## **MINUTES**

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

## of the

# WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

# June 2, 2022

Attendee	Present	Excused	Absent
Name			
Board of Directors			
Channing Hawkins	$\square$		
Gregory Young	$\overline{\mathcal{A}}$		
Angela Garcia	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Kelvin Moore	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Staff			
Van Jew	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Naseem Farooqi	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Haydee Sainz	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Peggy Asche	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Linda Jadeski	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Jon Stephenson	$\overline{\checkmark}$		
Joanne Chan	$\overline{\square}$		
Albert Clinger	$\overline{\square}$		
Jose Velasquez		$\overline{\checkmark}$	
Legal Counsel			
Robert Tafoya	$\overline{\mathcal{A}}$		

## **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Director Young Opening Prayer - Led by Pastor Elder Townsend, Sunrise Church Call to Order Roll Call of Board Members

## ADOPT AGENDA

Director Greg Young motioned to adopt the agenda as presented and Director Angela Garcia second the motion. Hearing no discussion, the following vote was taken:

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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Greg Young, Director SECONDER: Angela Garcia, Director

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AYES: Channing Hawkins, Angela Garcia, Gregory Young, Kelvin Moore

NOES: None ABSENT: None

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Peggy Asche, Board Secretary, stated that no requests were received to speak via email. President Channing Hawkins inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak. There were no comments.

#### **PRESENTATION**

• Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration Facility Expansion Update.

Linda Jadeski, Director of Engineering, provided a brief update on the Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration Facility Expansion project stating that the RFP's have just been issued. There were over 300 questions and 6 addendums based on those questions to the 3 Design Build Teams. The deadline to submit proposals is June 3, 2022. This concluded Ms. Jadeski's presentation.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Greg Young motioned to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented and Director Kelvin Moore second the motion. Hearing no discussion, the following vote was taken:

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Greg Young, Director SECONDER: Kelvin Moore, Director

AYES: Channing Hawkins, Angela Garcia, Gregory Young, Kelvin Moore

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- 1. APRIL 7, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES.
- 2. APRIL 21, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES.
- 3. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13, PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM ON MARCH 4, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 14, 2022, THROUGH JULY 14, 2022, PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

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4. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HUNT ORTMANN PALFFY NIEVES, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED IN APRIL 2022, INVOICE NO. 93055; \$11,534.00.

#### **BUSINESS MATTERS**

5. CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION STUDY UPDATE.

Haydee Sainz, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, reported that currently CPS is awaiting direction on the efforts they provided the District. The Classification study has been implemented and it is approximately a month away from being completed. The next phase will be the compensation study which will take approximately six months to complete. Once finalized, the bargaining group for the employees will be presented to the Board of Directors as deemed appropriate. Currently waiting for direction from the Board on proceeding. President Channing Hawkins stated that the Board would like to be appropriately briefed on the study and feels that the bargaining unit of the study should be discussed in Closed Session for potential impact to labor negotiations. Legal Counsel, Mr. Robert Tafoya, agreed that at this point due to staff seeking direction and before some issues that need to be discussed before direction can be given that could impact labor negotiations. Discussion ensued regarding the classification and compensation study and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to table this item until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. No vote was taken.

6. DISCUSSION OF FILLING BOARD OF DIRECTOR VACANCY SEAT FOR DIVISION 2.

Mr. Robert Tafoya, Legal Counsel, reported that there has been some discussion on filling the Board vacancy. In the past, the position has been filled by selection by the Board and if the Board cannot come to a majority vote, the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors would select a person. However, the Board members are requesting recommendations from the Election Lawyer Firm. Discussion ensued and this item was tabled. No vote was taken.

7. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11, AMENDING SCHEDULE "B" STANDING COMMITTEES AND SCHEDULE "C" OUTSIDE MEETINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 86, COMPENSATION AND POLICIES RELATED TO BOARD ACTIVITIES.

The Board of Directors began discussion on amending the committee assignments due to Vice President Dr. Michael Taylor's resignation. This amendment will be temporary until the new Board of Director for Division 2 is appointed. Listed below are the agreed committee assignments with the first name indicating the Chair of the committee:

**Executive Committee** 

President and Vice President

**Finance Committee** 

Greg Young, Angela Garcia

**Human Resources Committee** 

Kelvin Moore, Channing Hawkins

Engineering, Opr. & Planning Committee

Greg Young, Angela Garcia

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Safety and Technology Committee

**External Affairs Committee** 

Greg Young, Kelvin Moore

Angela Garcia, Channing Hawkins

Policy Review & Oversight Committee

Greg Young, Kelvin Moore

Rialto Basin Groundwater Council

**Bloomington MAC** 

Greg Young, Kelvin Moore

Greg Young, Angela Garcia

SB Valley Municipal Water Board Mtgs.

ACWA/JPIA

Channing Hawkins

Channing Hawkins, General Manager

Director Greg Young motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2022-11 and amending Schedule "B" Standing Committees and Schedule "C" Outside Meetings with the above designated committee representatives, as discussed temporarily. Director Kelvin Moore second the motion which passed as follows:

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER:

Greg Young, Director

SECONDER:

Kelvin Moore, Director Channing Hawkins, Angela Garcia, Gregory Young, Kelvin Moore

AYES: NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

#### RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:29 p.m. as provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss the following items listed on the agenda:

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9(b): Number of Cases: Five (5).
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Paragraph One (1) of Subdivision (d) of the Government Code Section 54956.9 Case Name: Naisha Davis v. West Valley Water District et al. Case No. 20STCV0323.

#### RECONVENE THE MEETING

The Board reconvened the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Mr. Robert Tafoya, Legal Counsel, reported out of Closed Session stating that multiple items were considered; however, no reportable actions were taken.

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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. Board Members

No reports from the Board members.

## 2. Acting General Manager

O Van Jew stated that the Board Secretary, Peggy Asche, had an announcement.

At this time, Board Secretary, Peggy Asche, announced that after 40 ½ years working at the District, it was time to retire and thanked the Board for their support and the opportunities that she experienced while working at West Valley Water District. Her official date of retirement is July 7, 2022.

# 3. Legal Counsel

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## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Channing Hawkins President of the Board of Directors of West Valley Water District

ATTEST:

Peggy Asche, Board Secretary

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