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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020

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

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

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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 AT 6:30 PM
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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 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.) 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.

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11. CLOSED SESSION – SEPARATE DIAL-IN PHONE NUMBER WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD AND APPROPRIATE STAFF

- 11.1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (One Case)

OPEN SESSION CONTINUES WITH THE PHONE NUMBER LISTED ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS AGENDA

12. **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**
13. **DIRECTOR REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL FOR EVENT ATTENDANCE**
14. **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
15. **ADJOURNMENT**

- * Indicates Attachment
- ◆ Indicates Handout

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Posted on October 14, 2020.

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – September 30, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held via teleconference at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, September 30, 2020. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: B. J. Atkins, Ed Colley, Kathy Colley, William Cooper, Robert DiPrimio, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen and Lynne Plambeck via teleconference.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present via teleconference: Board Secretary April Jacobs, M.M. Rosenberg and Associates Erin Hastey and Mitchell Rosenberg, and a member of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. A quorum was present.

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

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
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	Unable to vote

The Board went into Closed Session at 1:16 PM (Item 5).

The Board was instructed to disconnect from the current call and redial in on a separate teleconference format that was provided to them. President Martin instructed the public members and staff (if any) who wanted to stay on the call, to stay on the current teleconference line and once Closed Session has ended, the Board will reconvene for Closed Session announcements and the conclusion of the meeting.

President Martin reconvened the Open Session at 5:23 PM.

President Martin reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 6).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM (Item 7).

April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

President of the Board

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – October 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held via teleconference at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: B. J. Atkins, Ed Colley, Kathy Colley, William Cooper, Robert DiPrimio, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen and Lynne Plambeck via teleconference.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present via teleconference: General Manager Matthew Stone, General Counsel Joe Byrne, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Principal Engineer Jason Yim, Senior Engineer Jim Leserman, Water Resources Planner Ernesto Velazquez, Associate Engineer Elizabeth Sobczak, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Public Information Officer Kathie Martin, Executive Assistant Leticia Quintero, Administrative Technician Eunie Kang, Administrative Assistant Terri Bell, IT Technician Jonathan Thomas and members of the public.

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

Upon motion of Director Plambeck, seconded by Director K. Colley and carried, the Board approved the Agenda by the following roll call votes (Item 4):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Not Present
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

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Plambeck and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar which included Resolution No. SCV-176 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Not Present
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

RESOLUTION NO.SCV-176

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

TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO AMEND THE GSI WATER SOLUTIONS, INC. CONTRACT FOR FIELD INVESTIGATION OF POTENTIAL RECHARGE SITES

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-100620-Resolution-SCV-176.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director DiPrimio and carried, the Board (1) approved Resolution No. SCV-177 awarding funding in an amount not to exceed \$891,139.70 for construction costs and an amount not to exceed \$84,100 for construction management and miscellaneous costs to The Newhall Land and Farming Company, LLC, and (2) authorized the General Manager to execute a work authorization with Woodard and Curran for an amount not to exceed \$260,000 for inspection services for the Commerce Center Drive Pipeline project by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
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

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-177

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
APPROVING FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
TO THE NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING COMPANY, LLC,
FOR THE COMMERCE CENTER DRIVE PIPELINE PROJECT**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-100620-Resolution-SCV-177.pdf>

Upon motion of Director DiPrimio, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved the retail debt threshold calculation by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
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	Abstained

Upon motion of Director Ford, seconded by Vice President Gladbach and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. 178 for the Negotiated Tax Exchange to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for Annexation No. 2019-08 (Detachment of Territory to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency), Tax Rate Area 6635, 11371, 13645, 13647 and 13975 for 507

Properties formerly served by the Valencia Water Company by the following roll call votes (Item 6.3):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
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

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-178

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, AND THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION NO. 2019-08 (DETACHMENT OF TERRITORY FROM COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ANNEXATION OF SAID TERRITORY TO THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY)

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-100620-Resolution-SCV-178.pdf>

Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell gave a presentation on the Cost of Service/Rate Transition Project and discussed the Proposition 218 Notice (Item 7).

General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 8).

The General Manager reflected on how busy the last two weeks have been on a few efforts and updated the Board on two related to water quality.

He stated that we are doing quite a bit of work on the next round of litigation with Whittaker Bermite as we continue to prepare for trial.

He then noted the recent PFAS Treatment Plant virtual ribbon cutting that took place on Monday, October 5, 2020. He thanked the Board and SCV Water staff for an outstanding effort bringing this project to this point. In looking back, he said we established the idea of a PFAS Strike Team in early June of 2019. A year and a few months later, we have completed our first treatment facility, started design on two more, started procurement of lab equipment, implemented system interconnections, and accomplished significant work on an overall Groundwater Treatment Implementation Plan report that looks at all impacted wells and will establish a logical treatment implementation strategy to prioritize our efforts over the next few years. There are a lot of staff who have participated at various times from nearly every area of

the organization in primary or supporting roles. These include engineering, operations, water quality, environmental compliance, finance, communications, technical services, inspection, customer service, and water resources. We also have benefitted from some excellent outside technical expertise and consultants to help fast track the effort.

Committee Meeting Recap Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 9).

There were no comments on the recap reports.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 10).

There were no comments on the written reports.

President's Report (Item 11).

President Martin advised the Board that the October 20, 2020 regular Board meeting will most likely be cancelled. He reminded the Board that the November 3, 2020 regular Board meeting has been cancelled and that there will be a special meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. Lastly he updated the Board on upcoming virtual meetings/events.

AB 1234 Reports (Item 12).

Written reports were submitted by President Martin, Vice President's Gladbach and Gutzeit and Director's Ford and Plambeck and were included in the Board packet, which is part of record.

Director Atkins reported that he attended the following virtual meetings (1) UWI Informative Discussion with F. Marcus and P. Mulroy on August 19, 2020, (2) the 2nd Annual Congressional Forum with Representative Mike Garcia on August 25, 2020, (3) the Economic Outlook Virtual Forecast on September 17, 2020 and (4) the AWA CCWUC Educational Program Training on September 30, 2020.

Director Mortensen reported that he attended the Economic Outlook Virtual Forecast held on September 17, 2020.

There were no further AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 13).

Director Gladbach gave a report on ACWA's September 25 2020 Board meeting and mentioned that they approved a Budget for 2021 just under \$10M, a 1% dues increase and a 3% salary increase. He also mentioned that the Budget for 2022 was also approved with dues being increased by 2%, salaries increased by 4% with a budget of just over \$10M.

He then mentioned that the ACWA staff gave a recap and summary of all the components that staff did to make the July 2020 virtual ACWA Conference happen. He gave a brief update on the upcoming and future ACWA conferences.

He then reported on the JPIA, and stated that recognizing all the catastrophic events that have happened around the world in the last year or so, the cost of Liability Insurance has skyrocketed. The good news for JPIA members is that the rates will not be going up. JPIA has self-insured for \$5M, he advised the Board that JPIA has a total of what is called excess or reinsurance of \$55M. What JPIA did to not increase rates was that JPIA backed into a number of \$1.3M, and California Water Insurance Fund, which is JPIA's fund out of Utah, will take that \$10M. In JPIA's 40+ years, there has only been two incidents where that \$10M was entered. He stated that they are pretty sure there is not going to be another incident this year, saying that it was money well spent and a great attribute to Andy Sells for getting the CWIF.

There were no further Director reports.

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:38 PM (Item 14).

The Board was instructed to disconnect from the current call and redial in on a separate teleconference line that was provided to them. President Martin instructed the public members and staff who wanted to stay on the call, to stay on the current teleconference line and once Closed Session has ended, the Board will reconvene for Closed Session announcements and the conclusion of the meeting.

President Martin reconvened the Open Session at 9:11 PM.

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that pertaining to Item No. 14.1, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, Claim of Martin Euredjian and any and all claims that arise from the incident on September 7, 2020 against Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, claim for property damage, date of claim September 8, 2020, the Board voted to reject the claim by motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, by the following roll call votes:

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
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

There were no other actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 15).

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

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

Request for Future Agenda Items (Item 17).

Director Atkins requested that staff give a report on LARK Ranch in relation to the water supply that SCV Water has promised them, the state of the groundwater in that area and LARK Ranches inability to go back to using their wells. He would like a complete status report on all those items.

There were no other requests for future agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned in memoriam of Ashley Fleming at 9:14 PM (Item 18).

April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

President of the Board



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 2, 2020

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Courtney Mael, P.E. *CM*
Chief Engineer

SUBJECT: Approve a Resolution Awarding a Material Purchase Contract for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project with Evoqua Water Technologies

SUMMARY

SCV Water (Agency) is planning to construct treatment improvements to treat per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at its Valley Center Well. The Board of Directors authorized final design services at the August 4, 2020 Board meeting and design is in-progress. The next step is to acquire long lead material items. It is anticipated that some of the treatment equipment including the treatment vessels may take up to approximately 8 months for fabrication and delivery. As a result, staff is recommending the purchase of these long lead materials prior to construction to return the Valley Center Well to service as soon as possible. Staff is recommending approval of a material purchase contract to Evoqua Water Technologies.

DISCUSSION

Valley Center Well is located at 26715 Valley Center Drive west of Golden Valley Road and borders the Santa Clara River. The well was constructed between 2009 and 2010 and produces 1,200 gallons per minute (gpm) of potable water.

The proposed PFAS treatment uses Ion Exchange technology which includes cartridge pre-filters and treatment vessels that will capture and remove PFAS to non-detect limits before entering the distribution system. The treatment vessels are anticipated to potentially take up to approximately 8 months for fabrication and delivery.

The material bid solicitation was advertised in accordance with the Agency's Purchasing Policy, with notices in *The Signal* on three different dates and on the Agency's website. On September 2, 2020 two bids were received and a summary of the bids is presented below:

Bidder	Bidder Office Location	Total Bid Price
Evoqua Water Technologies	La Mirada, CA	\$ 512,802
Calgon Carbon Corporation	Moon Township, PA	\$ 564,610

The apparent lowest responsive bid is from Evoqua Water Technologies for a total of \$512,802. The engineer's estimate for the project is \$500,000. Evoqua Water Technologies is registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and has supplied vessels to the Agency in the past.

CEQA DETERMINATION

The proposed action today is authorizing the purchasing of treatment vessels for PFAS treatment at the Valley Center Well project. The whole of the action also includes construction and operation of the project. The term "project" in CEQA refers to the whole of an action and to the underlying activity being approved, not to each governmental approval. (CEQA Guideline §15378(a), (c)–(d).) This definition ensures that the action reviewed under CEQA is not the approval itself but the development or other activities that will result from the approval.

Based on 90% final design, the project construction is a minor alteration limited to construction within the Agency's existing facility property, construction and operation of this project is found to be categorically exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines as described below:

- The project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15301 Class 1 Minor Alterations to Existing Facilities because it is a minor alteration of an existing public facility and it concerns proposed new mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use, i.e. no additional extraction of water, beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.
- The project, aka the whole of the action, also qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15303 Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures because the project construction is limited to construction within SCV Water's existing facility property.
- None of the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the action. In particular, a biological resources survey was conducted, and no special status species were observed. Based on discharge rate and duration, the well discharge will not create flowing water in the river sufficient to reach the closest unarmored three spine stickleback occupied habitat downstream. This finding is supported by the biological resources assessment prepared for the project.

On October 1, 2020, the Engineering and Operations Committee considered staff's recommendation to approve a resolution awarding a material purchase contract for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project with Evoqua Water Technologies.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Project is included in the Agency's FY 2020/21 Capital Improvement Budget for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project. The Project's total estimated cost, including planning, design, construction management, construction, inspection and miscellaneous costs, is \$4,900,000. Evoqua Water Technologies bid is \$512,802.

As previously approved by the Board of Directors, the first ten million for all of SCV Water's PFAS Capital Projects will be paid from 2020A bond funds and after ten million is expended then the PFAS Projects will be paid on a pay-go-basis. Currently, \$6,123,000 has been expended from the ten million for all the PFAS Projects. In addition, the Agency is actively seeking grant funding to offset project costs.

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering and Operations Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the attached resolution for a materials contract with Evoqua Water Technologies in an amount

of \$512,802 for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project and file a Notice of Exemption for the proposed action.

Attachments

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO
EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE
VALLEY CENTER WELL PFAS GROUNDWATER TREATMENT
MATERIALS PURCHASE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Agency) determined that Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a threat to the Agency's groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, the Valley Center Well Groundwater Treatment Project is an important component to treat PFAS; and

WHEREAS, SCV Water, as a CEQA Responsible Agency, filed a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office and the State Clearinghouse on August 10, 2020 and there are no substantial changes to the project, and

WHEREAS, the project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15301 Class 1 Minor Alterations to Existing Facilities because it is a minor alteration of an existing public facility and it concerns proposed new mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use, i.e. no additional extraction of water, beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; and

WHEREAS, the project, aka the whole of the action, also qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15303 Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures because the project construction is limited to construction within SCV Water's existing facility property; and

WHEREAS, none of the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the action. In particular, a biological resources survey was conducted, and no special status species were observed. Based on discharge rate and duration, the well discharge will not create flowing water in the river sufficient to reach the closest unarmored three spine stickleback occupied habitat downstream. This finding is supported by the biological resources assessment prepared for the project; and

WHEREAS, no further CEQA documentation is necessary for the Board to act with regards to the proposed actions; and

WHEREAS, all bid proposals submitted to the Agency pursuant to the Agency's specifications (Project No. 200602F) for procurement of the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Materials Purchase Project, as amended by Addenda, were publicly opened electronically on the Agency's bid website page on PlanetBids on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., in full accordance with the law and the Agency's customary procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds, after considering the opinion of staff, that the total bid of Evoqua Water Technologies in the amount of \$512,802 is the lowest

responsible bid of two bids submitted, and that said bid substantially meets the requirements of said construction contract documents as amended by Addenda; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Agency, authorize its General Manager to accept the \$512,802 bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Agency's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager to accept said low bid and does therefore authorize the Agency's General Manager or its Chief Engineer to issue a Notice of Award to Evoqua Water Technologies, hereby found to be the "lowest responsible bidder" for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Materials Purchase Project for the total sum of \$512,802.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's General Manager or its President and Secretary are thereupon authorized, upon receipt of appropriate payment and performance bonds, appropriate certificates of insurance and an executed Contract Agreement from Evoqua Water Technologies, all of which must be approved by General Counsel, to execute the said Contract Agreement on behalf of the Agency.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Agency's General Manager or Chief Engineer are thereafter authorized to execute and forward to Evoqua Water Technologies an appropriate Notice to Proceed.

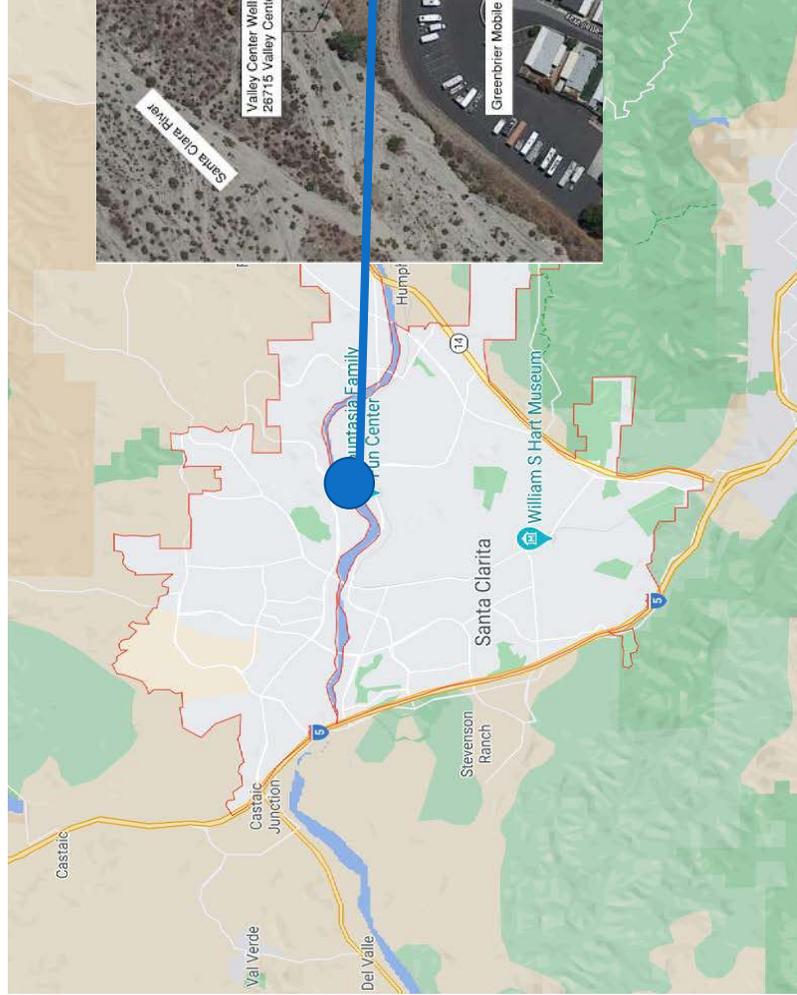


October 20, 2020

Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project Materials Purchase

Board Meeting

Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project Location Map



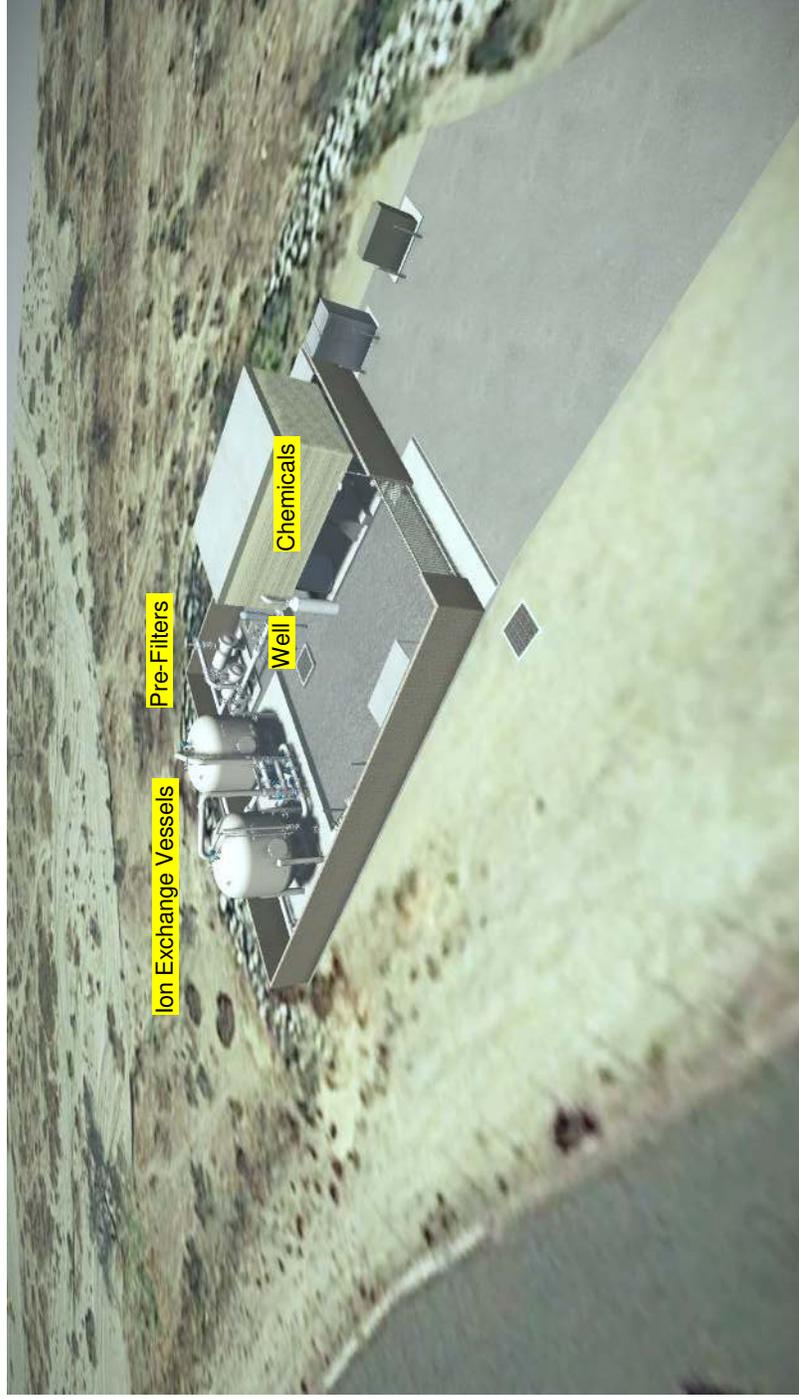
Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment 3-D Rendering



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Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment 3-D Rendering



Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project Materials Purchase

- Staff advertised project on PlanetBids from August 3rd thru September 2nd
- Project was advertised in the Signal Newspaper on August 8th, 12th and 15th
- Bids were electronically opened on September 2nd
- Received two bids:

Bidder	Bidder Office Location	Total Bid Price
Evoqua Water Technologies	La Mirada, CA	\$512,802
Calgon Carbon Corporation	Moon Township, PA	\$564,610

*Engineer's Estimate \$500,000



Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Materials Purchase Anticipated Project Schedule

- Schedule:
 - ✓ October 1, 2020: Engineering & Operations Committee
 - ✓ October 20, 2020: Regular Board Meeting
 - ✓ November 2020: Issue Notice To Proceed to Evoqua Water Technologies
 - ✓ November 2020 - June 2021: Treatment Vessels Fabrication and Delivery



Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Materials Purchase Project Recommendation

The Engineering & Operations Committee recommends that the Board of Directors:

- Adopt the resolution awarding a contract to Evoqua Water Technologies for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Materials Purchase Project for \$512,802.



Questions





BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 2, 2020

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Courtney Mael, P.E., Chief Engineer *CM*
Keith Abercrombie, Chief Operating Officer *KA*

SUBJECT: October 1, 2020 Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting Report

The Engineering and Operations Committee met at 5:30 PM on Thursday, October 1, 2020 via teleconference. In attendance were Committee Chair William Cooper; Directors Ed Colley, Robert DiPrimio, Jeff Ford, Gary Martin and Lynne Plambeck. Staff members present were Chief Engineer Courtney Mael; Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie; General Manager Matt Stone; Assistant General Manager Steve Cole; Director of Technology Services Cris Perez; Senior Engineer Shadi Bader; Administrative Analyst Elizabeth Gallo; Board Secretary April Jacobs; Executive Assistant Leticia Quintero; Senior Engineer Jim Leserman; Associate Engineer Elizabeth Sobczak and Finance Analyst Darine Conner. One member of the public was present on the call. A copy of the agenda is attached.

- Item 1: Public Comments** – There was no public comment.
- Item 2: Recommend Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Material Purchase Contract for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project with Evoqua Water Technologies** – Recommended actions for this item are included in a separate report being submitted at the October 20, 2020 regular Board meeting.
- Item 3: Monthly Operations and Production Report** – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Monthly Operations and Production Report.
- Item 4: Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report** – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report.
- Item 5: Committee Planning Calendar** – Staff and the Committee reviewed the FY 2020/21 Committee Planning Calendar.
- Item 6: General Report on Treatment, Distribution, Operations and Maintenance Services Section Activities** – Keith Abercrombie updated the Committee on the PVC pipeline replacement program, anticipated PFAS treatment vessel completion, and the new PFAS monitoring requirements from DDW. Keith also updated the Committee on the completion of the Emergency Response Plan and the Safety Team’s ongoing efforts with FEMA to collect reimbursement for pandemic costs.
- Item 7: General Report on Engineering Services Section Activities** – Courtney Mael updated the Committee on the increased workload due to expedited timelines for developer funded projects and the ongoing efforts to update the Agency’s Facility Capacity Fees.
- Item 8: Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 6:14PM.

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Date: September 23, 2020

To: **Engineering and Operations Committee**
William Cooper, Chair
Ed Colley
Robert DiPrimio
Jeff Ford
Gary Martin
Lynne Plambeck

From: Courtney Mael, Chief Engineer *CM*
Keith Abercrombie, Chief Operating Officer *KA*

The **Engineering and Operations Committee** is scheduled to meet via teleconference on **Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 5:30 PM**, dial in information is listed below.

**TELECONFERENCE ONLY
NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR MEETING**

TELECONFERENCING NOTICE

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We request that the public submit any comments in writing if practicable, which can be sent to **egallo@scvwa.org** or mailed to **Elizabeth Gallo, Administrative Analyst**, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 26521 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 meeting. Anything received after 4:00 PM the day of the meeting will be posted on the SCV Water website the following day.

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1.	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 at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.)	
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◆	To be distributed	

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Posted on September 24, 2020.

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DIRECTORS AB1234 REPORT

Director Name: Jerry Gladbach

Meeting Attended: ACWA's Federal Affairs Committee

Date of Meeting: September 28, 2020

Date of Meeting to be Presented: October 20, 2020

Points of Interest:

The new regulatory staffer for Washington D.C. was introduced, Madeline Voitier, she is from New Orleans, originally. She is a graduate of LSU, and Loyola Law School, has worked in D. C., for a few years and has really hit the ground running for ACWA.

Dave Eggerton gave a summary of the Board's meeting last week, pointing out that they approved the budgets for 2021 and 2022, with a 1% increase in dues for 2021 and 2% for 2022, the total budget for 2021 is just under \$10.M and just over \$10.M for 2022.

Cindy Tuck talked about the Governors's Water Resilience Portfolio, which contains a lot of actions for a lot of subjects. She also pointed out that the State Water Resources Control Board wants the financial impacts of COVIG-19 on agencies especially related to shutoffs.

Lane Dickson and Melanie Thornton, staffers for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee representing the majority and minority parties, respectively, were guests of the meeting. I have known Lane for several years, he was the lobbyist for the Salt River Project in D.C. They work good together, even representing both parties. They pointed out that a Continuing Resolution, will be forthcoming that will take the spending authority to Dec. 1., they are working on putting a bill together incorporating the various non controversial aspects of the various bills now in the committee and have it approved in the lame duck session, including in it will be aging infrastructure, Water Smart program, water conveyance.

ACWA is working with other associations to provide input to the COVIG-19 Economic Stimulus Relief Package, and is supporting Senator Feinstein's Bill on Wildfires.

Ms. Voitier reported that the new WOTUS rules went into effect on June 22, 2020.

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Committee Agenda

Federal Affairs Committee

September 28, 2020

10:00am – 12:00pm (PST)

Zoom: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tj0lcu2qrToiE9OjvJlx0uMEdJOK9Ps5d0Ef](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tj0lcu2qrToiE9OjvJlx0uMEdJOK9Ps5d0Ef)

Chair, Patrick O'Dowd

Vice-Chair, Jim Peifer

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- I. Welcome & Call to Order, Patrick O'Dowd, Federal Affairs Committee Chair
 - II. Self-Introductions and Roll Call
 - a. Introduction of new staff, Madeline Voitier
 - III. Approval of June 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - IV. ACWA Update: Dave Eggerton, Executive Director
 - V. ACWA Update: Cindy Tuck, Deputy Executive Director for Government Relations
 - a. Water Resilience Portfolio - Conveyance Issues
 - b. Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund - Status and Cost Methodology
 - c. Water Use Efficiency - State Law Implementation
 - VI. Guest Speakers: Lane Dickson, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Maj.); Melanie Thornton, Senate Energy and Natural Resources (Min.)
 - VII. NWRA Update: Patrick O'Dowd
 - VIII. Washington Update: David Reynolds
 - a. Appropriations/CR, WRDA
 - b. COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Relief Package
 - c. Wildfire Legislation
 - IX. Regulatory Update: Madeline Voitier
 - a. Regulatory Chart
 - b. Discussion: Showerhead and Washing Machine Efficiency Comments
 - c. EPA Financial Capability Assessment
 - X. New Bill Positions
 - a. Drinking Water & Energy
 - b. Infrastructure & Agriculture

All information and materials related to committees, including presentations and minutes, are available to Committee Members on ACWA's website at: <http://www.acwa.com/content/acwa-committees>

c. Water Supply

- XI. Matrix
- XII. ACWA Virtual Fall Conference: December 2-3, 2020
- XIII. Other business
- XIV. Next Meeting – TBD

DIRECTOR'S AB1234 REPORT

ITEM NO. 9.2

Director Name: Jerry Gladbach

Meeting Attended: NWRA's Federal Affairs Committee

Date of Meeting: October 2, 2020

Date of Meeting to be Presented: ~~October 20, 2020~~

Points of Interest:

The Continuing Resolution could be extended to Sept. 30, 2021

The Appropriations Bill will be taken up in the lame duck session and its contents will greatly depend on the results of the election

The Water Resources and Development Act will also be taken up in the lame duck session but could be delayed until next year, but the latter is unlikely.

The Stimulus Bill will take a lot of work to get out.

Since this is near the end of the first term of President Trump, there may be some resignations by various levels of staff as is always the case, however nobody knows of anyone thinking of leaving. NWRA must be prepared to suggest names for replacing anyone who may be leaving, NWRA has been very effective in the past. One reason that NWRA has been so effective with this Administration is that we have worked with the appointees prior to their appointment. Life is not easy in those positions, it is your whole life, 24/7.

Commissioner Burman has stated that she has spent more time in Washington D.C. since COVIG-19 shutdown than she has in the previous 3 years.

The wildfire legislation has had hearings in both the Senate and House, and they went very well, however it faces a difficult challenge to get passed, primarily because of

NEPA requirements. The cost of post wildfires is enormous.

The Corps of Engineers has issued a proposal to reissue and modify nationwide permits. This would divide the permits into 3 categories: oil/gas pipelines, water/sewer pipelines and electric transmission lines. This will simplify the requirements and make them more specific to the type of line.

The Bureau of Reclamation is seeking comments on preserving historic items. NWRA is seeking an exemption for water pipelines, similar to what is available for highways.

The Annual Meeting of NWRA will be virtual and will be held on Nov. 10 and 12 and will have a panel on inside Washington D.C. which is always enjoyable and informative, a Federal Affairs Committee meeting which will discuss the results of the elections and what it will mean to water agencies and a panel of water leaders from other countries, this is great because this can only be done because of COVIG-19 using Zoom.

From: NWRA nwra@nwra.org
 Subject: NWRA Alert: NWRA October 2, 2020 Federal Affairs
 Committee Meeting
 Date: Oct 1, 2020 at 2:18:07 PM
 To: ejglad@aol.com



National Water Resources Association

October 1, 2020

To: NWRA Federal Affairs Committee

From: NWRA Staff

Re: October 2, 2020 NWRA Federal Affairs Committee Meeting

Federal Affairs Team,

We will be holding our monthly Federal Affairs Committee meeting tomorrow, October 2, 2020. The meeting login number and Draft agenda are below. A final agenda will be circulated prior to the meeting.

NWRA October 2020 Federal Affairs Committee Meeting
 Friday, October 2, 2020
 12:30 Eastern, 11:30 Central, 10:30 Mountain, 9:30 Pacific

Join online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82676616727?pwd=Tk9pQWt1RzlkRUxZdGNwN0RrNWQ5UT09>

Join by phone:

Call in number: 646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 826 7661 6727

Passcode: 273260

I. Welcome

II. Infrastructure

a. Appropriations

b. COVID-19

III. Task Force Updates

a. Forest Health - Wildfire

S.4431 / H.R.7978 Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act

- b. Army Corps
Proposal to Reissue and Modify Nationwide Permits
 - c. Water Supply
Reclamation Historic Preservation
 - d. Environment
S. 4589, the Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2020
 - e. Litigation Review
 - f. Water Power
 - f. Water Quality
 - g. Water Power
- IV. Other Business

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