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Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – March 23, 2026

A special 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, March 23, 2026.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Vice President Dirk Marks, Maria Gutzeit, Carolina Hernandez, Gary Martin, Gina Natoli, and Ken Petersen - Alternate for President Cooper

DIRECTORS ABSENT: William C. Cooper and Jason Gibbs

Also in attendance were SCV-GSA General Counsel Tom Bunn; SCV Water Agency staff including Board Secretary April Jacobs, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Engineer Mark Aumentado, Principal Water Resources Planner Rick Viergutz, Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas, and additional staff. Participating virtually were Communications Manager Kevin Strauss and consultant Katie Evans of Woodard & Curran.

Vice President Marks 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 March 23, 2026, Board Agenda and it was accepted as presented.

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

Vice President Marks	Abstain	Director Martin	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Hernandez	Abstain	Director Petersen	Yes

Item 3.1: Upon a motion by Director Martin, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried, the Board adopted the Santa Clara River Valley East Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability (GSP) 2025 Annual Report by the following roll-call votes:

Vice President Marks	Yes	Director Martin	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Hernandez	Yes	Director Petersen	Yes

Item 3.2: The Board received a summary of Workshops 2 and 3 conducted as part of the GSP Periodic Evaluation to inform the public and describe ongoing engagement opportunities. Input was primarily provided through interactive activities, with Workshop 2 feedback supporting the proposed revisions to Water Quality Sustainable Management Criteria and greater engagement

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of private well owners, and Workshop 3 feedback supporting practical definitions of undesirable results. Overall, the workshops were well attended and improved public understanding of the Periodic Evaluation.

Item 3.3: The Board received its quarterly update on implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The update included the schedule for upcoming GSP periodic evaluation public workshops, completion of the SGMA Round 2 Grant, Non-De Minimis Extraction reporting requirements, DWR's Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) guidance, release of the final Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMPs), and a six-month look-ahead of upcoming activities.

Item 4: Staff reported completion of the first phase of the SCV Water led Arundo removal project by March 15 under a CDFW approved permit extension, with daily biological monitoring during nesting season. Approximately 14 acres were treated and 320 cubic yards of invasive biomass removed; staff thanked County Flood Control (Director Hernandez) for expedited permitting and the City of Santa Clarita for organizing a March 12 cleanup event.

Item 5: No items were requested for future agendas.

Item 6: The meeting adjourned at 2:28 P.M.

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ATTEST:

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William P. Cooper
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President of the Board