

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – December 1, 2023

A special 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 2:00 PM on Friday, December 1, 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, Ed Colley (Virtually), William Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Ken Petersen.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Beth Braunstein.

Also present: Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, General Counsel Joe Byrne, General Manager Matthew Stone, Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas, Attorneys from Nossaman, LLP Fred Fudacz and Byron Gee (Virtually) and Attorney from Cossich Sumich Parsiola & Taylor, LLC Brandon Taylor (Virtually), and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. A quorum was present.

There were no changes to the December 1, 2023 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

The Board went into Closed Session at 2:03 PM (Item 5).

President Martin reconvened the Open Session at 3:12 PM.

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that the Board acted, by unanimous vote, as motioned by Director Cooper, Seconded by Director Colley and carried, to remain in the litigation that is listed under Item 5.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9), Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency v. 3M Company, et. al., Case No: 2:20-cv-3771-RMG and to not opt out of the settlement that has been proposed by the following roll call votes:

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

There were no other actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 6).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 PM (Item 7).

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April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

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President of the Board

