Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – September 7, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held at Piccola Osteria, 28524 La Madrid Drive, Santa Clarita, CA 91350, in the Banquet Room at 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 7, 2023. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

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 Manager Kevin Strauss, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord, Director of Technology Cris Perez, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, General Counsel Joe Byrne and Tom Bunn, General Manager Matthew Stone and Means Consulting, LLC, Facilitator Ed Means, and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. A quorum was present.

Dinner was served to the Board and staff at 5:05 PM.

Review and discussion of the 2024 Five Year Strategic Plan facilitated by Ed Means who gave an introduction and went over workshop objectives. Yearend highlights were discussed and staff gave a presentation on the recent customer and staff surveys. The Board discussed and Ed Means concluded with a review of what to expect from day two of the workshop.

The public was given an opportunity to speak at the beginning and end of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM to reconvene on Friday, September 8, 2023 at 8:00 AM at the Embassy Suites in Valenica for continued discussion on the 2024 Five Year Strategic Plan.

April Jacobs, Board Secretary

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