



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 2024

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Rochelle Patterson *RP*
Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: January 22, 2024 Rescheduled Finance and Administration Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Finance and Administration (F&A) Committee met at 5:30 PM on Monday, January 22, 2024, in the Board Room of the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant. In attendance were Chair Ken Petersen and Directors Kathy Armitage, Ed Colley and Maria Gutzeit. Staff members in attendance included: Senior Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Management Analyst II Erika Dill, Administrative Services Manager Kim Grass, Information Technology Supervisor Jeff Herbert, Administrative Technician Paul Hoover, Human Resources Manager Ari Mantis, IT Technician I Oliver Molina, Director of Technology Services Cris Perez, Financial Analyst Tanner Swire, Customer Service Manager Kathleen Willson and myself. Additional SCV Water staff and members of the public were present. Ratepayer Advocate candidates John Wright from Raftelis, as well as Jack Lyon, Ichiko Kido and Anthony Elowsky from Robert D. Neihaus, Inc. (RDN) also presented. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

Item 1: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2: Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Item 3: Interview Ratepayer Advocate Candidates and Recommend Approval for the General Manager to Enter into a Contract with the Final Candidate for Ratepayer Advocate – Ratepayer Advocate candidates John Wright from Raftelis, as well as Jack Lyon, Ichiko Kido and Anthony Elowsky from Robert D. Neihaus, Inc. made their respective proposal presentations to the Committee, who then engaged in questions and answers with each candidate. The Directors then made their selections for the final candidate, but these votes ended in an even tie amongst the Committee. The Committee agreed to bring further consideration to the full Board at the February 6, 2024 regular Board meeting, allowing the candidates a ten-minute presentation for final consideration. The Board will then vote and consider approving the General Manager enter into a contract with the final ratepayer advocate candidate.

Item 4: Recommend Approval for the General Manager to Enter into a Contract with X-Act Technology Solutions, Inc. for As-Needed Technology Support Services – Staff presented this item and discussed it with the Committee, who unanimously agreed to place it on the Consent Calendar for the February 6, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Item 5: Recommend Approval of a Revised Classification Plan and Position Control – Staff presented this item and discussed it with the Committee, who unanimously agreed to place it on the Consent Calendar for the February 6, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Item 6: Recommend Receiving and Filing of November 2023 Monthly Financial Report – Staff presented this item and the Committee unanimously agreed to have it placed on the Consent Calendar for the February 6, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Item 7: Committee Planning Calendar – Staff briefly mentioned the upcoming items for the next few F&A Committee meetings.

Item 8: Requests for Future Agenda Items – No requests at this time.

Item 9: General Report on Finance and Administration Activities – Staff gave a presentation of the status of the arrearages program, which aims to assist customers affected by the Pandemic. To-date, the Agency, due to the State program, has applied for and received nearly \$1 million of assistance for those affected with past due balances.

Item 10: Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Website or by clicking the following link: [Rescheduled Finance and Administration Committee Meeting Recording](#).

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Attachment

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Date: January 16, 2024

To: **Finance and Administration Committee**
Ken Petersen, Chair
Kathye Armitage
Ed Colley
Maria Gutzeit

From: Rochelle Patterson
Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

The **Rescheduled Finance and Administration Committee** is scheduled for **Monday, January 22, 2024 at 5:30 PM** at **27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 in the Board Room and the teleconference site listed below**. Members of the public may attend in person or virtually. To attend this meeting virtually, please see below.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

This meeting will be conducted in person at the address listed above. As a convenience to the public, members of the public may also participate virtually by using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-(833)-568-8864, Webinar ID: 161 201 6813 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1612016813>**. Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Committee using the call-in number or Zoom Webinar link above. However, in the event there is a disruption of service which prevents the Agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using either the call-in option or internet-based service, this meeting will not be postponed or rescheduled but will continue without remote participation. The remote participation option is being provided as a convenience to the public and is not required. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting in person.

Attendees should be aware that while the Agency is following all applicable requirements and guidelines regarding COVID-19, the Agency cannot ensure the health of anyone attending a Committee meeting. Attendees should therefore use their own judgment with respect to protecting themselves from exposure to COVID-19.

Members of the public unable to attend this meeting may submit comments either in writing to edill@scvwa.org or by mail to Erika Dill, Management Analyst II, SCV Water, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. All written comments received before 3:00 PM the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Committee members and posted on the SCV Water website prior to the start of the meeting. Anything received after 3:00 PM the day of the meeting will be made available at the meeting, if practical, and will be posted on the SCV Water website the following day. All correspondence with comments, including letters or emails, will be posted in their entirety.

MEETING AGENDA

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Members of the public may comment as to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.) To participate in public comment from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, click the “raise hand” feature in Zoom. You will be notified when it is your turn to speak, please unmute when requested. To participate in public comment via phone, dial *9 to raise your hand. When it is your turn to speak, dial *6 to unmute.

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NOTICES:

Any person may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation needed for that person to be able to participate in the public meeting by telephoning **Erika Dill, Management Analyst II** at (661) 297-1600, or writing to SCV Water at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. Requests must specify the nature of the disability and the type of accommodation requested. A telephone number or other contact information should be included so that Agency staff may discuss appropriate arrangements. Persons requesting a disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time before the meeting for the Agency to provide the requested accommodation.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Committee less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection at SCV Water, located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, California 91350, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the Agency's Internet Website, accessible at <http://www.yourscvwater.com>.

Posted on January 16, 2024.

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