

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
March 7, 2024

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

Roll Call of Board Members

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Arrived
Directors			
Channing Hawkins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Angela Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	6:52 p.m via zoom
General Counsel			
Jeff Ferre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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"/>	
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"/>	
Elvia Dominguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Robert Ramirez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Socorro Pantaleon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Albert Clinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Approval of Any Board Member Requests for Remote Participation - Vice President Jenkins announced President Young would attempt to join the meeting via zoom at a later time.

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

Opening Prayer - The Opening prayer was led by Elder Scotty Days.

CLOSED SESSION

Public Participation on closed session matters

Vice President Jenkins 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 Vice President Jenkins closed the public comment period.

Public Outreach and Government Affairs Manager Pantaleon introduced the new West Valley Water District mascot to the Board before they entered into closed session.

The Board entered into close session at 6:10 p.m.

- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Government Code 54957.6
Agency designated representative: General Manager John Thiel
Unrepresented employees: Assistant General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Board Secretary

- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Government Code 54957.6
Agency designated representative: President Greg Young
Unrepresented employee: General Manager

- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Government Code Section 54957
Title: Board Secretary

- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Government Code Section 54957
Title: Chief Financial Officer, Board Secretary

Report out of Closed Session

The Board adjourned the closed session at 6:40 p.m. to conduct the business portion of the meeting which commenced at 6:47 p.m. with all Board members present. General Counsel Ferre reported that Closed Session items were discussed and no reportable action was taken.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to pull Consent Calendar item #2 for discussion and adopt the agenda as amended.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Angela Garcia, Director
SECONDER:	Kelvin Moore, Director
AYES:	Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins
ABSENT:	Channing Hawkins, Gregory Young

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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PRESENTATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve Consent Calendar items #1 and #3 - #5.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Angela Garcia, Director
SECONDER:	Kelvin Moore, Director
AYES:	Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins
ABSENT:	Channing Hawkins, Gregory Young

1. October 5 and 19, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes, December 7 and 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, February 1, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and February 20, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.
2. ~~IE Works Contract Renewal 2023/24~~
Item #2 was pulled from the consent calendar for discussion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kelvin Moore, Director
SECONDER:	Angela Garcia, Director
AYES:	Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young
ABSENT:	Channing Hawkins

3. Claim Rejection #024262
4. I-10 Fwy and Cedar Avenue Interchange Improvement Project Utility Agreement No. 24573 with San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
5. Approve Professional Engineering Services Amendment for the I-10 Fwy and Cedar Avenue Interchange Improvement Project with Michael Baker International

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ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

2. IE Works Contract Renewal 2023/24

General Manager Thiel introduced Scott Goodall who clarified the term of the agreement.

General Counsel Ferre announced President Young joined the meeting at 6:52 p.m. via zoom and would be participating virtually per AB 2449.

Motion to approve IE Works agreement for FY 2023/24 for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the internship program for up to three interns.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kelvin Moore, Director
SECONDER:	Angela Garcia, Director
AYES:	Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young
ABSENT:	Channing Hawkins

BUSINESS MATTERS

6. Director of Engineering - Job Specification Changes

General Manager Thiel introduced the item and Human Resources and Risk Manager Sainz presented the report and clarified the prior education, experience, and certification requirement for the position.

Motion to approve the changes to the minimum qualifications of the Director of Engineering job specification and authorize the General Manager to execute all necessary documents.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Angela Garcia, Director
SECONDER:	Kelvin Moore, Director
AYES:	Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young
ABSENT:	Channing Hawkins

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

Director Garcia reported on the Oliver P. Roemer facility tour, San Bernardino's Valley Water District 70th Anniversary Celebration, ACWA D.C. conference, and monthly meeting with Supervisor Jesse Armendarez.

Director Moore reported on his attendance at the City of Rialto's State of the Women event, City of Fontana's Black History Parade, Rialto Unified School District's Black History Celebration, San Bernardino's Valley Water District 70th Anniversary Celebration, and ACWA D.C. conference.

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President Young reported on the Oliver P. Roemer facility tour and thanked the Board of Directors for a successful ACWA D.C. conference.

2. Board Committee Reports

Director Garcia reported on the Engineer, Operations and Planning Committee meeting.

Director Moore reported on the Safety and Technology Committee and Human Resources Committee meetings.

Vice President Jenkins reported on the Finance Committee meeting.

3. Board Members

Vice President Jenkins thanked the Board of Directors for the time they dedicate to the District to attend conferences, meetings, and events.

President Young thanked Vice President Jenkins for leading the meeting since he was not able to attend in person.

4. General Manager

General Manager Thiel provided an update on recruitment; employee development program; federal appropriation requests to be submitted to Senator Padilla's, Senator Butler's, and Congressman Aguila's offices.

Board Secretary Dominguez provided an update on the commencement of including committee meeting minutes on committee agendas for approval; and reviewed the upcoming meetings and events with the Board.


5. Legal Counsel

General Counsel Ferre provided an update on SB 676 regarding City and County landscape ordinances related to artificial turf.

ADJOURN

President Young adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

ATTEST:



Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on March 21, 2024 by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District.