

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – June 7, 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, June 7, 2022. 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 (Via Zoom), William Cooper, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly, 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, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Fleet and Warehousing Supervisor Jesus Martinez Ramirez, General Counsel Tom Bunn and Joe Byrne, General Manager Matthew Stone, Human Resources Manager Ari Mantis, Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas, as well as additional SCV Water Agency staff and members of the public.

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

There were no changes to the June 7, 2022 Board Agenda and was accepted as shown (Item 4).

President Martin announced the next item of business was Agenda Item 5.1 Election of Board Second Vice President and requested that the Board Secretary conduct the election of officers.

After a review of the guidelines for the election process, the Board Secretary called for nominations for the position of second Board Vice President (note that the first and second positions for Vice President are of equal standing).

Director Braunstein nominated Director Armitage, Director Ford nominated Director Orzechowski and Director Orzechowski nominated himself.

There were no further nominations. Directors Armitage and Director Orzechowski each addressed the Board. The Board was then able to ask each of the nominees questions and make comments.

Votes were then taken by a roll call vote (as shown below), tallied and Director Orzechowski received a majority vote of 7.

Director Armitage voted for herself
Director Atkins voted for Director Orzechowski
Director Braunstein voted for Director Armitage
Director Colley Abstained
Director Cooper voted for Director Orzechowski
Director Ford voted for Director Orzechowski

Vice President Gladbach voted for Director Orzechowski
Director Gutzeit voted for Director Orzechowski
Director Kelly voted for Director Armitage
President Martin voted for Director Orzechowski
Director Orzechowski voted for himself
Director Plambeck voted for Director Armitage

By motion of Vice President Gladbach, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, Director Orzechowski was elected to the position of second Board Vice President by the following roll call votes (Item 5.1):

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

Upon motion of Director Gutzeit, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-277 and SCV-278 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 Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 277

**RESOLUTION OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADOPTING THE APPROPRIATION OF ALL AS-YET UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/22**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resoltuion-060722-Resoltuion-SCV-277.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-278

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
ADOPTING THE APPROPRIATION LIMIT
FOR FY 2022/23**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resoltuion-060722-Resoltuion-SCV-278.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Ford, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. SCV-279 approving the SB 610 Water Supply Assessment (WSA) for the Entrada South/Valencia Commerce Center Project and directed staff to forward the WSA to the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning by the following roll call votes (Item 7.1):

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

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-279

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
ADOPTING THE SB 610 WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT
FOR THE ENTRADA SOUTH/VALENCIA COMMERCE CENTER
(VTTM No. 53295 & VTPM No. 18108)**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SCV-Water-Approved-Resoltuion-060722-Resoltuion-SCV-279.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Kelly, seconded by Director Braunstein and carried, the Board approved the Employee Manual Policy 41 – Fleet Management Policy by the following roll call votes (Item 7.2):

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

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

The General Manager responded to a few public comments that were received at tonight’s meeting:

First, in response to Mrs. Dunn’s question about watering trees in the street medians. His understanding is both the Agency’s stage two requirements and the recent State Water Board order limiting watering of certain non-functional turf provide exceptions for watering trees. Second, in response to Mrs. Noltemeyer during consideration of Item 7.1 (the water supply assessment for the Entrada South/Valencia Commerce Center development). He stated that the comment appeared to pertain to the Whittaker-Bermite site, which is not part of or anywhere near the area discussed under Item 7.1. Further, the comment indicated that the agency had

"taken over the Whittaker property". He advised that this is incorrect. SCV Water has no property interest in the Whittaker-Bermite site.

He then went on to report that he had an opportunity to meet individually with Directors Cooper, Braunstein and Atkins recently. He stated that he appreciated the opportunity to discuss the status of various SCV Water initiatives as well as discuss items of interest to each of them.

Lastly, he informed the Board that at the next Board meeting, there will be an update in Closed Session on the outcome of our case against Whittaker-Bermite. He will be out on vacation that week but may participate for that item.

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

Director Armitage stated that she was happy to see the additional information that has been added to the recap reports. She then thanked Mr. Mael for the bidding process presentation that was shown at the Engineering and Operations Committee meeting earlier this month.

There were no other comments on the recap reports.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 10).

Director Armitage had several questions and comments in relation to the Water Resources Section Report.

Director Orzechowski had a comment on the Finance, Administration and Information Technology Section Report.

To hear all the comments made by Director Armitage and Director Orzechowski, please refer to the meeting recording at https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Board_Recording_-060722.mp3

There were no other comments on the the written 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 Director Plambeck which was included in the Board packet. Additional written reports were submitted by Vice President Gladbach and Directors Armitage, Atkins and Ford which were posted on 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 19, 2022, attended the ACWA Board meeting held in Sacramento on June 2 and 3, 2022 and attended a virtual one-on-one meeting with General Manager Stone on June 6, 2022.

Directors Armitage, Atkins, Braunstein, Kelly and Plambeck reported that they attended the SCVEDC Public Officials Night held at the California Institute of the Arts on May 19, 2022.

President Martin reported that he attended the virtual Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Board meeting on May 19, 2022 and attended the KHTS Sacramento Road Trip held in Sacramento on May 31 through June 1, 2022.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 13).

There were Director reports given by Vice President Orzechowski and Director Cooper, please refer to the meeting recording to hear both reports at https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Board_Recording_-060722.mp3.

There were no other Director Reports.

Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 14).

There were no requests for Approval for Event Attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM (Item 15).


April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:


President of the Board

