

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – January 8, 2024

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 8, 2024. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the SCV-GSA preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: William C. Cooper, Jason Gibbs, Maria Gutzeit, Sami Kabar (alternate for Russ Bryden) Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Gina Natoli

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Russ Bryden

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, and virtually various members of the public.

Vice President Martin called the meeting to order at 2:38 P.M. A quorum was present.

Item 1.3: There was no public comment.

Item 1.4: There were no changes to the January 8, 2024 Board Agenda and it was accepted as presented.

Item 2.1: Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Marks and carried, the Board approved the appointment of Gary Martin as Board President and Jason Gibbs as Vice President for the 2024-year term by the following roll call votes:

Director Cooper	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
Director Gibbs	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Vice President Martin	Yes
Director Kabar	Yes		

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

Director Cooper	Yes	Director Natoli	Abstain
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Vice President Gibbs	Yes
Director Kabar	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Marks	Yes		

Item 4.1: Upon motion of Director Natoli, seconded by Director Cooper and carried, the Board approved Resolution No. GSA 2024-01 Directing the Board President to Execute an Administrative Services Agreement with Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency to Provide Administrative, Management, and Technical Services with the following amendment to the

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Administrative Services Agreement: Section 6.1 was changed to require 90 days' notice instead of 30 days' notice for termination by either party by the following roll call votes:

Director Cooper	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Vice President Gibbs	Yes
Director Kabar	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Marks	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. GSA 2024-01

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SCV-GSA) DIRECTING THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the members of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) executed a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA Agreement) effective September 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the JPA Agreement contains details regarding powers, membership, board, meetings, member contributions, voting, budget, and other details; and

WHEREAS, the JPA Agreement indicates that, unless otherwise determined by the SCV-GSA Board of Directors, SCV Water, under a separate Administrative Services Agreement with the SCV-GSA, will manage the administrative operations of the SCV- GSA and the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan; and

WHEREAS, SCV Water and SCV-GSA entered into an earlier version of this Administrative Services Agreement as of October 4, 2018.

WHEREAS, the October 2018 Administrative Services Agreement requires SCV Water to provide staff resources to administer the operations of the SCV-GSA and authorizes SCV Water to contract directly with consultants and other parties to carry out the direction of the SCV-GSA Board, including the development and implantation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP); and

WHEREAS, That Administrative Services Agreement expired on October 4, 2023, but SCV Water continued to provide the services called for by the agreement.

WHEREAS, The parties intend to extend the Administrative Services Agreement as if it had not expired.

WHEREAS, The parties hereby ratify the actions taken by SCV Water under the expired agreement.

WHEREAS, the Administrative Services Agreement by SCV-GSA and SCV Water will enable the SCV-GSA to carry out the work necessary to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, including the preparation and implementation of the GSP and securing of grant funds to assist with such.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors, the governing body of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, resolves and orders as follows:

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1. The SCV GSA Board President is directed to execute an Administrative Services Agreement with SCV Water to perform General Services and secure Consultant Services in order to administer the SCV-GSA, develop and implement the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, and ratify actions taken under the expired agreement.

Item 4.2: Rick Viergutz gave a brief overview of the progress made in implementing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. He shared updates on the SGM Round 2 Grant, the draft reports on GDE monitoring, the status of current and previous County well permit requests and the annual financial report for FY 2022-23.

Item 5: Steve Cole expressed his appreciation to the staff for their hard work on the grant applications and the upcoming tasks. He also shared updates on the planning and permitting of the Bouquet Creek project.

Item 6: Director Natoli asked to add a topic to the agenda about moving the regular board meeting to an earlier time slot.

Item 7: The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 P.M.

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Eunie Kang, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

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President of the Board