

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – December 6, 2022

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, December 6, 2022. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathye Armitage, Beth Braunstein (Arrived at 6:07 PM), Ed Colley, Jeff Ford, Maria Gutzeit (arrived at 6:01 PM), R. J. Kelly, Gary Martin, Ken Petersen and Lynne Plambeck.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: William Cooper and Piotr Orzechowski.

Also present: Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Rochelle Patterson, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, Controller Amy Aguer, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, General Counsel Joe Byrne, General Manager Matthew Stone, Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas, Senior Engineer Orlando Moreno (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.

President Martin advised the Board there was an amended Agenda at each of their spots. Changes included moving Item 6.3 to Item 5.7 under the Consent Calendar per the November 21, 2022 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting Report and both Items 14 and 15 were removed from the Agenda. There were no changes to the December 6, 2022 Board Amended Agenda and it was approved (Item 4).

Upon motion of Director Kelly, seconded by Director Braunstein and carried, with the request from Director Armitage to remove Item 5.5 “Approve Implementation of the Edward G. “Jerry” Gladbach Scholarship” for further discussion, the Board approved the Consent Calendar including Resolution No. SCV-319 by the following roll call votes (Item 5):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Absent
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Absent	Director Petersen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-319

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY ADOPTING AN
AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE PURSUANT TO
THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974**

<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/SCV-Water-Approved-Resolution-120622-Resolution-SCV-319.pdf>

Upon motion of Director Colley, seconded by Director Plambeck and carried, the Board approved the implementation of the Edward G. "Jerry" Gladbach Scholarship by the following roll call votes (Item 5.5):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Absent
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Absent	Director Petersen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

Upon motion of Director Ford, seconded by Director Petersen and carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with GS Sand Canyon for Rent, LLC for SCV Water's fair share costs in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,265,798 for the construction of the Sand Canyon Plaza Pump Station in the Deane Zone, including construction quality assurance and control testing, construction inspections, and engineering services during construction by the following roll call votes (Item 6.1):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Absent
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Absent	Director Petersen	Yes
Director Plambeck	No		

Upon motion of Director Braunstein, seconded by Director Kelly and carried, the Board received and filed the September 2022 Monthly and FY 2022/23 First Quarter Financial Report by the following roll call votes (Item 6.2):

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Absent
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Absent	Director Petersen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

Chief Engineer Courtney Mael briefed the Board on the Agency's Debt Funded Projects (Item 7).

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

General Manager Stone reported on the following:

He gave a brief update and his insight on the recent 2022 ACWA Fall Conference.

He mentioned that SCV Water Board President Martin, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Director Water Resources Manager Ali Elhassan and himself meet with Rosedale-Rio Bravo's

Board President and Water Resources Manager to get reacquainted and have a general discussion on our resource plans, challenges and mutual desire to keep our successful program and partnership going.

He then gave an update on the roundtable on diversity session and the Women in Water Event. He thought both were very informative. He stated he ran into some colleagues that he will be following-up with on some issues and will report back to the Board if anything comes from those conversations.

To hear the full report please refer to the Board recording at https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Board_Recording_120622.mp3.

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).

Director Armitage had questions regarding the Treatment, Distribution, Operations and Maintenance Section Report (Item 10.3) and the Water Resources and Outreach Section Report (Item 10.4). Director Ford had a few comments and questions on Item 10.4. To hear Directors Armitage and Fords comments, please refer to the Board recording at https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Board_Recording_120622.mp3.

There were no other comments on the written reports.

President's Report (Item 11).

The President updated the Board on upcoming meetings and events and miscellaneous items. To hear the full report please refer to the Board recording at https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Board_Recording_120622.mp3.

AB 1234 Written and Verbal Reports (Item 12).

Written reports were submitted by President Martin and Directors Armitage, Braunstein, Ford, Gutzeit and Plambeck which were posted on the SCV Water website and are part of the record.

Director Plambeck reported that she attended the 2022 ACWA Fall Conference held in Indian Wells on November 29 through December 2, 2022.

Director Colley reported that he attended the 2022 ACWA Fall Conference held in Indian Wells on November 29 through December 2, 2022.

Director Kelly reported that he attended the SCV Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Mixer held at Eternal Valley on November 15, 2022 and attended the 2022 ACWA Fall Conference held in Indian Wells on November 29 through December 2, 2022.

Director Armitage reported that she attended the Labor Management Compliance Council Annual Conference held in Los Angeles on November 17, 2022 (a written report was also submitted on this item) and attended the 2022 ACWA Fall Conference held in Indian Wells on November 29 through December 2, 2022.

There were no other AB 1234 Reports.

Director Reports (Item 13).

Director Armitage wanted to honor the Valencia High School students who spent the first semester of this year assisting in the awareness-raising efforts related to the Global Water Crisis. They arranged a fundraiser to gather money for a gravity water system for a sister community in Vietnam. Their target was to reach \$2,500, but they ended up raising close to \$3,000. She was wondering if there was anything we could do to recognize them for this effort. Additionally, she reported that her water meter had been changed. She believed the door tag that had been left was extremely well done and full of useful information, and she wanted to thank the staff members who had made it. To hear the full report please refer to the Board recording at https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Board_Recording_120622.mp3.

There were no other Director Reports.

Director Braunstein is interested in attending the UN Water Summit next year and would like staff to look into the event.

Director Gutzeit requested approval to attend the Bouquet Canyon Creek Public meeting on the Bouquet Creek Restoration being held at Grace Baptist Church on December 7, 2022.

Upon motion of President Martin, seconded by Director Armitage, the Board approved full Board attendance at the Bouquet Canyon Creek Public meeting on the Bouquet Creek Restoration being held at Grace Baptist Church on December 7, 2022 by the following roll call votes:

Director Armitage	Yes	Director Braunstein	Yes
Director Colley	Yes	Director Cooper	Absent
Director Ford	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Vice President Orzechowski	Absent	Director Petersen	Yes
Director Plambeck	Yes		

There were no other requests for approval for event attendance (Item 14).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM (Item 15).

April Jacobs, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



President of the Board

