

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – October 20, 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 2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 20, 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, Jason Gibbs

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, Tara Bravo CV Strategies, Jeff Barry GSI Water Solutions, Inc., Tom Barnes ESA Water; and various members of the public.

President Natoli called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM. A quorum was present.

Item 1.3: There was no public comment.

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

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

Item 2.1: Upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Vice President Gutzeit and carried, the Board approved the Resolution No. GSA 2021-02 Authorizing Virtual Board and Committee Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 with an amendment to remove the statement 'meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees' by the following roll call votes:

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

RESOLUTION NO. GSA 2021-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
AUTHORIZING VIRTUAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE
MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB 361**

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WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“Agency”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Agency’s legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend and participate in the Agency’s meetings; and

WHEREAS, starting in March 2020, in response to the spread of COVID-19 in the State of California, the Governor issued a number of executive orders aimed at containing the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, among other things, these orders waived certain requirements of the Brown Act to allow legislative bodies to meet virtually; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governor’s executive orders, the Agency has been holding virtual meetings during the pandemic in the interest of protecting the health and safety of the public, Agency staff and Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s executive order related to the suspension of certain provisions of the Brown Act expires on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021 the Governor signed AB 361 (in effect as of October 1, 2021 – Government Code Section 54953(e)), which allows legislative bodies to meet virtually provided there is a state of emergency, and either (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or (2) the legislative body determines by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the Agency, specifically, a state of emergency has been proclaimed related to COVID-19, Los Angeles County officials are imposing and recommending measures to promote social distancing, and because of the ongoing threat of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Remote Teleconference Meetings. Consistent with the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e), the Board of Directors finds and determines that (1) a state of emergency related to COVID-19 is currently in effect; and (2) local officials in Los Angeles County have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing in connection with COVID-19. Based on such facts, findings and determinations, the Board authorizes staff to conduct remote teleconference meetings of the Board of Directors, including Committee meetings, under the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e).

Section 3. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect October 20, 2021 and

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shall be effective for 30 days or until this Resolution is extended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 4 of this Resolution.

Section 4. Extension by Motion. The Board of Directors may extend the application of this Resolution by motion and majority vote by up to 30 days at a time, provided that it makes all necessary findings consistent with and pursuant to the requirements of Section 54953(e)(3).

Item 3.1: The SCV-GSA Board of Directors honored and recognized the dedication and services to the SCV-GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee Members for their support and many significant contributions.

- Holly Schroeder, Chair, Business Member
- Eric Adair, Vice Chair, Business Member
- Sandra Cattell, Environmental Member
- Matt Carpenter, At Large Pumper Member
- Stacy Fortner, Environmental Member
- Roger Haring, Small Pumper Member
- Dan Masnada, At Large Pumper Member
- Dennis Ostrom, Small Pumper Member
- Steve Sligh, At Large Pumper Member

Item 4: Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar by the following roll call votes:

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

Item 5.1: Tara Bravo gave an overview of the SCV-GSA Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Public Workshop held virtually on August 25, 2021, with 38 participants. The event generated ten (10) questions/feedback and zero feedback form from attendees. In general, the workshop presentation was well received, and there was some final feedback for the staff. All questions and comments will be archived for the record and will be included in the final feedback report.

Item 5.2: Rick Viergutz and Jeff Barry presented an overview of the Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan and high-level summary of the public comments received.

Item 5.3: 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

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- Challenges/Opportunities
- Financial Considerations

Item 5.4: Upon motion of President Natoli, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved for the Board Secretary to query the Board to schedule a special board meeting in the month of November 2021 and possibly a second special board meeting in the month of January 2022 by the following roll call votes:

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

Item 5.5: Rick Viergutz presented a status update on Bouquet Canyon Creek.

Item 6: Director Atkins requested a continuous update on the status of the Bouquet Canyon Creek.

Item 7: The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

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Eunie Kang, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Quinn M. Natoli

President of the Board