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Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – October 7, 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 1:00 PM on Monday, October 7, 2024. A copy of the agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the SCV-GSA preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: William C. Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, Carolina Hernandez, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Gina Natoli, Laurene Weste (Alternate)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jason Gibbs

Also present in person: SCV-GSA General Counsel Tom Bunn, Board Secretary Eunie Kang; SCV Water Agency Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopulos, Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas and Consultant Tara Bravos from CV Strategies.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. A quorum was present.

Item 1.3: There was no public comment.

Item 1.4: There were no changes to the October 7, 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	Director Weste	Yes
Director Hernandez	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Marks	Yes		

Item 3.1: Upon motion of Director Weste, seconded by Director Gutzeit and carried, the Board agreed to take no action to approve or deny staff's consistency finding regarding the Carson Curtis Ranch Storage LLC Replacement Well and notify the applicant and the County of Los Angeles of the Board's decision by the following roll call votes:

Director Cooper	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Weste	Yes
Director Hernandez	Yes	President Martin	Yes
Director Marks	Yes		

Item 3.2: Rick Vasilopulos and Tara Bravo outlined the proposed initiatives for monitoring, reporting, and outreach for both non-de minimis and de minimis well owners. These efforts are designed to support the implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and will provide essential data to assess groundwater usage and water quality in the basin. After the outreach

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efforts are completed, staff will update the Board to finalize the Voluntary Water Quality Monitoring Program for Private Well Owners.

There was a public comment on item 3.2.

Item 3.3: Ali Elhassan outlined the timeline and the proposed workplan for implementing the recommended corrective actions to the Department of Water Resources on the approved SCV-GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan and the five (5) year update.

Item 3.4: Ali Elhassan provided a quarterly status update on the implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. He covered information on grant administration, well permits, the review plan for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, and efforts to monitor Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem (GDE).

Item 4: Steve Cole shared that staff are scheduled to present and participate at the ACWA Groundwater Quality and Implementation subcommittee to discuss the challenges and approaches to our valley's basins.

Legal Counsel Tom Bunn reported on SB 1156. This bill mandates that member of the board of directors and executives, as defined, of a groundwater sustainability agency must file statements of economic interest, accordance with the Fair Political Practices Commission's filing requirements.

Item 5: Director Weste requested that staff prepare and provide guidance on how to involve well owners in monitoring and ensuring transparency in their water pumping activities.

Item 6: The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 P.M.

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Eunie Kang, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Signed by:
Jason Gibbs
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President of the Board