

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
(Rescheduled from November 2, 2023)
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
November 1, 2023

OPENING CEREMONIES

Call to Order - President Gregory Young called the Regular Board Meeting of the West Valley Water District to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call of Board Members

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Arrived
Directors			
Channing Hawkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrived at 6:04 pm
Angela Garcia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Kelvin Moore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Daniel Jenkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gregory Young	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
General Counsel			
Jeff Ferre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Staff			
John Thiel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
William Fox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Haydee Sainz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Joanne Chan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Linda Jadeski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jon Stephenson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Albert Clinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elvia Dominguez	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Robert Ramirez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Socorro Pantaleon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tessa Navarro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Approval of Any Board Member Requests for Remote Participation - None.

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Daniel Jenkins.

Opening Prayer - The Opening prayer was led by Director Kelvin Moore.

CLOSED SESSION

Public Participation on closed session matters

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President Gregory Young inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak. No requests were received, therefore President Young closed the public comment period. General Counsel Jeff Ferre noted that they would not cover item 3 on his agenda which was for a proposed class action and also noted that it was not listed on the PowerPoint slides.

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
Name of case: John Rios v. West Valley Water District, Case No. CIVDS 1937224
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
Name of case: Naseem Farooqi v. West Valley Water District et al.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
Name of cases: Notices Of Proposed Class Action Settlement And Court Approval Hearings
In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Product Liability Litigation
City of Camden, et al., v. E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, et al.,
No. 2:23-cv-03230-RMG
City of Camden, et al., v. 3M Company, No. 2:23-cv-03147-RMG
- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: John Thiel, General Manager, Haydee Sainz, Human Resources Manager, Oliver Yee, Special Counsel
Employee Groups: International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 12

Report out of Closed Session

General Counsel Jeff Ferre reported that Closed Session items were discussed and reported the following: for Item 1) No reportable action was taken; for Items 2 and 3) These items were not discussed; for Item 4) under the Brown Act, no reportable action was taken, but staff was directed to place the item in open session at the next Board meeting for consideration and action.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda

Vice President Daniel Jenkins motioned to adopt the agenda and Director Channing Hawkins seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Daniel Jenkins, Vice President
SECONDER:	Channing Hawkins, Director
AYES:	Channing Hawkins, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young
ABSENT:	Angela Garcia

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Gregory Young inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak. No requests were received to speak via email or in-person, or on Zoom, therefore President Young closed the public comment period.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Website redesign update

Government and Legislative Affairs Manager Socorro Pantaleon gave the report and PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion included clarification of the process for submitting proposals and bids through Planet Bids link on the website; and collective appreciation to staff on the new website design.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve Consent Calendar Items #1 - #5

Director Hawkins had a question on fees paid for Stephen Company. Chief Financial Officer William Fox clarified that those payments were fees paid on behalf of a lobbyist, which is not a reimbursable item and the District is reviewing all invoices and will seek reimbursement. There was no further discussion.

Vice President Daniel Jenkins motioned to adopt consent calendar items #1 - #5 and Director Channing Hawkins seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Daniel Jenkins, Vice President
SECONDER:	Channing Hawkins, Director
AYES:	Channing Hawkins, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young
ABSTAIN:	Angela Garcia

1. Cash Disbursements Reports - September 2023
2. Monthly Transfer Report - September 2023
3. Monthly Revenue & Expenditures Report - September 2023
4. Purchase Order Report - September 2023
5. Treasurer's Report - August 2023

BUSINESS MATTERS

None.

REPORTS - LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES MAXIMUM (Presentations or handouts must be provided to Board Members in advance of the Board Meeting).

1. Meeting Attendance Reports

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Vice President Daniel Jenkins reported on his participation in the WELL internship; and announced that he would like to agendaize a possible rescheduling of the December 7, 2023 Board of Directors meeting. There was no objection.

Director Kelvin Moore reported on the WELL workshop he attended; and announced he was accepted into the WELL fellowship.

Director Channing Hawkins reported on his appointment to the California African American Water Education Foundation; reported on his attendance at the WELL workshop; and an upcoming event Water Workforce Development sponsored by the Department of Labor and held at the San Jacinto College on November 15, 2023.

President Gregory Young also reported on his attendance at the WELL Workshop and thanked Director of Operations Joanne Chan for her presentation.

2. Board Committee Reports

Vice President Daniel Jenkins reported on the Finance Committee and presentation given by Todd Brehe from Nuvei on reducing payment processing costs on customer payments.

3. Board Members

None

4. General Manager

General Manager John Thiel gave an update on the Strategic Plan and gave a recruitment update.

President Young thanked staff for efforts on the Strategic Plan.

5. Legal Counsel

General Counsel Jeff Ferre stated that he wanted to make the following statement on the record in regard to the pending litigation of Farooqi v. West Valley Water District. The statement was not a report out of a closed session. The following two members of the Board were individually named in this suit: President Young and Director Hawkins. Therefore, the following confirmations were made:

1. That the District is required defend, with a reservation of rights, the Board members who have been named individually in this suit.
2. These Board members have the right to retain separate counsel in this type of matter.
3. The District will pay for that defense, with a reservation of rights.
4. The above-mentioned obligations are already in place.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on January 4, 2024 by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District.