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Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – June 3, 2024

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, June 3, 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, Carolina Hernandez, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Gina Natoli

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

Also present in person: SCV-GSA General Counsel Tom Bunn, Board Secretary Eunie Kang, Treasurer Rochelle Patterson; SCV Water Agency Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Principal Water Resource Planner Rick Viergutz, Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas. Participating virtually were Tracey Brownfield and Steve Reich.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 2:32 P.M. A quorum was present.

President Martin announced the appointment of Carolina Hernandez as the new Director for L.A. County Waterworks District 36. She will be succeeding Russ Bryden.

Item 1.3: There was no public comment.

Item 1.4: There were no changes to the June 3, 2024, Board Agenda and it was accepted as presented.

Item 2.1: Upon motion of Director Natoli, seconded by Director Marks and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar by the following roll call votes:

Director Cooper	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Vice President Gibbs	Not Present
Director Hernandez	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Marks	Yes		

Item 3.1: Upon motion of Director Natoli, seconded by Vice President Gibbs and carried, the Board agreed to bring the item back for further discussion and consideration at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting by the following roll call votes:

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

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Tracey Brownfield and Steve Reich engaged with the Board's questions addressing key issues and collaborative effort.

Item 3.2: Rick Viergutz provided an update on the status of the statewide review of the approved SCV-GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). He outlined the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) principal feedback and the subsequent staff workplan development.

There was a public comment on item 3.2.

Item 3.3: Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Natoli and carried, the Board approved and adopted the SCV-GSA Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget by the following roll call votes:

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

Item 4: Steve Cole shared that staff Rick Viergutz and Ali Elhassan will be attending the Groundwater Resources Association Summit to engage with peers, share insights, and contribute to the advancement of groundwater resource management.

Item 5: Director Gutzeit requested that staff members who attended the Groundwater Resources Association Summit would share their learnings which are vital for sustainable groundwater management and the implementation of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA.)

Item 6: The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

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