

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – March 6, 2023

A regular 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, March 6, 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, Maria Gutzeit, Gary Martin, Gina Natoli, Piotr Orzechowski, Laurene Weste (Alternate for Jason Gibbs)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jason Gibbs

Also present in person: SCV-GSA General Counsel Tom Bunn, SCV-GSA Board Secretary Eunie Kang; SCV Water Agency Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Principal Water Resource Planner Rick Viergutz, Communications Manager Kathie Martin; Tom Barnes with ESA and John Porcello with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. and various members of the public.

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

Item 1.3: There was no public comment.

Item 1.4: There were no changes to the March 6, 2023 Board Agenda and it was accepted as presented.

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

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

Item 3.1: Rick Viergutz, Tom Barnes and John Porcello presented a comprehensive synopsis of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan Dependent Ecosystem Monitoring Protocol. Staff's presentation is available at: https://scvgsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/SCVGSA_GSP_GDE_Monitoring_Protocol_030623.pdf

There was public comment on item 3.1.

Item 3.2: Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Gutzeit and carried, the Board adopted the Santa Clara River Valley East Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan 2022 Annual Report by the following roll call votes:

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| President Bryden | Yes | Vice President Martin | Yes |
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| Director Cooper | Yes | Director Natoli | Yes |
| Director Gibbs | Absent | Director Orzechowski | Yes |
| Director Gutzeit | Yes | Director Weste (alternate) | Yes |

Item 3.3: Steve Cole reported on the status of Bouquet Creek restoration. The Stakeholders committee group continue to meet monthly. The Wildlife Conservation Board grant fund application which was due first of March has been submitted to assist with the restoration efforts. Also, SCV Water Agency worked with Congressman Garcia and secured a community funding request of \$300,000 to move the restoration project forward. Lastly, SCV Water Agency is scheduled to construct the pipeline project to LARC Ranch.

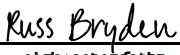
Item 4: Director Weste requested that the Agencies evaluate recycled water strategies for future outdoor use.

Item 5: The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 PM.

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 Eunice Kang, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

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 Russ Bryden
 President of the Board



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**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR 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**

Monday, March 6, 2023 at 2:30 PM

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This meeting is conducted in person at the address listed above. As a convenience to the public, members of the public may also participate virtually by using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-833-568-8864, Webinar ID: 160 057 8786 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link: <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1600578786>**

Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Board using the call-in number or Zoom Webinar link above. However, in the event there is a disruption of service which prevents the Agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using either the call-in option or internet-based service, this meeting will not be postponed but will continue without remote participation. The remote participation option is provided as a convenience to the public and is not required.

Attendees should be aware that while the Agency is following all applicable requirements and guidelines regarding COVID-19, the Agency cannot ensure the health of anyone attending the Board meeting. Attendees should therefore use their own judgement to protect themselves from exposure to COVID-19.

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 SCV-GSA 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.)

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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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| 2.1 * Approve Minutes of the January 9, 2022, Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Special Board of Directors Meeting | 1 |

3. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

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| 3.1 * Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem (GDE) Monitoring Protocol Direct Link to the GDE Evaluation Report: https://scvgsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/SCVGSA_GSP_GDE-Monitoring-Protocol_Feb-2023.pdf | 3 |
| 3.2 * Consideration to Adopt the Santa Clara River Valley East Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) 2022 Annual Report Direct Link to the GSP 2022 Annual Report: https://scvgsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/SCVGSA_2022-GSP-Annual-Report_Feb-2023.pdf | 5 |
| 3.3 Bouquet Creek Status Update | |

4. DIRECTOR REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. ADJOURNMENT

- * Indicates attachment
- ◆ To be distribute

NOTICES:

Any person may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation needed for that person to be able to participate in the public meeting by telephoning Eunie Kang, Secretary to the Board of Directors, at (661) 297-1600 or writing to Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. Requests must specify the nature of the disability and the type of accommodation requested.

A telephone number or other contact information should be included so that Agency staff may discuss appropriate arrangements. Persons requesting a disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time before the meeting for the Agency to provide the requested accommodation.

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 February 28, 2023