# MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

# of the

# WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

June 6, 2024

# **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Call to Order - President Young called the Regular Board Meeting of the West Valley Water District to order at 6:01 p.m.
Roll Call of Board Members

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Arrived
Directors			
Channing Hawkins	$\overline{\checkmark}$		6:06 p.m. via zoom
Angela Garcia		V	
Kelvin Moore	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Daniel Jenkins	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Gregory Young	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
General Counsel			
Jeff Ferre	$\overline{\square}$		
Staff			
John Thiel	$\square$		
Linda Jadeski	$\square$		
William Fox	$\overline{\square}$		
Haydee Sainz	$\overline{\square}$		
Joanne Chan	$\overline{\square}$		
Elvia Dominguez		$\overline{\checkmark}$	
Robert Ramirez		V	
Socorro Pantaleon	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Albert Clinger	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Rocky Welborn	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Paola Lara	$\overline{\checkmark}$		

Approval of Any Board Member Requests for Remote Participation - None. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Jenkins. Opening Prayer - The Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Vernall Townsend.

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#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Public Participation on closed session matters.

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.

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

# 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.

Report out of Closed Session

The Board adjourned the closed session at 6:23 p.m. to conduct the business portion of the meeting which commenced at 6:23 p.m. with all Board members present except Director Garcia who was absent.

General Counsel Ferre reported the Board met for closed session and there was no reportable action for the first item, and the second item was not discussed.

General Counsel Ferre announced Director Hawkins was participating remotely from a location noticed on the agenda.

### ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Daniel Jenkins, Vice President

**SECONDER:** Kelvin Moore, Director

**AYES:** Channing Hawkins, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young

**ABSENT:** Angela Garcia

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

President Young inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak.

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Public comment was provided by San Bernardino Valley Water District Board Member June Hayes.

No additional requests were received to speak, therefore President Young closed the public comment period.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

1. WVWD Video and Written Essay Scholarship Recipients Presentation

Public Outreach and Government Affairs Manager Pantaleon introduced the video and written essay scholarship winners Julianna Valencia and Carlos De la Torre. The Board of Directors presented checks to Miss Valencia and Mr. De la Torre and congratulated them on their success.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion to approve Consent Calendar items #1 - #7

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Kelvin Moore, Director

**SECONDER:** Daniel Jenkins, Vice President

**AYES:** Channing Hawkins, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young

**ABSENT:** Angela Garcia

1. May 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

2. Monthly Revenue & Expenditures Report - April 2024

3. Cash Disbursements Report - April 2024

4. Purchase Order Report - April 2024

5. Monthly Transfer Report - April 2024

6. Monthly Treasurer's Report - April 2024

7. 2023 Water Quality Report

#### **BUSINESS MATTERS**

8. Climate Reslience Bond

Public Outreach and Government Affairs Manager Pantaleon presented the item and a PowerPoint on the 2024 Climate Bond and the District's Legislative Principles. The Legislative Principles will be taken to the External Affairs Committee for review before having Board of Directors Workshop along with California Strategies.

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Motion to approve joining the ACWA led coalition in support of a climate resilience bond.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Daniel Jenkins, Vice President

**SECONDER:** Kelvin Moore, Director

**AYES:** Channing Hawkins, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young

**ABSENT:** Angela Garcia

# 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

Vice President Jenkins reported on his attendance at the Inland Solar Challenge and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's State Water Project Tour.

Director Moore reported on his attendance at the WELL Sacramento Graduation, Congressman Aguilar's Check Presentation for Emergency Generators and the Bunker Hill Project, and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's State Water Project Tour.

Director Hawkins reported on his attendance at CSDA's Legislative Days, Inland Solar Challenge, and Congressman Aguilar's Check Presentation for Emergency Generators and the Bunker Hill Project.

# 2. Board Committee Reports

Vice President Jenkins reported on the Finance Committee meeting.

Director Moore reported on the Safety and Technology Committee meeting.

President Young reported on the Engineering, Operations, and Planning Committee meeting.

#### 3. Board Members

Vice President Jenkins reported on his attendance at the BRAVE Luncheon and Resource Day.

Director Moore reported on his attendance at the BRAVE Luncheon and Resource Day and at the Fontana Days event.

Director Hawkins thanked staff for coordinating Congressman Aguilar's check presentation for Emergency Generators and the Bunker Hill Project and wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

President Young concurred with Director Hawkins and spoke in remembrance of D-Day.

# 4. General Manager

General Manager Thiel provided updates on recruitments; his attendance at San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's State Water Project Tour and indicated staff will be sharing information

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from the tour at future Board meetings; staff's participation at a Management and Leadership Training held at the District; federal appropriations received from Congressman Aguilar for emergency generators and the Bunker Hill project; and announced Senator Butler's Office has included two projects, Bloomington Waterline Project and Cybersecurity SCADA project, in next years appropriations list.

Executive Assistant Lara provided an overview of upcoming events and meetings.

# 5. Legal Counsel

General Counsel Ferre reported on the Attorney General's opinion regarding Brown Act compliance for State of the City events.

# **ADJOURN**

President Young adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

ATTEST:			
Elvia Domi	nguez, B	Soard Secr	 etary

Minutes were approved on July 18, 2024 by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District.

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