

**Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – October 7, 2019**

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A board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) was held at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, California 91350 in the Board Room at 2:30 PM on Monday, October 7, 2019. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Adam Ariki, B.J. Atkins, Jerry Gladbach, Maria Gutzeit, Gary Martin,

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** William C. Cooper, Bob Kellar, Gina Natoli

Also present: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager, SCV Water; James D. Ciampa, General Counsel; Eunie Kang, SCV-GSA Board Secretary; Dirk Marks, Director of Water Resources, SCV Water; Rick Viergutz, Principal Water Resource Planner, SCV Water; Kathie Martin, Public Information Officer, SCV Water; Ernesto Velazquez, Associate Water Resources Planner, SCV Water; Tara Bravo, CV Strategies; Jeff Barry, GSI Water Solutions, Inc.; and various members of the public.

Vice President Atkins called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. A quorum was present.

There was public comment.

Item 1.4: Upon motion of Director Gladbach, seconded by Director Martin and carried, the Agenda was approved by the following voice votes:

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Gladbach (Alternate)	Yes
Vice President Atkins	Yes	Director Kellar	Absent
President Cooper	Absent	Director Martin	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Natoli	Absent

Item 2.1: Upon motion of Director Martin seconded by Director Ariki and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar by the following voice votes:

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Gladbach (Alternate)	Yes
Vice President Atkins	Yes	Director Kellar	Absent
President Cooper	Absent	Director Martin	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Natoli	Absent

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Item 3: Rick Viergutz and Jeff Barry updated on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development.

There was public comment on item 3.

Item 4.1: Upon motion of Director Gladbach, seconded by Director Gutzeit and carried, the Board approved and adopted Resolution No. GSA 2019-03 Authorizing the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency to Apply for and Execute a Grant Agreement on Behalf of the SCV-GSA with the California Department of Water Resources for a Proposition 68 Round 3 Planning Grant by the following voice votes:

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Gladbach (Alternate)	Yes
Vice President Atkins	Yes	Director Kellar	Absent
President Cooper	Absent	Director Martin	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Natoli	Absent

### RESOLUTION NO. GSA 2019-03

#### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY TO APPLY FOR AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE SCV-GSA WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR A PROPOSITION 68 ROUND 3 PLANNING GRANT

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is administering the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program using funds authorized by Proposition 68 and Proposition 1 to encourage sustainable management of groundwater resources that support the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

**WHEREAS**, DWR has issued the Final Round 3 Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grants related to development or implementation of GSPs; and

**WHEREAS**, the application period closes November 1, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is a member agency of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA); and

**WHEREAS**, on October 4, 2018, SCV Water and SCV-GSA entered into an Administrative Services Agreement requiring the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) to administer the SCV-GSA and provide the majority of funding to develop the state-required Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP); and

**WHEREAS**, on September 3, 2019, SCV Water adopted Resolution SCV-120 affirming it would provide required cost share, apply for and execute the Round 3 grant agreement on behalf of the SCV-GSA if the SCV-GSA requests SCV Water perform this task; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCV-GSA is committed to completing, adopting, and then submitting the GSP to DWR by January 31, 2022.

**WHEREAS**, SCV Water is evaluating projects and requested grant amounts and anticipates a minimum grant request of \$500,000, but may request more grant funds as other eligible costs are identified; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the Administrative Services Agreement, if a Round 3 Grant is awarded, grant revenues will be used to offset SCV Water’s costs to develop the GSP.

**WHEREAS**, the application process includes a requirement that the SCV-GSA adopt a resolution affirming it desires SCV Water to submit a grant application on its behalf; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors, the governing body of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Groundwater Sustainability Agency, resolves and orders as follows:

- (1) It desires SCV Water’s General Manager to:
  - a. Apply for a Round 3 Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Grant on behalf of the SCV-GSA, identifying SCV Water as the agency responsible for the local cost share, and
  - b. Execute an agreement with the State of California for a 2019 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant.

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Item 4.2: Upon motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Ariki and carried, the Board approved and adopted Resolution No. GSA 2019-04 Supporting the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Region’s Application for a Department of Water Resource’s Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant by the following voice votes:

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Gladbach (Alternate)	Yes
Vice President Atkins	Yes	Director Kellar	Absent
President Cooper	Absent	Director Martin	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Natoli	Absent

**RESOLUTION NO. GSA 2019-04**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY SUPPORTING  
THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT  
REGION’S APPLICATION FOR A DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCE’S PROPOSITION  
1 ROUND 1 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management (USCR IRWM) Region’s members and stakeholders have undergone a process to identify six projects for the Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) grant eligibility checklist requires that projects in IRWM grant applications affecting groundwater should have the support of the local Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA); and

**WHEREAS**, at a well-attended September 10, 2019, public workshop with the Department of Water Resources, the USCR IRWM presented the following six projects that positively affect groundwater:

- Project 1 - Construction of all or part of the South End Recycled Water Project (Phase 2C)
- Project 2 - PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project
- Project 3 - Valencia Water Reclamation Plant Advanced Water Treatment Facility
- Project 4 - Los Angeles County Hasley Canyon Park Stormwater Capture Project
- Project 5 - City of Santa Clarita/Santa Clara River Conservancy Mapping and Managing Invasive Weeds in the SCR Watershed
- Project 6 - City of Santa Clarita Newhall Memorial Park Stormwater Retrofit Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the USCR IRWM is incorporating feedback from the DWR provided on these proposed projects; and

**WHEREAS**, all projects help the region adapt to climate change, improve regional self-reliance, and provide benefit to groundwater sustainability in various ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the USCR IRWM will formally submit the grant application in December 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors, the governing body of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA), resolves and orders as follows:

The SCV-GSA supports each of the USCR IRWM projects because they serve to help the region adapt to climate change, improve regional self-reliance, and benefit groundwater sustainability.

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Item 4.3: Kathie Martin and Tara Bravo updated on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee application process. For public interest, various local media news, social media and website notifications were generated. The first initial application due date was September 20, 2019. To produce more public interest, the application due date has been extended to October 18, 2019, and a direct mail postcard was sent to the canyon areas of the basin. Selection meetings will take place October 22, 23 and 24, 2019. A special board meeting will be scheduled in November to appoint the Stakeholder Advisory Committee Members.

Tara Bravo recited The Principles, Goals and Objectives and Code of Conduct for Effective Operation of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee in its entirety.

Upon motion of Director Gutzeit and seconded by Director Gladbach and carried, the Board approved and adopted Resolution No. GSA 2019-05 Establishing Principles, Goals and Objectives and Code of Conduct for Effective Operation of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) by the following voice votes:

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Gladbach (Alternate)	Yes
Vice President Atkins	Yes	Director Kellar	Absent
President Cooper	Absent	Director Martin	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Natoli	Absent

#### RESOLUTION NO. GSA 2019-05

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ESTABLISHING PRINCIPLES, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) has determined a Stakeholder Advisory Committee is beneficial and necessary to provide input and expertise to Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development; and

**WHEREAS**, the effectiveness of a Stakeholder Advisory Committee is increased when business is conducted consistent with certain overarching principles and; through identification and communication of key principles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the following Overarching Principles:

1. **Transparency:** The Committee system is transparent and consultative, and all members have the opportunity to provide meaningful input into development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
2. **Efficiency:** Committee time is used in ways to make efficient and effective use of time to discuss and deliberate on significant issues and areas of focus assigned by the SCV-GSA. Effective contribution of committee members requires they be appropriately informed and prepared before a meeting.
3. **Accountability:** The committee will be held to the highest standards of accountability as representatives of the community, as stated in the Stakeholder Advisory Group Guidelines, and will be subject to the Brown Act.

**WHEREAS**, the effectiveness of a Stakeholder Advisory Committee will be enhanced by business being conducted with clear Goals and Objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the following Goals and Objectives:

1. Help to guide the Stakeholder discussion regarding groundwater sustainability for the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin
2. Represent the community in a meaningful fashion and provide input to the SCV-GSA Board of Directors and/or the Committee facilitator

3. Strive to balance the needs of local residents, pumpers, businesses and environment, while identifying solutions for groundwater basin stewardship
4. Balance stakeholder input and scientific focus on technical matters

**WHEREAS**, the Stakeholder Advisory Committee effectiveness will be enhanced when business is conducted within the parameters of a defined Code of Conduct to maintain an environment for constructive dialogue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the following Committee Code of Conduct:

1. Attend all meetings consistent with the Stakeholder Advisory Committee Guidelines;
2. Listen respectfully and do not talk over others;
3. Consider all viewpoints;
4. Participate in decision-making;
5. Ask questions to improve understanding;
6. Negotiate in good faith; and
7. Represent interests of and report back to respective stakeholders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency does hereby: finds that the Establishing Principles for Effective Operation of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee is necessary to allow for a reasonable process to allow the Stakeholder Advisory Committee to provide input on Groundwater Sustainability Plan development; and hereby establishes the above Overarching Principles, Goals and Objectives and Code of Conduct for effective operation of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

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Item 5: The following request for future agenda items were made:

Director Martin requested a Groundwater Sustainability Plan project timeline completion list.

Director Gutzeit requested a presentation on the difference between the Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the Integrated Regional Water Management.

Item 6: Upon motion of Director Gladbach, seconded by Director Martin and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM by the following voice votes:

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Gladbach (Alternate)	Yes
Vice President Atkins	Yes	Director Kellar	Absent
President Cooper	Absent	Director Martin	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Natoli	Absent

  
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Eunie Kang, Board Secretary

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President of the Board