MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

of the

WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

November 17, 2022

Board of Directors	Present	Excused	Absent
Channing Hawkins			
Gregory Young	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Dan Jenkins			
Angela Garcia			
Kelvin Moore	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$		
Staff			
Van Jew	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Haydee Sainz	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$		
Nancy M. Albitre	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Linda Jadeski	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$		
Jon Stephenson	I remote		
Joanne Chan	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Albert Clinger	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Jose Velasquez			
Socorro Pantaleon	T remote		
Legal Counsel			
Robert Tafoya	$\overline{\checkmark}$		

OPENING CEREMONIES

Call to Order – 7:22 p.m. by President Channing Hawkins. Pledge of Allegiance – Vice President Gregory Young Opening Prayer – Elder Townsend, Sunrise Church Roll Call of Board Members

ADOPT AGENDA

Vice President Young motioned to adopt agenda and Director Kelvin Moore seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Gregory Young, Vice President

SECONDER: Kevin Moore, Director

AYES: Dan Jenkins, Angela Garcia, Kevin Moore, Gregory Young, Channing Hawkins

NOES: None

EXCUSED: None

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Channing Hawkins inquired about whether any public comments or requests to speak were received via email, voice mail, telephone calls or any other method. Nancy Albitre, Acting Board Secretary, stated that no requests were received to speak via email. President Channing Hawkins inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak.

 Director June Hayes, from San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, informed the Board that she would be hosting a forum on January 19, 2023 called The Changing Role of Wastewater in the Watershed. Director Hayes invited the Board to attend.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice President Young motioned to adopt the consent calendar and Director Dan Jenkins seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Gregory Young, Vice President

SECONDER: Dan Jenkins, Director

AYES: Kelvin Moore, Angela Garcia, Dan Jenkins, Gregory Young, Channing Hawkins

NOES: None EXCUSED: None

- 1. Minutes Special Board Meeting for July 27, 2022.
- 2. Rejection of Claim #23-0222: Jim Hamilton v. West Valley Water District.
- 3. Purchase of Laptops to Support the SCADA Upgrade Project.
- 4. Potential Holiday Closure 2022.
- 5. Clarifier Repairs at the Oliver P. Roemer Water Treatment Plant.
- 6. Reduced Pressure Backflow Preventers.
- 7. Water System Infrastructure Installation and Conveyance Agreement, Out-of-Agency Service Agreement, Plan for Service and Resolution 2022-29 for GATX Corporation.
- 8. Approval of Payments to Albright, Yee, & Schmit, Professional Services, for September 2022, Invoice Nos. 27701 and 27753 totaling \$37,532.50.
- 9. Approval of Payment to Carpenter, Rothans & Dumont, for Professional Services, dated September 2022, Invoice No. 42227 for \$252.50, respectively.
- 10. Approval of Payments to Ivie McNeill Watt Purcell & Diggs, Professional Services

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- 11. Approval of Payments to Julia Sylva, for Professional Services, for October 2022, Invoice Nos. 10179 and 10180 for \$4,026.50 and \$3,210.00, respectively.
- 12. Approval of Payments to Leal Trejo, for Professional Services, for July 2022, and August 2022, Invoice Nos. 18932, 18972, 18977, 18978, 18979, 18981, 18980, 18976, 18982, and 19005, \$2,012.50, \$2,812.50, \$4,117.50, \$3,185.00, \$161.9, \$1,853.50, \$1,397.50, \$2,680.00, \$22,154.50, and \$26.00, respectively
- 13. Approval of Payments to Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, for Professional Services, for September 2022, Invoice Nos. 226720, and 226748, for \$212.50 and \$1,100.00, respectively.
- 14. Approval of Payment to Shaw Law Group for Professional Services, for September 2022, Invoice No. 41444 for \$829.50, respectively.
- 15. Approval of Payment to Tafoya Law Group for Professional Services, for August 2022, Invoice No. 22-1008 for \$27,804.50, respectively.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consideration of:

16. Employees Survey

Acting General Manager, Van Jew introduced Haydee Sainz, Human Resources & Risk Manager to provide a brief presentation of the Employees Survey. Ms. Sainz informed the Board that the Employee Survey is an employee satisfaction metric and is typically used by other agencies. Ms. Sainz requested that the Board provide direction to staff on what the Board would like to see addressed. A brief discussion ensued and the Board provide their input. No motions or votes ensued.

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

1. Board of Directors

- Vice President Young wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.
- President Hawkins wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving and congratulated the three Directors for being re-elected, Director Moore, Director Jenkins, and Director Angela Garcia.
- Director Garcia congratulated Director Moore and Director Jenkins for being re-elected.

2. General Manager

Van Jew, Acting General Manager introduced Mr. William Fox, as the new Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Jew informed the Board that the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) covers through Fiscal Year 2023-24 and that staff is working on a 10-Year CIP update. Mr. Jew reported that the District had vandalism damage to three facilities and will need to make

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repairs. Mr. Jew reported in Closed Session, Mr. Robert Tafoya, General Counsel submitted his resignation and the Board voted 5-0 to accept his resignation effective December 1, 2022. Also, in Closed Session the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Alvarez-Glasman and Covin to be our Interim General Counsel.

3. Legal Counsel

 Mr. Robert Tafoya, Legal Counsel reported out of Closed Session stating that multiple items were considered; however, no reportable actions were taken.

CLOSED SESSION

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (D) of Section 54956.9(B): Number of Cases: Two (2).
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Paragraph One (1) of Subdivision (d) of the Government Code Section 54956.9 Case Name: Diana Gunn. vs. West Valley Water District, Case No. CIVSB2117195.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Paragraph One (1) of Subdivision (d) of the Government Code Section 54956.9 Case Name: Nadia Loukeh. vs West Valley Water District, Case No. CIVSB2116242.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Paragraph One (1) of Subdivision (d) of the Government Code Section 54956.9 Case Name: Julianna Zavala. vs West Valley Water District, Case No. CIVSB2117197.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code \$54956.9[d][1]) CBMWD v. City of Chino et al. (Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, Case Number RCV 51010)
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Title(s) General Manager.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Title(s) Board Secretary.
- CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 Appointment /employment of a public employee – General Counsel
- CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 Public Employee Performance Evaluation Acting General Manager.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Channing Hawkins
President of the Board of Directors

of West Valley Water District

Nancy M. Albitre

Acting Board Secretary

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