Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – March 3, 2026

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, March 3, 2026. 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: Meeting Recording.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathye Armitage, Ken Cooper, William Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Dan Masnada, Piotr Orzechowski and Ken Petersen.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present: Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Communications Manager Kevin Strauss, Director of Technology Services Cris Perez, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Engineer Mark Aumentado, General Counsel Tom Bunn, General Manager Matthew Stone, Information Technology Supervisor Jeff Herbert, Information Technology Technician II Jonathon Thomas, Security Operations Specialist Joseph Paysinger, Senior Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Senior Water Resources Planner Sarah Fleury, Systems and Network Administrator Emmanuel Adinkra, and additional SCV Water Agency staff virtually. There was a member of the public present.

President Gutzeit called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. A quorum was present.

There were no changes to the March 3, 2026 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

Items 5.2 and 5.3 were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and were addressed before the Consent Calendar was approved.

Upon motion of Director Armitage, seconded by Director Masnada and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. SCV-515 (1) adopting the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Under the California Environmental Quality Act, (2) authorizing a purchase order to Carollo Engineers for an amount not to exceed of $2,000,000 for final design services for the Wells W9 and W10 PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project, and (3) authorizing a purchase order to Wood Rodgers for an amount not to exceed of $350,000 for final design services for the Wells W9 and W10 Pipeline Improvements Project with the following modification:

> Under the Mitigation Monitoring & Reporting Program, the second sentence of Mitigation Measure Bio-7 would be changed to read, "Compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts can be accomplished either through SCV Water sponsored mitigation (e.g., on site restoration) or through purchase of credits through an approved Mitigation Bank."

This additional sentence will also be added directly after: "SCV Water sponsored mitigation is the preferred option when feasible."

by the following roll call votes (Item 5.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director K. Cooper	Yes
Vice President W. Cooper	Yes	President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Marks	Yes	Vice President Martin	Yes
Director Masnada	Yes	Director Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-515

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY TO (1) ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (SCH#2025100035) BASED UPON AND INCORPORATING AN INITIAL STUDY, AND ADOPT A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, (2) AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE ORDER TO CAROLLO ENGINEERS CONSULTANTS FOR FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE WELLS W9 AND W10 PFAS GROUNDWATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND (3) AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WOOD RODGERS CONSULTANTS FOR FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE WELLS W9 AND W10 PIPELINE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

FULL RESOLUTION MAY BE VIEWED BY VISITING THE SCV WATER WEBSITE

Upon motion of Director Armitage, seconded by Director Marks and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute a new fifteen-year contract with the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District for the purchase of recycled water with the following modifications to Section 10.3 Ongoing Price for Recycled Water:

Change "O&M" to "tertiary treatment O&M", and change "Plants" to "Valencia Reclamation Plant"

by the following roll call votes (Item 5.3):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director K. Cooper	Yes
Vice President W. Cooper	Yes	President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Marks	Yes	Vice President Martin	Yes
Director Masnada	Yes	Director Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

Upon motion of Director Marks, seconded by Director Armitage and carried, the Board approved the remaining Items on the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-516 and SCV-517 by the following roll call votes (Items 5.1, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director K. Cooper	Yes
Vice President W. Cooper	Yes	President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Marks	Yes	Vice President Martin	Yes
Director Masnada	Yes	Director Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-516

**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-517

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
CONCURRING IN NOMINATION OF SCOTT H. QUADY OF
CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
TO THE CALIFORNIA WATER INSURANCE FUND BOARD
AN ACWA JPIA CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY**

FULL RESOLUTION MAY BE VIEWED BY VISITING THE SCV WATER WEBSITE

Upon motion of Director Orzechowski, seconded by Director Petersen and carried, the Board received and filed the December 2025 Monthly and FY 2025/26 Second Quarter Financial Report by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director K. Cooper	Yes
Vice President W. Cooper	Yes	President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Marks	Yes	Vice President Martin	Yes
Director Masnada	Yes	Director Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

Senior Water Resources Planner Sarah Fleury presented a water supply update to the Board (Item 7).

General Manager's Report on Activities, Projects and Programs (Item 8)

General Manager Matthew Stone reported on the following:

He provided a brief update on the second of the two DWR shutdowns and expressed his appreciation to the team for their work in preparing for and successfully completing both shutdowns.

He noted that over the past month he participated in several meetings, including the State Water Contractors' monthly meetings in Sacramento, ongoing discussions with Assistant General Manager Steve Cole regarding the organizational transition planned for August, and the Urban Water Institute Spring conference held last week in Indian Wells.

He informed the Board that he may need to be in Sacramento in May 2026 for a family medical matter and will share additional details by email as they are confirmed. He will coordinate with staff to ensure any necessary coverage.

He concluded by mentioning his recent one-on-one meeting with Vice President W. Cooper and Assistant General Manager Steve Cole.

To hear the full report, 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.

Committee Meeting Recap Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 9).

Director Armitage commented on the Water Resources and Watershed Committee meeting Recap Report and asked that staff return to the Board with a more in-depth review of all aspects of artificial turf.

There were no other comments on the recap reports.

To hear 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.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 10).

Director Armitage had comments and questions on the Finance, Administration, and Information Technology Services Section Report, Treatment, Distribution, Operations and Maintenance Section Report and the Water Resources and Outreach Section Report.

There were no other comments on the written reports.

To hear 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.

President's Report (Item 11).

President Gutzeit updated the Board on upcoming meetings and events. She mentioned a potential change that is expected to come before the Board on March 17, 2026, concerning the days on which SCV Water Agency Committee meetings are held.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 12).

A written report was submitted by President Gutzeit which was included in the packet. Additional written reports were submitted by President Gutzeit, Vice President Martin and

Director Marks which were emailed, posted to the SCV Water Website and are part of the record.

Director Orzechowski reported that he attended the Urban Water Institute 2026 Spring Conference held in Indian Wells on February 25-27, 2026.

Vice President W. Cooper reported that he virtually attended the ACWA Business Development Committee meeting on February 18, 2026, attended the ACWA Region 8 Board Meeting held at Metropolitan Water District on February 20, 2026, attended the Urban Water Institute 2026 Spring Conference held in Indian Wells on February 25-27, 2026 and had his One-on-One meeting with General Manager Matthew Stone and Assistant General Manager Steve Cole on March 2, 2026.

Director Armitage reported that she virtually attended the Executive Board meeting of the Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County on February 18, 2025.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

To hear all the reports in their entirety, 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.

Director Reports (Item 13).

Director Masnada stated that he virtually attended the third Community Portfolio Review Emergency Response Water Shortage Contingency Plan Workshop where he complimented staff on a job well done.

There were no other Director reports.

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The Board went into Closed Session at 7:23 PM to discuss the items listed under Closed Session (Item 14).

14.1 Threat to Public Services or Facilities
Consultation with:
Cris Perez, Director of Technology Services;
Joseph Paysinger, Security Operations Specialist

14.2 Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency Designated Representatives: Legal Counsel
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

The Zoom meeting was put on hold while the Board went into Closed Session. President Gutzeit advised the public and staff for those who wanted to stay, to remain on the current

teleconference line and once Closed Session ends, the Board would reconvene for Closed Session announcements and the conclusion of the meeting.

President Gutzeit reconvened the Open Session at 9:06 PM.

President Gutzeit reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 15).

Director Requests for Approval for Event Attendance (Item 16).

Upon motion of Director Marks, seconded by Director Armitage and carried, the Board approved Director attendance for the May 8, 2026 Academy of the Stars Teacher Tribute by the following roll call votes (Item 16.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director K. Cooper	Yes
Vice President W. Cooper	Yes	President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Marks	Yes	Vice President Martin	Yes
Director Masnada	Yes	Director Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

There were no other requests for event attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM (Item 17).

Signature on File

April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Signature on File

President of the Board