

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
of the  
**WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**  
February 20, 2024

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Call to Order - President Young called the Special Board Meeting of the West Valley Water District to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Board Members

| <b>Attendee Name</b> | <b>Present</b>                      | <b>Absent</b>            | <b>Arrived</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Channing Hawkins     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6:08 PM        |
| Angela Garcia        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Via Zoom       |
| 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           |                                     |                          |                |
| Staff                |                                     |                          |                |
| John Thiel           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                |
| Linda Jadeski        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                |
| William Fox          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                |
| Elvia Dominguez      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                |
| Haydee Sainz         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                |
| Socorro Pantaleon    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                |
| Mary Joe Hartley     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                |
| Albert Clinger       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                |
| Robert Ramirez       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                |

Approval of Any Board Member requests for Remote Participation - Attorney Ferre announced Director Garcia would be attending virtually per AB 2449. There were no objections, and no votes were taken.

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Moore.

Opening Prayer - The Opening prayer was led by Vice President Jenkins.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Public Participation on closed session matters

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President Young inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak. No requests were received, therefore President Young closed the public comment period.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:04 p.m.

#### 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

The Board adjourned the closed session at 6:20 p.m. to conduct the business portion of the meeting which commenced at 6:24 p.m. with all Board members present except Director Hawkins who stepped out of the meeting.

General Counsel Ferre reported that Closed Session items were discussed and no reportable action was taken.

#### **ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion to adopt agenda.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Daniel Jenkins, Vice President                 |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kelvin Moore, Director                         |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Angela Garcia, , Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Channing Hawkins                               |

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

President 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**

None.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approve Consent Calendar #1 - #2

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Daniel Jenkins, Vice President                             |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kelvin Moore, Director                                     |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Channing Hawkins   |

1. September 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, January 4, and 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, and January 11, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes
2. Rialto Well 6 Rehabilitation

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

**Consideration of:**

3. Conduct Finalist Interviews for State Lobbyist

California Strategies, Tres Es, Townsend Public Affairs

General Manager Thiel introduced the item then Public Outreach and Government Affairs Manager Pantaleon presented the report and introduced the three firms, California Strategies, Tres Es, and Townsend Public Affairs, who would be interviewing to provide State Lobbying services to the District.

Director Hawkins returned to the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

The Board conducted interviews of California Strategies, Tres Es, and Townsend Public Affairs and discussion ensued among the Board Members on the selection of the firm. Director Hawkins and Director Moore spoke in favor of selecting Tres Es. Vice President Jenkins spoke in favor of selecting California Strategies.

Vice President Jenkins made a motion to select California Strategies to provide State Lobbyist services to the District. President Young seconded the motion and further discussion ensued.

Motion to authorize staff to negotiate a contract with California Strategies for the District's State Lobbyist services.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [3 TO 2]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Daniel Jenkins, Vice President               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Gregory Young, President                     |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Angela Garcia, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | Channing Hawkins, Kelvin Moore               |

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

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**1. Meeting Attendance Reports**

None.

**2. Board Committee Reports**

None.

**3. Board Members**

None.

**4. General Manager**

General Manager Thiel announced he met with Supervisor Joe Baca and would provide details on the meeting at a future time.

**5. Legal Counsel**

None.

**ADJOURN**

President Young adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



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**Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary**

Minutes were approved on March 7, 2024 by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District.