

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – October 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency was held via teleconference at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: B. J. Atkins, Ed Colley, Kathy Colley, William Cooper, Robert DiPrimio, Jeff Ford, Jerry Gladbach, Maria Gutzeit, R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Dan Mortensen and Lynne Plambeck via teleconference.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

Also present via teleconference: General Manager Matthew Stone, General Counsel Joe Byrne, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Director of Finance and Administration Rochelle Patterson, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Principal Engineer Jason Yim, Senior Engineer Jim Leserman, Water Resources Planner Ernesto Velazquez, Associate Engineer Elizabeth Sobczak, Senior Management Analyst Kim Grass, Financial Analyst Darine Conner, Public Information Officer Kathie Martin, Executive Assistant Leticia Quintero, Administrative Technician Eunie Kang, Administrative Assistant Terri Bell, IT Technician Jonathan Thomas and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present.

Upon motion of Director Plambeck, seconded by Director K. Colley and carried, the Board approved the Agenda by the following roll call votes (Item 4):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Not Present
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Plambeck and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar which included Resolution No. SCV-176 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Not Present
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

RESOLUTION NO.SCV-176

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY**

TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO AMEND THE GSI WATER SOLUTIONS, INC. CONTRACT FOR FIELD INVESTIGATION OF POTENTIAL RECHARGE SITES

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-100620-Resolution-SCV-176.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director DiPrimio and carried, the Board (1) approved Resolution No. SCV-177 awarding funding in an amount not to exceed \$891,139.70 for construction costs and an amount not to exceed \$84,100 for construction management and miscellaneous costs to The Newhall Land and Farming Company, LLC, and (2) authorized the General Manager to execute a work authorization with Woodard and Curran for an amount not to exceed \$260,000 for inspection services for the Commerce Center Drive Pipeline project by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-177

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
APPROVING FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
TO THE NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING COMPANY, LLC,
FOR THE COMMERCE CENTER DRIVE PIPELINE PROJECT**

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Upon motion of Director DiPrimio, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved the retail debt threshold calculation by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Abstained

Upon motion of Director Ford, seconded by Vice President Gladbach and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. 178 for the Negotiated Tax Exchange to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for Annexation No. 2019-08 (Detachment of Territory to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency), Tax Rate Area 6635, 11371, 13645, 13647 and 13975 for 507

Properties formerly served by the Valencia Water Company by the following roll call votes (Item 6.3):

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-178

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, AND THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION NO. 2019-08 (DETACHMENT OF TERRITORY FROM COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ANNEXATION OF SAID TERRITORY TO THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY)

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-100620-Resolution-SCV-178.pdf>

Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Eric Campbell gave a presentation on the Cost of Service/Rate Transition Project and discussed the Proposition 218 Notice (Item 7).

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

The General Manager reflected on how busy the last two weeks have been on a few efforts and updated the Board on two related to water quality.

He stated that we are doing quite a bit of work on the next round of litigation with Whittaker Bermite as we continue to prepare for trial.

He then noted the recent PFAS Treatment Plant virtual ribbon cutting that took place on Monday, October 5, 2020. He thanked the Board and SCV Water staff for an outstanding effort bringing this project to this point. In looking back, he said we established the idea of a PFAS Strike Team in early June of 2019. A year and a few months later, we have completed our first treatment facility, started design on two more, started procurement of lab equipment, implemented system interconnections, and accomplished significant work on an overall Groundwater Treatment Implementation Plan report that looks at all impacted wells and will establish a logical treatment implementation strategy to prioritize our efforts over the next few years. There are a lot of staff who have participated at various times from nearly every area of

the organization in primary or supporting roles. These include engineering, operations, water quality, environmental compliance, finance, communications, technical services, inspection, customer service, and water resources. We also have benefitted from some excellent outside technical expertise and consultants to help fast track the effort.

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

There were no comments on the recap reports.

Written Reports for Informational Purposes Only (Item 10).

There were no comments on the written reports.

President's Report (Item 11).

President Martin advised the Board that the October 20, 2020 regular Board meeting will most likely be cancelled. He reminded the Board that the November 3, 2020 regular Board meeting has been cancelled and that there will be a special meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. Lastly he updated the Board on upcoming virtual meetings/events.

AB 1234 Reports (Item 12).

Written reports were submitted by President Martin, Vice President's Gladbach and Gutzeit and Director's Ford and Plambeck and were included in the Board packet, which is part of record.

Director Atkins reported that he attended the following virtual meetings (1) UWI Informative Discussion with F. Marcus and P. Mulroy on August 19, 2020, (2) the 2nd Annual Congressional Forum with Representative Mike Garcia on August 25, 2020, (3) the Economic Outlook Virtual Forecast on September 17, 2020 and (4) the AWA CCWUC Educational Program Training on September 30, 2020.

Director Mortensen reported that he attended the Economic Outlook Virtual Forecast held on September 17, 2020.

There were no further AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 13).

Director Gladbach gave a report on ACWA's September 25 2020 Board meeting and mentioned that they approved a Budget for 2021 just under \$10M, a 1% dues increase and a 3% salary increase. He also mentioned that the Budget for 2022 was also approved with dues being increased by 2%, salaries increased by 4% with a budget of just over \$10M.

He then mentioned that the ACWA staff gave a recap and summary of all the components that staff did to make the July 2020 virtual ACWA Conference happen. He gave a brief update on the upcoming and future ACWA conferences.

He then reported on the JPIA, and stated that recognizing all the catastrophic events that have happened around the world in the last year or so, the cost of Liability Insurance has skyrocketed. The good news for JPIA members is that the rates will not be going up. JPIA has self-insured for \$5M, he advised the Board that JPIA has a total of what is called excess or reinsurance of \$55M. What JPIA did to not increase rates was that JPIA backed into a number of \$1.3M, and California Water Insurance Fund, which is JPIA's fund out of Utah, will take that \$10M. In JPIA's 40+ years, there has only been two incidents where that \$10M was entered. He stated that they are pretty sure there is not going to be another incident this year, saying that it was money well spent and a great attribute to Andy Sells for getting the CWIF.

There were no further Director reports.

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:38 PM (Item 14).

The Board was instructed to disconnect from the current call and redial in on a separate teleconference line that was provided to them. President Martin instructed the public members and staff who wanted to stay on the call, to stay on the current teleconference line and once Closed Session has ended, the Board will reconvene for Closed Session announcements and the conclusion of the meeting.

President Martin reconvened the Open Session at 9:11 PM.

Joe Byrne, Esq., reported that pertaining to Item No. 14.1, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, Claim of Martin Euredjian and any and all claims that arise from the incident on September 7, 2020 against Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, claim for property damage, date of claim September 8, 2020, the Board voted to reject the claim by motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, by the following roll call votes:

Director Atkins	Yes	Director E. Colley	Yes
Director K. Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Yes
Director DiPrimio	Yes	Director Ford	Yes
Vice President Gladbach	Yes	Vice President Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Mortensen	Yes	Director Plambeck	Yes

There were no other 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).

There were no Director requests for event attendance.

Request for Future Agenda Items (Item 17).

Director Atkins requested that staff give a report on LARK Ranch in relation to the water supply that SCV Water has promised them, the state of the groundwater in that area and LARK Ranches inability to go back to using their wells. He would like a complete status report on all those items.

There were no other requests for future agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned in memoriam of Ashley Fleming at 9:14 PM (Item 18).



April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



President of the Board

