

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – October 2, 2023

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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, October 2, 2023. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the SCV-GSA preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Russ Bryden, Jeff Ford (Alternate for William C. Cooper), Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski, Laurene Weste (Alternate for Jason Gibbs)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jason Gibbs, William C. Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, and Gina Natoli

Also present in person: SCV-GSA General Counsel Tom Bunn, SCV-GSA Board Secretary Eunie Kang; SCV Water Agency Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Principal Water Resource Planner Rick Viergutz, Communications Manager Kevin Strauss, Consultant John Porcello with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. and various members of the public.

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

Item 1.3: There was no public comment.

Item 1.4: There were no changes to the October 2, 2023 Board Agenda and it was accepted as presented.

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Item 2.1: The SCV-GSA Board of Directors and Alternate Board of Directors for the 2024-2026 Term have appointed and reappointed the following representatives:

- Jason Gibbs, representing the City of Santa Clarita, reappointed as Director
- Laurene Weste, representing the City of Santa Clarita, reappointed as Alternate Director
- Gina Natoli, representing the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, reappointed as Director
- Russ Bryden, representing the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, reappointed as Director
- Sami Kabar, representing the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, reappointed as Alternate Director
- William C. Cooper, representing the SCV Water Agency, reappointed as Director
- Maria Gutzeit, representing the SCV Water Agency, reappointed as Director
- Dirk Marks, representing the SCV Water Agency, appointed as Director
- Gary Martin, representing the SCV Water Agency, reappointed as Director
- Jeff Ford, representing the SCV Water Agency, reappointed as Alternate Director
- Piotr Orzechowski, representing the SCV Water Agency, appointed as Alternate Director
- Ken Petersen, representing the SCV Water Agency, appointed as Alternate Director

These appointments and reappointments are effective as of January 1, 2024. This is an information item, and no action was taken.

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Item 3.1: Upon motion of Director Orzechowski, seconded by Vice President Martin and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar by the following roll call votes:

President Bryden	Yes	Director Weste	Yes
Director Ford	Yes		
Vice President Martin	Yes		
Director Orzechowski	Yes		

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Item 4.1: Rick Viergutz gave an update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation in the last quarter. He highlighted on the GDE monitoring in the Santa Clara River, Upland Biologic Monitoring, and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant received from the California Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program. He also mentioned the first evaluation of a proposed domestic well and the expected evaluation of another proposed well.

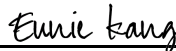
Item 4.2: Rick Viergutz and John Porcello presented an overview of the progress and plans of the groundwater flow model calibration and the revision on the sustainable management criteria. Staff will complete current tasks related to the flow model, and based on DWR’s recent advisement, consider the DWR comments on the adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) before submitting any amendments to the GSP. Staff will also propose a process and a timeline for presenting any amendments to the GSP to the public and the SCV-GSA Board for approval after receiving the DWR comments on the adopted GSP.

Item 5: Steve Cole reported on the following:


- Bouquet Canyon Creek – On August 24, 2023, the Wildlife Conservation Board is set to consider the grant application for the Bouquet Canyon Creek Recovery Project. The grant amount of \$12,067.00 will help fund for planning, design, and environmental compliance.
- CEMEX Mine Application of Appropriation of Water – Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo bill, AB 1631, would require the State Water Resources Control Board to reopen the protest period for applications by a mine that are still pending for 30 years or more. This would allow for additional protests in the Cemex application.

Item 6: No future agenda items requested.

Item 7: The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 P.M.

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 Eunie Kang, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

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 Gary Martin  
 President of the Board