

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – April 20, 2021

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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, April 20, 2021. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathy Armitage, B. J. Atkins (Left at 8:18 PM), Beth Braunstein, Ed Colley, William Cooper, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen, Piotr Orzechowski and Lynne Plambeck via teleconference.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present via teleconference: General Manager Matthew Stone, General Counsels Tom Bunn and Joe Byrne, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Tech Services Cris Perez, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, GIS Manager Jose Huerta, Human Resources Manager Ari Mantis, Senior Engineers Shadi Bader and Jim Leserman, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Customer Service Manager Kathleen Willson, Executive Assistant Leticia Quintero, Senior Office Assistant Terri Bell, Accounting Tech II Kyle Arnold, Best Best & Krieger Attorney Lutfi Kharuf, Robert D. Niehaus, Inc. Consultant Ichiko Kido, CV Strategies, Inc. Consultant Tara Bravo, and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum was present.

Upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Vice President Mortensen and carried, the Board approved the Agenda by the following roll call votes (Item 4):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Vice President Gladbach and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar which included Resolution Nos. SCV-206 and SCV- 207 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-206**

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF**

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY  
TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION OF L 015-2020  
TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687**

**<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-042021-Resolution-SCV-206.pdf>**

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-207**

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
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Upon motion of Director Plambeck, seconded by Director Ford and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute an amendment extending the term of the Recycled Water Purchase Agreement with the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Vice President Gladbach and carried, the Board approved receiving and filing of the Retail Water Rate Cost Analysis and Rate Design Study Report and the Ratepayer Advocate Report by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	No
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Mortensen and carried, the Board approved the proposed Proposition 218 Notice in preparation to mail the Notice of Public Hearing as required by Proposition 218 with the addition of bolding the text in the notice on Page 7, in the second paragraph, third sentence, that states "Protests submitted by email or other electronic means do not count as formal written protests.", by the following roll call votes (Item 6.3):

Director Armitage	No	Director Atkins	Yes
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	No
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	No

Upon motion of Director Colley, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board tabled the approval of the COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Policy and asked that this item go to the Finance and Administration Committee for review and adjustments and bring back to the Board for consideration at a later date by the following roll call votes (Item 6.4):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Atkins	Not Present
Director Braunstein	Yes	Director Colley	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Director Kelly	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Mortensen	Yes
Director Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

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

The General Manager reported on the following:

- He updated the Board on his recent participation in a panel discussion at the California Special Districts Association event pertaining to PFAS. Topics he discussed were our PFAS journey over the last few years, including early testing of all wells, fast tracking of bench scale testing, pre-purchasing vessels for projects, and completion of our first treatment plant at the N-Wells.
  - Further he mentioned that today Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord participated in the pre-recording of a similar panel for the upcoming ACWA conference.
- He also mentioned that the SCV Water Committees are reviewing the SCV Water Two-Year Budget for FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23. The budget will be reviewed by the Finance and Administration Committee in May 2021 addressing any issues that came up during the Committee reviews and then anticipates bringing the budget to the full Board for consideration in June 2021.
- In addition, he updated the Board on the fact that we are nearing the end of our traditional season for precipitation. He stated that it is clear that California is

experiencing one of the driest years on record. He brought up the recent presentation to the Board from water resources staff on our resource portfolio and actions to assure an adequate supply, despite our challenges, this year. Further he mentioned that there are efforts already underway to address the current conditions on a number of fronts, with the idea that water saved this year will put us in better position next year should the drought continue.

- Lastly, he updated the Board on the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) and how it addresses stages of shortage and categories of action as well as staff's efforts to address potential upcoming issues should the drought continue.

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#### **President's Report (Item 8).**

The President updated the Board on upcoming meetings and events.

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#### **AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 9).**

A written report was submitted by Vice President's Gladbach which was included in the Board packet. Additional written reports were submitted by President Martin and Directors Armitage and Plambeck which were posted on the SCV Water website and are part of the record.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

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#### **Director Reports (Item 10).**

Director Orzechowski submitted a written report which was posted on the website and he gave a brief verbal summary of that report.

There were no other Director reports.

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The Board went into Closed Session at 9:04 PM (Item 11).

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 9:31 PM.

Tom Bunn, Esq., reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 12).

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

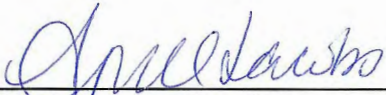
Director Orzechowski requested a presentation on SCV Water's laboratory certification, specifically is it ongoing and has our laboratory received the necessary certifications.

President Martin asked Director Orzechowski if he would be okay with the General Manager covering this under the General Managers report. Director Orzechowski was okay with that request.

Director Plambeck asked again that a presentation on Devil's Den Water District be given to the Board.

There were no other requests for future Agenda items.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM (Item 15).

  
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April Jacobs, Board Secretary

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President of the Board

