

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – January 9, 2023

A special board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) was held in person at 2:30 PM on Monday, January 9, 2023. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the SCV-GSA preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Russ Bryden, William C. Cooper, Jeff Ford (Alternate for Piotr Orzechowski), Jason Gibbs, Maria Gutzeit, Gina Natoli
Gary Martin

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Piotr Orzechowski

Also present in person: SCV-GSA General Counsel Tom Bunn, SCV-GSA Treasurer Rochelle Patterson; SCV Water Agency Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Principal Water Resource Planner Rick Viergutz, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, Controller Amy Aguer, and Board Secretary April Jacobs. Attending virtually were Water Resources Planner Ernesto Velazquez with SCV Water Agency; John Porcello with GSI Water Solutions, Inc., and various members of the public.

President Gutzeit called the meeting to order at 2:36 PM. A quorum was present.

Item 1.3: There was no public comment.

Item 1.4: There were no changes to the January 9, 2023 Board Agenda and it was accepted as presented.

Item 2: Upon motion of Director Gibbs, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar with the amendment to correct the spelling of Director Gary Martin’s last name of the October 3, 2022 SCV-GSA board minutes by the following roll call votes:

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| Vice President Bryden | Abstain | President Gutzeit | Yes |
| Director Cooper | Yes | Director Martin | Yes |
| Director Ford (Alternate) | Abstain | Director Natoli | Abstain |
| Director Gibbs | Yes | Director Orzechowski | Absent |

Item 3.1: Steve Cole reported on the Bouquet Creek update. Steve attended a community meeting held on December 7, 2022 at the Grace Baptist Church located on Copperhill Drive. The meeting was facilitated by Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. The Public Works staff did a really good job explaining the challenges to the roadway, flooding and the infrastructure needed to address those concerns. The meeting was to present the project and receive feedback from the community.

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Item 3.2: Ernesto Velazquez presented on the Upper Santa Clara River Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP) Update and how we locally manage our basin. The SNMP purpose is to provide a framework for management practices, determine water quality of our basin through monitoring and modeling and protect beneficial uses and allow for the long-term sustainability of groundwater resources consistent with Basin Plan objectives.

Item 3.3: Rick Viergutz presented a quarterly status report of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (SGMA) Implementation Activities.

Topic covered:

- Contract management with Geosyntec for data management system.
- Domestic wells and Non-de-minimis wells
- A grant on behalf of the SCV-GSA was recently submitted that would fund additional work examining well records in the basin.
- Groundwater flowmodel refinement
- Monitoring reporting and outreach/promoting best water use practices
- Well permitting is being tracked. Additional effort may be undertaken to comply with Governor's Executive Order regarding well permits.

Item 4.1: Director Gary Martin provided a verbal update on his attendance at the ACWA General Session Membership meeting held on November 30, 2022.

Item 5.1: Per the approved rotational schedule to appoint the SCV-GSA Board President and Vice President, Russ Bryden was appointed as Board President and Gary Martin as Board Vice President for the 2023-year term.

Item 6: No future agenda items requested.

Item 7: The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 PM.

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Eunie Kang

Eunie Kang, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

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Russ Bryden

Russ Bryden
President of the Board