

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – July 12, 2021

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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, July 12, 2021. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the SCV-GSA preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: B.J. Atkins, William C. Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, Gary Martin, Gina Natoli, Jason Gibbs, David Rydman – Alternate for Russ Bryden

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Russ Bryden

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, CV Strategies Tara Bravo, GSI Water Solutions, Inc. Jeff Barry, Jacobs Engineering Group Nate Brown and B.J. Lechler; and various members of the public.

President Natoli 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 Director Cooper, seconded by Director Martin and carried, the Agenda was approved by the following roll call votes:

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Martin	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	President Natoli	Yes
Director Gibbs	Yes	Director Rydman	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes		

Item 2: Upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Director Gibbs and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar with the April 5, 2021, amended minutes of the SCV-GSA Regular Board Meeting, showing the correction to Director Martin’s name on item 4 by the following roll call votes:

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Martin	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	President Natoli	Yes
Director Gibbs	Yes	Director Rydman	Abstain
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes		

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Item 3.1: Upon motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board adopted the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget by the following roll call votes:

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Martin	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	President Natoli	Yes

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Director Gibbs	Yes	Director Rydman	Yes
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes		

There was public comment on item 3.1.

Item 3.2: Tara Bravo gave an overview of the SCV-GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Projects and Management Actions Public Workshop held virtually on June 2, 2021, with 34 participants. The event generated two (2) questions/feedback and zero feedback form from attendees. In general, the workshop presentation was well received.

There was public comment on item 3.2.

Item 3.3: B.J. Lechler and Nate Brown presented on the Groundwater Model Peer Review.

Topics covered:

- What is a peer review?
- Why conduct a peer review?
- SCV Water tasks associated with California Department of Water Resources grant

There was public comment on item 3.3.

Item 3.4: Rick Viergutz presented a status update of the Sustainable Groundwater Plan (SGMA) Implementation Activities.

Topics covered:

- Technical and Outreach
- Fiscal and Grants
- Six Month Look Ahead
- Previous Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting comments
- Challenges/Opportunities
- Financial Considerations

There was public comment on item 3.4.

Item 3.5: Upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Vice President Gutzeit and carried, the Board approved the postponement of the Regular Board meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., to Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. by the following roll call votes:

Director Atkins	Yes	Director Martin	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	President Natoli	Yes
Director Gibbs	No Vote	Director Rydman	Yes
	Recorded –		
	Audio		
	Difficulties		
Vice President Gutzeit	Yes		

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Item 4: The Board went into Closed Session at 4:16 PM.

The Board was instructed to disconnect from the current teleconference and redial in on a separate teleconference line that was provided to the Board of Directors. President Natoli

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instructed the public members who wanted to stay on the call, to stay on the current teleconference line and once Closed Session has ended, the Board will reconvene for Closed Session announcements and the conclusion of the meeting.

President Natoli reconvened the Open Session at 5:15 PM.

Item 5: Closed Session Announcements: Tom Bunn, Esq., reported there were no actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Item 6: Director Atkins requested an update on the status of the Bouquet Canyon Creek. President Natoli requested the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act timeline from California Department of Water Resources.

Item 7: The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM.

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*Eunie Kang*  
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Eunie Kang, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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President of the Board



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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, July 12, 2021, at 2:30 PM**

**WEB AND TELECONFERENCE NOTICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-08-21 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on June 11, 2021, any Director may call into an Agency Board meeting using the Agency’s **Call-In Number 1 (833) 568 8864, Webinar ID: 160 015 3225 or Zoom by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1600153225>** 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](mailto: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 within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are 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 at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Board’s presiding officer, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.)

Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in Closed Session before they are considered by the Board must request to make comment at the commencement of the meeting.

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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**4. CLOSED SESSION – SEPARATE DIAL-IN TELECONFERENCE LOGIN INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD AND APPROPRIATE STAFF**

- 4.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one case

**OPEN SESSION CONTINUES WITH THE ZOOM WEBINAR LOGIN INFORMATION LISTED ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS AGENDA**

**5. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 6. DIRECTOR REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

- \* Indicates attachment
- ◆ To be distributed

### NOTICES:

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Board less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, California 91350, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the Agency's Internet Website, accessible at <http://www.scvgsa.org>.

Posted on July 7, 2021