

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
August 15, 2024

OPENING CEREMONIES

Call to Order - President Young called the Regular Board Meeting of the West Valley Water District to order at 6:06 p.m.
Roll Call of Board Members

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Arrived
Directors			
Angela Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kelvin Moore	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Linda Jadeski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
William Fox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Haydee Sainz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Joanne Chan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elvia Dominguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Socorro Pantaleon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Robert Ramirez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rocky Welborn	<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 Jenkins.
Opening Prayer - The Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Lindsay Shiba.

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.

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The Board entered into closed session at 6:11 p.m.

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 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 6:45 p.m. to conduct the business portion of the meeting which commenced at 6:47 p.m. with all Board members present except Director Moore who was absent.

General Counsel Ferre reported that the Board met to discuss the second closed session item and there was no reportable action taken.

The Board did not discuss the first closed session item.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to adopt agenda.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniel Jenkins, Vice President
SECONDER:	Angela Garcia, Director
AYES:	Angela Garcia, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young
ABSENT:	Kelvin Moore

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PRESENTATIONS

1. Update on 2024 Imported Water Plan.

Assistant General Manager Jadeski presented a PowerPoint on Surplus Imported Water in 2024. There was discussion about the potential imported water intake from San Bernardino Water

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Municipal Water District once the Roemer expansion project is complete, and the amount of water that could possibly be imported to the Cactus Basins.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve Consent Calendar item #1

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

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BUSINESS MATTERS

2. Board Vacancy - Division 4

General Counsel Ferre and Board Secretary Dominguez presented the report. The Board discussed the potential timeline involved with making an appointment and Vice President Jenkins spoke in favor of appointing someone to fill the vacancy. The Board concurred and directed staff to move forward with the process to have candidate interviews and appointment to fill the vacancy at the September 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion to call for filling the Board Vacancy expiring December 2024 by appointment and direct staff to take the necessary steps for making an appointment at the September 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniel Jenkins, Vice President
SECONDER:	Angela Garcia, Director
AYES:	Angela Garcia, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young
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3. Temporary Committee and Board Assignments

Board Secretary Dominguez presented the report. The Board discussed the temporary assignments for the open seats on the committees and IE Works Board and noted that this item will need to be revisited at the end of the year or when the District 4 vacancy is filled.

Motion to temporarily assign Vice President Jenkins to the External Affairs Committee, President Young to the Human Resources Committee, and Vice President Jenkins to the IE Works Board.

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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 her participation in a podcast with the Fontana Chamber of Commerce, attendance at Fontana City Nights, Weekly meetings with Board Secretary, Fontana Chamber luncheon, County Supervisor’s Jesse Armendarez Open House, and BIA Water Conference.

Vice President Jenkins reported on his attendance at the Bloomington MAC meeting, Fontana Chamber luncheon, County Supervisor’s Jesse Armendarez Open House, meeting with WELL executive Director Paul Hernandez, BIA Water Conference, ACWA Region 9 event, and Supervisor Baca’s Ground Breaking ceremony.

President Young reported on his attendance at Supervisor Baca’s Ground Breaking ceremony and BIA Water Conference.

2. Board Committee Reports

Vice President Jenkins reported on the Safety and Technology Committee meeting.

3. Board Members

Director Garcia thanked the External Affairs committee staff for attending various National Night Out events, engaging with the community, and spoke of the joy Halle the water drop mascot brings to the community. Vice President Jenkins and President Young concurred.

President Young congratulated Director Garcia for running unopposed in the November election and acknowledged District 4 candidate, Estevan Bennett, who was present in the audience.

4. General Manager

Assistant General Manager Jadeski provided updates on recruitment, the strategic plan, her attendance at the BIA Water Conference, and the upcoming ASBCSD monthly meeting hosted by the District with guest speaker Congresswoman Norma Torres.

5. Legal Counsel

General Counsel Ferre reported on U.S. Supreme Court cases Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo, regarding the Chevron deference; and Corner Post Inc. v. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, regarding the statute of limitation for challenging a regulation.

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6. Board Secretary

Board Secretary Dominguez provided an overview of upcoming meetings and events.

ADJOURN

President Young adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST:



Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on September 5, 2024 by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District.