

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – June 6, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held at Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathy Armitage, Beth Braunstein, William Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Ken Petersen.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Ed Colley.

Also present: Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Rochelle Patterson, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Communications Managers Kevin Strauss and Kathie Martin, General Counsel Tom Bunn (Virtually) and Joe Byrne, General Manager Matthew Stone, Principal Water Resources Planner Rick Viergutz (Virtually), Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas, Senior Engineer Orlando Moreno, Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos (Virtually), Attorney's from Best Best & Krieger Joanna Gin and Lutfi Kharuf (Virtually), Consultants (Virtually) from Bartell Wells Associates Doug Dove (Virtually), Robert D. Niehaus, Inc. Anthony Elowsky, Rincon Consultants, Inc. Annaliese Torres, True North Research, Inc. Timothy McLarney, PhD, as well as additional SCV Water Agency staff (Virtually), and members of the public (In Person and Virtually).

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. A quorum was present.

President Martin noted there was a typo on the Agenda pertaining to Item 8.4, it should have read "Approve Receiving and Filing of March 2023 Monthly Report" instead of "2022 Monthly Report". Item 8.1 Approve Adopting a Resolution to Approve the Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration Under the California Environmental Quality Act and a Purchase Order to Hazen and Sawyer for Final Engineering Services for the S Wells PFAS Treatment and Disinfections Facility Project, this item will come back to the Board for consideration at a future meeting for consideration. There were no further changes or modifications to the June 6, 2023 Board Agenda and it was accepted with those changes (Item 4).

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:11 PM to discuss the Item 5.1 (Item 5).

Item 5.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (One Case).

The Zoom meeting was put on hold while the Board went into Closed Session. President Martin advised the public and staff for those who wanted to stay, to remain on the current teleconference line and once Closed Session ends, the Board would reconvene for Closed Session announcements and the conclusion of the meeting.

President Martin reconvened the Open Session at 7:34 PM.

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 6).

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Armitage and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-351, SCV-352, SCV-353, SCV-354, SCV-355, SCV-356, SCV-357 and SCV-358 by the following roll call votes (Item 7):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Absent	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-351

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE, PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF
SANTA CLARITA'S MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SIERRA HIGHWAY
BRIDGE WIDENING PROJECT, AN AGREEMENT
ON BEHALF OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY WITH THE CITY OF
SANTA CLARITA FOR CONSTRUCTING THE SIERRA HIGHWAY BRIDGE PIPELINES
PROTECTION AND INSTALLATION PROJECT**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/approved-resolutions/scv/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-351.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-352

**RESOLUTION OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADOPTING THE APPROPRIATION OF ALL AS-YET UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-352.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-353

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
ADOPTING THE APPROPRIATION LIMIT
FOR FY 2023/24**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-353.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-354

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

**PLACING IN NOMINATION WILLIAM COOPER
AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES REGION 8 BOARD**

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-355

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA CLARITA LIBRARY, AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT "ANNEXATION NO. 1125"

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-355.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-356

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA CLARITA STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2, AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT "ANNEXATION NO. 1126"

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-357

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, ANTELOPE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA CLARITA LIBRARY, AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, APPROVING AND

ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT "ANNEXATION NO. 1127"

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RESOLUTION NO. SCV-358

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT #5, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1687, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, ANTELOPE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT "ANNEXATION NO. 1129"

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-358.pdf>

Item 8.1 was pulled from the Agenda at the start of the meeting.

Vice President Gutzeit requested that this item be postponed to a future meeting, which was seconded by President Martin and after discussion and by the following roll call votes the request for postponement failed and Item 8.2 was discussed.

Director Armitage	No	Director Braunstein	No
Director Colley	Absent	Director Cooper	No
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	No
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	No		

The Board took a recess at 8:49 PM.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:07 PM.

After further discussion, Director Cooper motioned to postpone this item to allow staff time to review and respond to a letter that was submitted this evening by Newhall Land and Farming Company, which was seconded by Vice President Gutzeit and carried and by the following roll call votes, this item was postponed to a future meeting (Item 8.2).

Director Armitage	No	Director Braunstein	No
Director Colley	Absent	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes

President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

Upon motion of Director Petersen, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved the proposed Proposition 218 Notice, ballots and adopted Resolution No. SCV-361 initiating proceedings to adopt water standby charges for the annexed portion of the Tesoro Del Valle Development, and set a public hearing for such by the following roll call votes (Item 8.3):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Absent	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-361

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
INITIATING PROCEEDINGS TO ADOPT WATER STANDBY CHARGES
FOR TESORO DEL VALLE DEVELOPMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24
PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM STANDBY CHARGE PROCEDURES ACT AND
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 5471 ET SEQ.,
CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIII D OF THE
CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54984.3,
AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS RELATING THERETO**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-060623-Resolution-SCV-361.pdf>

Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Director Marks and carried, the Board received and filed the March 2023 Monthly and FY 2022/23 Third Quarter Financial Report by the following roll call votes (Item 8.4):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Absent	Director Cooper	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

President of True North Research, Inc. Timothy McLarney, Ph.D, gave a presentation to the Board on the 2023 Customer Survey Results (Item 9).

General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 10).

General Manager Stone reported on the following:

He advised the Board that the Fitch Ratings today reaffirmed their AA+ and AA ratings on SCV Water's outstanding debt obligations with a stable outlook. He suggested the Board members

review the Fitch report for further information and insight into their rating process and conclusions. He mentioned staff will issue a press release shortly.

To hear the full report in its entirety, please refer to the Board recording at –
<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/board-meetings/2023/scv/Board-Recording-060623-Part-1.mp3>
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Committee Meeting Recap Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 11).

There were no comments on the recap reports.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 12).

Vice President Orzechowski mentioned that he encourages the Board to look at the bar graph in the Finance, Administration and Information Technology Services Section Report pertaining to the Repeat Shut-offs.

There were no other comments on the recap reports.

To hear the Directors full comments in their entirety, please refer to the Board recording at
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President's Report (Item 13).

Due to the late hour the President did not give his report but asked the Board Secretary to send out the upcoming meeting dates to the Board.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 14).

A written report was submitted by Director Marks which was included in the Board packet. Additional written reports were submitted by Vice President Gutzeit which were posted to the SCV Water website and are part of the record.

Director Cooper reported that he attended the SCVEDC Public Officials Night held at the California Institute of the Arts on May 18, 2023, attended virtually the ACWA Structure Task Force meeting on May 23, 2023, attended the 14th Annual State of the County held at the Valencia Hyatt on May 31, 2023, attended the ACWA Board of Directors meeting on June 1

and 2, 2023 in Sacramento and attended the SCV GSA Board meeting held at RVWTP on June 5, 2023.

Vice President Gutzeit reported that she attended the SCV GSA Board meeting held at RVWTP on June 5, 2023.

Vice President Orzechowski reported that he attended the SCVEDC Public Officials Night held at the California Institute of the Arts on May 18, 2023 and attended the SCV GSA Board meeting held at RVWTP on June 5, 2023.

Director Marks reported that he attended the SCVEDC Public Officials Night held at the California Institute of the Arts on May 18, 2023.

Director Armitage reported that she attended the Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County General Membership Meeting held at Palmdale Water District on May 18, 2023, attended SCVEDC Public Officials Night held at the California Institute of the Arts on May 18, 2023 and attended the 14th Annual State of the County held at the Valencia Hyatt on May 31, 2023.

Director Braunstein reported that she attended the SCVEDC Public Officials Night held at the California Institute of the Arts on May 18, 2023.

President Martin reported that he attended the 14th Annual State of the County held at the Valencia Hyatt on May 31, 2023 and attended the SCV GSA Board meeting held at RVWTP on June 5, 2023.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 15).

Director Cooper reminded the Board that the ACWA Region 8 Program and Tour is coming up on July 13, 2023 being hosted by West Basin Municipal Water District on the Colorado River and its future.

Director Armitage congratulated all this year's graduates.

Director Braunstein thanked staff for their support of the Community and their efforts to taking care of our customers needs.

There were no other Director reports.

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<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/board-meetings/2023/scv/Board-Recording-060623-Part-2.mp3>

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

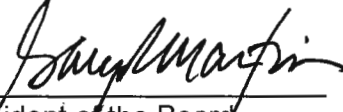
There were no requests for approval for event attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 PM (Item 17).



April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



President of the Board

