

AB1234 Report
Lynne Plambeck
SCV GSA
Virtual Meeting 4-5-21 2:30 to 4:45

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting. There was a discussion of how to rotate officers positions. It was proposed and accepted that the officers would rotate between water board and other agency members. Gina Natoli became the new board president. There was a discussion of revisions to the stakeholders norms and procedures and a resolution regarding the matter was approved. The Board received an update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, the IRWP and Measure W as well as a report on the status of Bouquet Creek regarding the coalition of agencies working to resolve this issue. A funding increase for CV Strategies was approved. Postponement of the July 5th meeting was recommended.

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2021 Kevin Mitnick Security Awareness Training
Virtual Seminar 4-13-21 2:30 to 3:30

This was a training provided to all the Board members to raise awareness of hacking schemes that could compromise the Water District's computers. I was previously aware of phishing emails and other fraudulent information gathering schemes to obtain password and other information, but did not realize the extent of invasion that could be accomplished, so it was really an eye opener. Also, some of the methods used were quite sophisticated. I am not sure I would have recognized such attempts without the training. I am now much better prepared to recognize hacking attempts.

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Director name: Gary Martin

Meetings attended: 1) Delta Conveyance Design & Construction Authority (DCA) Board Prep meeting on April 9, 2021 and 2) DCA Regular Board of Directors Meeting on April 15, 2021.

Dates of meetings: April 9 & 15, 2021

Location: Virtual

SCV Water Board meeting to be presented at: April 20, 2021

On April 9, 2021, I attended the DCA Board Prep meeting conducted virtually on the RingCentral platform. The meeting was conducted with DCA staff and 3 of the 7 DCA Directors. The purpose of the meeting was to go over the agenda material for the April 15 regular board meeting to help familiarize directors about the agenda material and to answer any questions that the directors may have. The presentation material was consistent with the agenda for the 4/15 board meeting as presented below.

On April 15, 2021, I attended the Regular meeting of the DCA Board of Directors. The agenda was as follows:

1. Call to Order by President Atwater.
2. Roll Call for Attendance.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Public Comment.
5. Approval of Minutes for (a) the March 9, 2021 Special DCA Board Meeting, and (b) the March 18, 2021 Regular DCA Board Meeting.
6. Consent Calendar (there were no items on the consent calendar)
7. Discussion Items:
 - Interim Executive Director Introduction (information only, no action recommended).
 - April DCA Monthly Report (information only, no action recommended).
 - DCA FY 21/22 Draft Budget Discussion (information only, no action recommended).
8. Staff Reports and Announcements
 - General Counsel's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - DWR Environmental Manager's Report
 - Verbal Reports, if any.
9. Future Agenda Items
10. Adjournment

Key Points of Interest:

- Mr. Graham Bradner was introduced as the interim executive director. Mr. Bradner's qualifications and experience were presented and the planning phase ED responsibilities listed.
- The April monthly report was presented including the following:
 - Work performed by Program Management, Administration, Engineering and Field Investigations.
 - Stakeholder engagement activities in April. The next Stakeholder Engagement Committee meeting will be on April 28.
 - Budget and Schedule update was provided. A budget underrun of \$1.5 million is projected for FY20/21. The FY21/22 and FY22/23 budgets are projected to be \$21.5 and \$33.0 million respectively.

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DIRECTOR AB 1234 REPORT

Director Name: Kathy Armitage

Meeting Attended: AWA Waterwise Program: Water and Farming in Ventura County

Date of Meeting: April 15, 2021

Location: Virtual

Board Meeting to Be Presented At: April 20, 2021

Points of Interest:

- Host: Shelly Berger of Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
- Guest speaker: Phil McGrath of McGrath Family Farm

Mr. McGrath shared information about his farm's adoption of regenerative farming practices, how those practices have an effect on our soil and water, how climate change is affecting farms, and their water needs.

- Key points
 - McGrath Family Farm is located in Camarillo, CA
 - Participates in food and agricultural policy discussions/programs
 - Has adopted **regenerative farming practices** as one of three sites being studied by the Rodale Institute
 - Regenerative farming practices take into account labor, animals, and growing practices
 - Examples of regenerative growing practices
 - Plan crop programs using a multi-year/generational perspective rather than planning year-to-year
 - Focus on **soil health**, which is key in farming
 - Less tillage/disturbance of soil to preserve microbial population
 - Use of roller crimpers to use biomass to suppress weeds instead of herbicides
 - Biological pest management
 - No use of genetically modified organisms
 - Use of compost
 - Succession crop planting
 - Benefits of regenerative farming
 - Helps combat climate change, which is clearly affecting farms, by taking carbon out of the air and putting it into the soil
 - **Helps conserve water** by keeping more life in the soil

- Helps **reduce runoff of contaminants into water supplies** due to less use of herbicides/fertilizers/insecticides
- They need water
 - With this year being another dry year, they are encouraging water suppliers to expand resources to include banking, reservoirs, reverse osmosis systems, and recycled water systems to make water available to farms
- The farm offers tours to those interested in learning more and seeing the farm firsthand, and has a store where you can buy their harvested goods
 - For more information:
 - <http://www.mcgrathfamilyfarm.com>
 - <https://rodaleinstitute.org>
- Support your local farmers markets!