

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – April 18, 2023

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, April 18, 2023. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathye Armitage, Beth Braunstein, Ed Colley, Maria Gutzeit, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Ken Petersen.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: William Cooper.

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 Kathie Martin, Customer Services Manager Kathleen Willson, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord, General Counsel Tom Bunn, General Manager Matthew Stone, Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas, Principal Engineer Brent Payne (Via Zoom), Senior Engineer Orlando Moreno, Attorneys from Best Best & Krieger Sarah Foley and Zack Scalzo (Via Zoom), and State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance Lawrence Sanchez (Via Zoom), as well as additional SCV Water Agency staff and members of the public.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was present.

There were no changes to the April 18, 2023 Board Agenda and it was accepted as shown (Item 4).

Upon motion of Vice President Gutzeit, seconded by Director Marks and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution Nos. SCV-342, SCV-343, SCV-344 and SCV-345 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes*
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Absent
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

*Director Braunstein abstained from voting on Item 5.1.

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-342

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT #5, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, ANTELOPE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, AND SANTA

**CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED
EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT
"ANNEXATION NO. 1122"**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/approved-resolutions/scv/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-041823-%20Resolution-SCV-342.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-343

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, ANTELOPE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA CLARITA LIBRARY AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT
"ANNEXATION NO. 1123"**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/approved-resolutions/scv/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-041823-%20Resolution-SCV-343.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-344

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES AND COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA CLARITA STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2, SANTA CLARITA LIBRARY AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT
"ANNEXATION NO.1124"**

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/approved-resolutions/scv/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-041823-%20Resolution-SCV-344.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-345

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE

GOVERNING BODIES OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA CLARITA LIBRARY AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT "ANNEXATION NO. 1128"

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/approved-resolutions/scv/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-041823-%20Resolution-SCV-345.pdf>

Upon motion of Vice President Orzechowski, seconded by Director Petersen and carried, the Board Authorized the Chief Engineer to execute the respective Consolidation and Water Service Agreements with Los Angeles Residential Community and Royce Lily of the Valley LLC by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Absent
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	Yes
Director Petersen	Yes		

Upon motion of Vice President Gutzeit, seconded by Director Braunstein and carried, the Board approved a Ratepayer Assistance Pilot Program by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	No	Director Cooper	Absent
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Martin	Yes	Vice President Orzechowski	No
Director Petersen	Yes		

Director of Operations and Maintenance Mike Alvord advised the Board of the PFAS Notification and provided an updated presentation on PFAS (Item 7).

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

General Manager Stone reported on the following:

He advised the Board that he attended the funeral service for SCV Water employee Ray Ramirez last Wednesday afternoon and stated there was a large turnout of family, friends and coworkers.

He informed the Board that there was an "All Staff Employee" meeting that took place this morning and held at the City of Santa Clarita Activities Center. He said there were several

employees that received service awards for their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service. Management staff provided updates on several projects and activities including the Water Master Plan Update, PFAS, Weather Whiplash (dry to wet), Cybersecurity, and Outreach efforts.

Lastly, he mentioned that in regards to approval limits, he will be making a proposal to update the General Manager's approval limit from \$100,000 to \$125,000 in the near future.

To hear the full report please refer to the Board recording at

<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/SCVWA/board-meetings/2023/scv/Board-Recording-041823.mp3>

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

There were no comments on the recap report.

President's Report (Item 10).

The President updated the Board on upcoming meetings, events and miscellaneous items.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 11).

A written report was submitted by President Martin which was posted to the SCV Water website and is part of the record.

Vice President Orzechowski reported that he virtually attended a One-on-One meeting with the General Manager on April 10, 2023.

Director Marks reported that he virtually attended a Team Building follow-up call with Erin Hastey on March 28, 2023.

Vice President Gutzeit reported that she virtually attended Team Building follow-up calls with Erin Hastey on two separate occasions but will not be requesting a stipend.

Director Braunstein reported that she attended the United Water Conservation District Open House and Facilities Tour held on March 29, 2023 and virtually attended Team Building follow-up calls with Erin Hastey on two separate occasions but will not be requesting a stipend.

Director Armitage reported that she virtually attended Team Building follow-up calls with Erin Hastey on two separate occasions but will not be requesting a stipend.

Director Colley reported that he virtually attended two Team Building follow-up calls with Erin Hastey on two separate occasions but will not be requesting a stipend.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

The Board went into Closed Session at 9:13 PM to discuss Item 12.1 (Item 12).

The Zoom meeting was put on hold while the Board went into Closed Session. President Martin 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 Martin reconvened the Open Session at 10:08 PM.

Tom Bunn, Esq., reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Item 13).

Director Requests For Future Agenda Items (Item 14).

Vice President Orzechowski requested that the Finance and Administration Committee explore a GoFundMe option for rate payer assistance.


There were no other requests for approval for future Agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM (Item 15).



April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



President of the Board

