

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – December 21, 2021

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, December 21, 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, 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: Accounting Tech II Kyle Arnold, Administrative Technician Terri Bell, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Executive Assistant Leticia Quintero, General Counsel Tom Bunn, General Manager Matthew Stone, Human Resources Manager Ari Mantis, Senior Engineer Shadi Bader, Best Best and Krieger Attorney Sarah Owsowitz, Nossaman LLP Attorneys Fred Fudacz and Byron Gee, and members of the public.

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

President Martin announced that Item 6.4 Approving a Resolution Appointing Dirk S. Marks as Interim Director of Water Resources and Approving Employment Agreement was postponed to the January 4, 2022 Regular Board meeting. There were no further changes to the December 21, 2021 Board Agenda and it was accepted with that adjustment (Item 4).

President Martin opened the Public Hearing at 6:41 PM regarding an Ordinance to increase the Director’s compensation rate. President Martin presented the report, attachments and Ordinance for consideration. Public comments were heard and received (Item 5.1).

After Public Comment was received, President Martin closed the Public Hearing at 6:50 PM.

By motion of Vice President Gladbach, seconded by Director Kelly, the Board voted on approving an Ordinance increasing the Directors Compensation by 5%. After discussion and by a vote of 7 No’s and 5 Ayes, the Ordinance increasing Director stipends did not pass as shown in the roll call votes below (Item 5.1):

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

Upon motion of Director Plambeck, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar excluding Item 6.4 which was postponed as stated above and Item 6.3 for further discussion by the following roll call votes (Item 6):

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 Orzechowski, seconded by Vice President Mortensen and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-246 awarding the Fairway Water Storage Tank Coating Project to Associated Tank Constructors, Inc for \$319,000 by the following roll call votes (Item 6.3):

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

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-246

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
 AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE FAIRWAY WATER STORAGE TANK COATING
 PROJECT TO ASSOCIATED TANK CONSTRUCTORS, INC.
 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$319,000**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-122121-Resolution-SCV-246.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Orzechowski, seconded by Vice President Mortensen and carried, the Board received and filed the SCV Water Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 by the following roll call votes (Item 7.1):

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 Director Braunstein and carried, the Board extended the SB 95 COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave and Emergency Administrative Leave Policy through June 30, 2022 by the following roll call votes (Item 7.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	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	Yes

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Vice President Gladbach and carried, the Board extended the General Manager's contract to December 31, 2025, included a contribution to his 401(a) account of 4% of his salary, which is \$12,200 a year and approved a \$15,000 bonus (which comes to a total compensation package of \$374,360.28) by the following roll call votes (Item 8.1):

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

General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 9).

The General Manager addressed the Board on his review, thanked them, addressed some of their concerns and discussed some of his goals for the upcoming year.

He then thanked the Board for their support on extending the Agency's SB 95 COVID-19 Supplement Paid Sick Leave and Emergency Administrative Leave Policy.

He thanked staff for another great year, mentioning that we are now 4 years in as the new SCV Water Agency.

Lastly, he mentioned the 3 recent cases of COVID-19 here at the Agency, the possible uptick in cases due to the holidays and what possible plans the Agency may have if cases increase.

Committee Meeting Recap Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 10).

Director Armitage made a comment on the December 9, 2021 rescheduled Engineering and Operations Committee meeting.

There were no other comments on the recap reports.

President's Report (Item 11).

The President updated the Board on upcoming meetings, events and Board reminders.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 12).

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

Director Kelly reported that he attended the VIA Board Installation luncheon held at The Canyon on December 17, 2021.

Director Atkins reported that he attended the virtual ACWA Washington DC Staff's Federal Infrastructure Funding Session on December 10, 2021.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 13).

There were no Director reports.

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:48 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 9:57 PM.

Tom Bunn, Esq., reported that there were no 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).

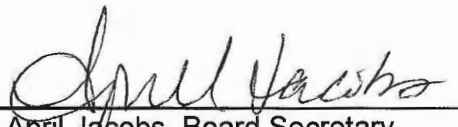
There were no Director requests for event attendance.

Director Requests for Future Agenda Items (Item 17).

Director Armitage asked that staff come back to the Board on how contracts are awarded and the process in which a contractor is selected.

There were no other requests for future Agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM (Item 18).


April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:


President of the Board

