

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
October 17, 2024

OPENING CEREMONIES

Call to Order - President Young called the Regular Board Meeting of the West Valley Water District to order at 6:02 p.m.
Roll Call of Board Members

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Arrived
Directors			
Angela Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Estevan Bennett	<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 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"/>	
Elvia Dominguez	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Socorro Pantaleon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rocky Welborn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Paola Lara	<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 - None.
Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Jenkins.
Opening Prayer - The Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Joseph Breaux Jr.

CLOSED SESSION

Public Participation on closed session matters

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President Young inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak on closed session items. 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 6:07 p.m.

Report out of Closed Session

The Board adjourned the closed session at 7:12 p.m. to conduct the business portion of the meeting which commenced at 7:15 p.m. with all Board members present except Director Moore who was absent.

General Counsel Ferre reported that the Board discussed the closed session items. There was direction to have a special meeting on October 24, 2024 to continue discussing closed session item #1. There was no reportable action for closed session item #2.

ADOPT AGENDA

General Counsel Ferre recommended the Board adopt the agenda with the addition to make the Cancer Awareness Proclamation, under Presentations, a Board action item to adopt the proclamation.

Motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of the following item as permitted under Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2): Adoption of Cancer Awareness Proclamation.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Estevan Bennett, Angela Garcia, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young
ABSENT:	Kelvin Moore

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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PRESENTATIONS

1. Roemer Update

Director of Engineering Welborn presented a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the Roemer project.

2. Cancer Awareness Proclamation.

This item was made a Board action item to adopt Proclamation under Adoption of the Agenda.

General Manager Thiel introduced the proclamation and President Young read the Cancer Awareness Proclamation.

President Young acknowledged his mother who is currently battling cancer.

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Motion to adopt the Cancer Awareness Proclamation declaring the month of October as Cancer Awareness Month.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve Consent Calendar item #1.

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

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BUSINESS MATTERS

2. Adopt Resolution Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Well No. 57 Project

Director of Engineering Welborn presented the item.

President Young opened the public hearing.

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 hearing.

Motion to approve the Initial Study, Notice of Determination, and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND); Adopt Resolution No. 2024-09 adopting a MND for the new Well No. 57 Project; and Authorize the General Manager to execute all necessary documents.

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

3. Nitrates Study

General Manager Thiel presented the item and the proposal for the Nitrates study received from WSC, and requested direction from the Board of Directors on how to proceed.

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The Board of Directors discussed the study. President Young spoke in favor of the study and the benefits of having the information for lobbying efforts in Washington D.C. Director Garcia voiced concern with the District funding the study because the District's service area is just a small portion of the whole study area. She requested staff reach out to other agencies to find funding partners to be able to present this as a collaborative effort when they go to Washington D.C.

General Counsel Ferre opined that finding funding partners is ideal to ensure the District is not spending District funds outside of our jurisdiction.

Director of Engineer Welborn stated that IEUA had verbally agreed to fund 50% of the study. The Board of Directors agreed to move forward with the study contingent of an agreement with IEUA to fund 50% of the study.

Director of Engineering Welborn pointed out a mathematical error on the spreadsheet included in Exhibit A attached to the staff report.

Motion to approve the General Manager to move forward with the Nitrates Study, contingent of an agreement with IEUA to fund 50% of the study, and to continue to look for additional partners.

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

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

1. Board Committee Reports

President Young reported on the Policy Committee meeting.

Director Bennett reported on the Human Resources Committee meeting.

2. Board Members

Director Garcia wished a happy heavenly birthday to her mother-in-law.

Vice President Jenkins reported on his attendance at the Fontana Chamber Luncheon.

President Young recognized those who are fighting cancer.

3. General Manager

General Manager Thiel provided a recruitment update, reported on the All Hands meeting this week, and on his attendance at Rialto's Water Treatment Plant Tour.

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4. Legal Counsel

General Counsel Ferre reported on a bill going into effect which will update the Public Records Act requirements for 14-day extensions during a state declared State of Emergency.

5. Board Secretary

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

ADJOURN

President Young adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

ATTEST:



Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on November 14, 2024 by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District.