

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – May 21, 2024

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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, 23780 Pine Street, Newhall, CA 91321 at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. 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, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, General Counsel Tom Bunn, General Manager Matthew Stone, Information Technology Supervisor Jeff Herbert, Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas, Senior Engineer Shadi Bader (Virtually), Water Systems Supervisor Ryan Bye, 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 May 21, 2024 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

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Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-421, SCV-422, SCV-423 and SCV-424 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. SCV-421**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE  
ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-422**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
PURSUANT TO A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION  
15301, AND A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION UNDER NEPA,  
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO REHABILITATE SAUGUS WELL 1  
TO BAKERSFIELD WELL & PUMP CO.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-423**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO HAZEN AND SAWYER, INC.  
FOR FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE NEWHALL WELLS (N13, N11 AND N12)  
GROUNDWATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND FINDING THE PROJECT  
CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15303**

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**RESOLUTION NO. SCV-424**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE SMYTH DRIVE WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

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Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Colley and carried, the Board approved eliminating the retail debt threshold in its entirety 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		

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Petersen and carried, the Board approved, pursuant to the previously adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum, adopted Resolution No. SCV-425 for a construction contract with Ferreira Construction Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$13,819,311 and authorized the General Manager to execute purchase orders to Woodard & Curran for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for engineering services during construction and MNS Engineers, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 for construction management and inspection services for the South End Recycled Water Main Extension (Phase 2C) project by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

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-425**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO  
FERREIRA CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. AND APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS TO  
WOODARD & CURRAN FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES DURING CONSTRUCTION AND  
MNS ENGINEERS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION  
SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH END RECYCLED WATER MAIN EXTENSION (PHASE 2C –  
REACH 1) PROJECT**

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

The General Manager reported on the following:

He mentioned that SCV Water hosted an employee family picnic at the Rio Vista Treatment Plant location this past Saturday, which included activities for the kids, food, and tours of the treatment plant. He stated that the tours were very popular, and it was nice to see our treatment operations and maintenance staff get a chance to share their knowledge with their fellow SCV Water employees and families.

He gave a brief update on the recent PFAS case, stating that there has been another settlement proposal reached in the multi district AFFF litigation. He said, this time BASF will settle for \$312,500,000 bringing the total settlement across four parties to up to \$14,747,500. He advised that SCV Water is working on its first claims submittals for the DuPont and 3M portions of the settlement, reporting that payments will depend on the total quantity of claims and will be paid out over several years.

To hear the full comments, please refer to the Board recording by clicking the meeting recording link on the first page of these minutes or visiting the SCV Water Website.

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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).**

There was one report submitted by Director Marks which was emailed, posted to the website and is part of the record.

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President Martin reported that he attended both the DCA Board regular and special meetings as well as the Finance Committee meeting held in Sacramento on May 16, 2024.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

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**Director Reports (Item 11).**

Director Armitage congratulated all of this year's graduates.

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 6:43 PM (Item 13).

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April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

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President of the Board

