

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – October 17, 2023

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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, October 17, 2023. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes. The meeting recording can be accessed by clicking on the following link: [Board Meeting Recording](#).

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, Customer Service Manager Kathleen Willson, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, General Counsel Tom Bunn, Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas, Senior Engineer Robert Banuelos, 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 6:00 PM. A quorum was present.

There were no changes to the October 17, 2023 amended Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

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Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Marks and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-387, SCV-388, SCV-389 and SCV-390 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 387**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
ADOPTING A REVISED INVESTMENT POLICY**

**[FULL RESOLUTION MAY BE VIEWED BY VISITING THE SCV WATER WEBSITE](#)**

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-388**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY TO  
THE GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE SANTA CLARA AND HONBY WELLS PFAS  
GROUNDWATER TREATMENT PROJECT**

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**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-389**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO WEBER WATER RESOURCES CA, LLC.,  
FOR THE SAUGUS WELL 2 REHABILITATION PROJECT AND FIND THAT THE  
PROPOSED ACTION IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA**

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**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-390**

**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, 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. 1130"**

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Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Director Petersen and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-391 authorizing the General Manager to execute a purchase order amendment for construction management services to Black & Veach Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$1,414,000 for the Saugus #3 and #4 Wells Construction (Replacement Wells) Project by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

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

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-391**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY TO  
APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE SAUGUS WELLS #3 & #4  
WELLS CONSTRUCTION (REPLACEMENT WELLS) PROJECT**

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**General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 7).**

Assistant General Manager Cole, sitting in for the General Manager, reported on the following:

He updated the Board on the upcoming Water Academy, he mentioned the class size will increase to 30 and will begin on November 1, 2023. He stated the Water Academy gives the public an opportunity to get to know the Agency in a more intimate way.

Next, he advised the Board that the Agency was awarded, for the fourth consecutive time since its formation, the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense Award at the 2023 WaterSmart Innovation Conference held October 3-5, 2023, where staff from the Agency's Conservation Department attended and received the award on behalf of the Agency.

Lastly, he mentioned today's Ribbon Cutting for the Central Park Buildout Project that our Board President and Chief Engineer attended.

To hear the full report, please visit the SCV Water Website and click on the October 17, 2023 Regular Board meeting card link.

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**Committee Meeting Recap Report for Informational Purposes Only (Item 8).**

There were no comments on the recap report.

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**President's Report (Item 9).**

President Martin updated the Board on upcoming meetings and events.

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**AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 10).**

A written report was submitted by President Martin which was posted to the SCV Water website and is part of the record.

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Vice President Orzechowski reported that he attended the ACWA Regions 6 & 7 Tour and Water Forum 2023 held in Coalinga, California on October 12-13, 2023.

Director Armitage attended and MC'd the General Membership meeting of the Special District Association of Los Angeles County held at the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency on October 12, 2023.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

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**Director Reports (Item 11).**

Director Armitage mentioned that she volunteered at the recent Senior Fair that was sponsored by Senator Wilk, Assemblymember Pilar Shiavo and the SCV Senior Center. She felt that it was a great event, very well attended with some great workshops and she was glad to see SCV Water had a booth at this event.

She also mentioned that she recently attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Friends of the Santa Clara River and it was very nice to meet numerous people who have dedicated themselves to restoring areas around the Santa Clara River, protecting the natural resources and reminding the community of the importance of the river in our community.

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There were no other Director reports.

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**Director Requests For Future Agenda Items (Item 12).**

There were no requests for future Agenda Items.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM (Item 13).

Signature on File  
April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Signature on File  
President of the Board

