

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – April 19, 2022

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, April 19, 2022. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathye Armitage, B. J. Atkins, Beth Braunstein, Ed Colley, William Cooper, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, R. J. Kelly (Arrived at 6:37 PM), Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Lynne Plambeck.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present: Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord, Director of Technology Services Cris Perez, Engineer Yoganathan Thierumaran, General Counsel Joe Byrne, General Manager Matthew Stone, Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas, Senior Engineer Shadi Bader, Water Resources Planner Sarah Fleury, Best Best and Kriger Attorney Sarah Owsowitz, as well as additional SCV Water Agency staff and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. A quorum was present.

President Martin announced that Item 12 Closed Session and Item 13 Closed Session Announcements were removed from the Agenda, there were no other changes to the April 19, 2022 Board Agenda and it was accepted with those changes. (Item 4).

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar by the following electronic 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	Not Present
President Martin	Yes	Director Orzechowski	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Orzechowski and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-272 awarding a construction contract to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation for \$17,526,700; and (2) authorized the General Manager to execute a purchase order with Woodard & Curran, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,175,000 for construction management and inspection services; and (3) authorized the General Manager to execute a purchase order with Lee & Ro, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$660,000 for engineering services during construction for the Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant (ESFP) Washwater Return and Sludge Systems Project by the following electronic votes (Item 6.1):

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

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-272

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PACIFIC HYDROTECH CORPORATION
FOR THE EARL SCHMIDT FILTRATION PLANT (ESFP) WASHWATER
RETURN AND SLUDGE SYSTEMS PROJECT**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-041922-Resolution-SCV-272.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Orzechowski, seconded by Director Ford and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute construction change orders up to \$371,872 for the Valley Center Well PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements project by the following electronic votes (Item 6.2):

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	Director Orzechowski	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

Upon motion of Director Colley, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board voted to take no action and make no changes to the Board of Director Policies and Procedures as related to Director Conduct by the following electronic votes (Item 6.3):

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

Director Colley motioned to have one Vice President for the remaining 2022 calendar year, with a second from Director Gladbach, after a vote of 6 yes's and 5 no's this item did not pass and the Board will vote on May 17, 2022 at its regular Board meeting for a second Vice President by the following electronic votes (Item 6.4).

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

Best Best & Krieger Attorney Sarah Owsowitz gave an overview presentation on the CEQA process (Item 7).

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

The General Manager reported the following:

He mentioned that today we held our first "in-person" All Staff meeting since January 2020. He stated that while the Agency has had virtual meetings, this gave staff a chance to see one another, laugh and cheer together, eat and share some recent organizational accomplishments and staff service milestone awards. He said, it is a credit to our staff that they have accomplished so much during the past several years, including two years of a pandemic. For some staff, it was their first in person all staff meeting. For others, they were recognized for many years of service, including two 35 year awards.

He then responded to an earlier public comment asking for the Agency's current outstanding debt, the current principal is \$293,161,970 (as of today) and is reported in the quarterly financial report, as well as the annual budget document.

President's Report (Item 9).

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

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

There were no comments on the recap reports.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 11).

Written reports were submitted by President Martin, Vice President Gladbach and Directors Armitage and Braunstein which was included in the Board packet. An additional written report was submitted by Vice President Gladbach which was posted on the SCV Water website and is part of the record.

Director Orzechowski reported that he attended a one-on-one meeting with the General Manager held at the Agency on April 18, 2022.

Director Cooper reported that he attended the Region 8 Membership meeting virtually on April 6, 2022 and attended the ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento on April 19, 2022.

Director Plambeck reported that she attended a one-on-one meeting with the General Manager held at the Agency on April 5, 2022.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Requests for Future Agenda Items (Item 14).

Director Plambeck asked that the Board be informed of all (large) change orders, including an explanation of what the change is in a public setting even if the Board is not approving the change order and asked if at the Alignment Board Best Practices Workshop being held on August 12, 2022 that the Board revisit the policy on Director conduct as a discussion item.

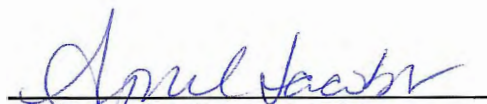
Director Colley would like to have something similar to tonight's CEQA briefing but related to what our legal obligations are as it relates to approval of projects, the water supply of those projects and what it is that we are actually approving.

Director Orzechowski asked that an update from Director of Technology Cris Perez on the status of replacement and positioning of new security cameras on our SCVWA facilities and if LA County Sheriff Department's CPU has provided any helpful direction in their placement. He would like to see this update in Closed Session.


Director Armitage would like a presentation on the overview of the Agency's Strategic Plan and where we are on the Agency's goals and objectives. She also wanted to look into how we post written public comments on our website.

There were no other requests for future Agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM (Item 15).


April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:


President of the Board

