

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – January 25, 2021

A special board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) was held via web and teleconference at 2:30 PM on Monday, January 25, 2021. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the SCV-GSA preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: B.J. Atkins, Russ Bryden, William C. Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, Gary Martin, Gina Natoli

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

Also present via web and teleconference: SCV-GSA General Counsel Tom Bunn, SCV-GSA Board Secretary Eunie Kang, SCV Water; Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Principal Water Resource Planner Rick Viergutz, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, SCVWA IT; Tara Bravo, CV Strategies; Jeff Barry, GSI; and various members of the public.

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

Item 1.3: There was no public comment.

Item 1.4: Upon motion of Vice President Natoli, seconded by Director Martin and carried, the Agenda was approved by the following roll call votes:

President Atkins	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Bryden	Yes	Director Martin	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Vice President Natoli	Yes

Item 2: Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Gutzeit and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar by the following roll call votes:

President Atkins	Yes	Director Gutzeit	Yes
Director Bryden	Yes	Director Martin	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Vice President Natoli	Yes

Item 3.1: Tara Bravo presented a summary of the SCV-GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Public Workshop on Water Budgets, which was held virtually on November 4, 2020, with 47 participants. The event generated 14 questions/feedback and two feedback forms from attendees.

Overall, positive feedback was received from the public with few questions on data collections and the process of the Sustainability Groundwater Management Agency implementation.

There was no public comment on item 3.1.

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Item 3.2: Rick Viergutz provided a review and status update on the development of the Sustainable Management Criteria with the Stakeholder Advisory Committee members and public outreach engagements.

There was public comment on item 3.2.

Item 3.3: Tom Bunn, Legal Counsel presented a summary of the SCV-GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee Norms and Expectations and whether there was a potential violation from the member(s) of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

The Board recommended Legal Counsel to provide a draft revision to the Norms and Expectations at the next SCV-GSA Regular Board meeting by which the Stakeholder Committee members may not use their position on the committee as a basis for a ballot designation and/or occupation.

There was public comment on item 3.3.

Item 3.4: Tara Bravo stated that Roger Haring (small pumper) has resigned and Kathye Armitage (member-at-large) was elected to the SCV Water Board of Directors and is ineligible to serve on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Two vacancies remain on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee Membership.

The Board directed that staff start the recruitment procedure and the Board will appoint the applicant(s) to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

There was no public comment on item 3.4.

Item 3.5: Rick Viergutz provided an update on the status of the Sustainability Groundwater Management Agency implementation activities.

There was no public comment on item 3.5.

Item 3.6: It was suggested the Board consider a rotational process for filling the Board President and Vice President leadership roles to ensure representation of all member agencies.

The Board will continue further discussion at the next SCV-GSA Regular Board meeting.

There was no public comment on item 3.6.

Item 4: President Atkins requested an update on the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Reduced Releases from Bouquet Canyon Reservoir at the next SCV-GSA Regular Board meeting.


Item 5: The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 PM.

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**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD**

**Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – Board Room
Rio Vista Treatment Plant Facility
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91350**

**WEB AND TELECONFERENCE ONLY
NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR MEETING**

MONDAY, January 25, 2021 AT 2:30 PM

WEB AND TELECONFERENCE NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, any Director may call into an Agency Board meeting using the Agency’s **Call-In Number 1 (866) 899-4679, Access Code 242-925-653 or GoToMeeting by clicking on the link <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/242925653>** without otherwise complying with the Brown Act’s teleconferencing requirements.

Pursuant to the above Executive Order, the public may not attend the meeting in person. Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Board using the call-in number or GoToMeeting link above. Please see the notice below if you have a disability and require an accommodation in order to participate in the meeting.

We request that the public submit any comments in writing if practicable, which can be sent to ekang@scvwa.org or mailed to Eunie Kang, Board Secretary, Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. All written comments received before 12:00 PM the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Board members and posted on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency website prior to the start of the meeting. Anything received after 12:00 PM the day of the meeting will be posted on the SCV-GSA website the following day.

1. REGULAR PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Public Comments – Members of the public may comment as to items not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this agenda may do so now or prior to each item as they arise. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Board’s presiding officer, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.)
- 1.4 Approval of Agenda

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by the Board by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes unless any Board member, staff or the public, requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

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5. ADJOURNMENT

* Indicates attachment

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