no discussion.

**Written Reports (Item 9).**

There was no discussion.

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**President's Report (Item 10).**

President Martin reported that the March 17, 2020 Board meeting would be cancelled and advised the Board on upcoming events.

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**AB 1234 Reports (Item 11).**

Written reports were submitted by President Martin and Directors Mortensen and Plambeck and were included in the Board packet. An additional written report was submitted by Director Plambeck which was handed out and is part of the record.

President Martin reported that he participated in conference calls with the CSDA Member Services Committee and the CSDA Professional Development Committee on February 5, 2020.

Director Atkins reported that he attended the Urban Water Institute Conference held in Palm Springs on February 19-21, 2020 and attended the 2020 Summit for Water Sustainability held at United Water Conservation District in Oxnard on February 28, 2020.

Vice President Gladbach reported that he participated in a conference call with the National Water Resources Association Federal Affairs Committee on February 7, 2020.

There were no further AB 1234 Reports.

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**Director Reports (Item 12).**

Director Gladbach reported that the JPIA will be refunding about \$6M back to its customers.

There were no further Director reports.

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**Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 13).**

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

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**Request for Future Agenda Items (Item 14).**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

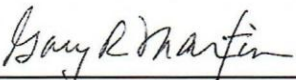
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Upon motion of Director Mortensen, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM by the following electronic votes (Item 15):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Campbell	Yes
Director E. Colley	Absent	Director K. Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director DiPrimio	Yes
Director Ford	Yes	Vice President Gladbach	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Director Mortensen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

  
April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

  
President of the Board

