

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
of the  
**WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**  
**April 6, 2023**

Call to Order - President Gregory Young called the Special Board Meeting of the West Valley Water District to order at 6:00 p.m. with all Board members present.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. 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: Four (4).
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - pursuant to Paragraph one (1) of Subdivision (d) of the Government Code Section 54956.9 Case Name: Patricia Romero vs. West Valley Water District, Case No. CIVDS2024402.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Paragraph One (1) of Subdivision (d) of the Government Code Section 54956.9 Case Name: Nadia Loukeh. vs West Valley Water District, Case No. CIVSB2116242.
- CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 Appointment /employment of a public employee - General Counsel.
- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 Agency designated representatives: Haydee Sainz, Human Resources Manager Employee Groups: International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 12

The Board adjourned the closed session at 7:18 p.m. to conduct the business portion of the meeting.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Call to Order - President Gregory Young called the Special Board Meeting of the West Valley Water District to order at 7:18 p.m. with all Board members present.

Board of Directors	Present	Excused	Absent
Gregory Young	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Daniel Jenkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Channing Hawkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angela Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Kelvin Moore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff			
Van Jew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
William Fox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Haydee Sainz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elvia Dominguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda Jadeski	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jon Stephenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joanne Chan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Albert Clinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jose Velasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socorro Pantaleon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Counsel			
Vincent C. Ewing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Opening Prayer - Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Vernal Townsend.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Acting General Manager Van Jew requested to amend the agenda to move item #4 from the Consent Calendar to Business Matters to discuss a change to the amount requested for approval. The Board collectively agreed.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**

Vice President Daniel Jenkins motioned to adopt agenda as amended and Director Channing Hawkins seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Daniel Jenkins, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Channing Hawkins, Director
<b>AYES:</b>	Channing Hawkins, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

President Greg Young inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak. Board Secretary, Elvia Dominguez, stated that no requests were received to speak via email or in-person. The following attendees via Zoom gave public comment; June Hayes of the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. No additional requests were received, therefore President Young closed the public comment period.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

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## CONSENT CALENDAR

### MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS #1 - #10 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM #4 WHICH WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Director Kelvin Moore motioned to adopt consent calendar items #1 - #10 with the exception of item #4 which was pulled for discussion, and Director Angela Garcia seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

<b>MOVER:</b>	Kelvin Moore, Director
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Angela Garcia, Director
<b>AYES:</b>	Channing Hawkins, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young

1. March 7, 2023 - Special Board Meeting Minutes
2. Amendment No. 1 to the Rockets, Fireworks and Flares Superfund Site Remediation Agreement between Goodrich Corporation and West Valley Water District
3. Contract with Westbrook Fence, Inc. in the amount of \$158,473.00 for installation of iron fence at Well 42 and Material Yard sites
5. Approval of the Purchase and Professional Installation of a New Rubrik R6404s Enterprise Appliance Backup System from CDW-G
6. Approval of Legal Invoice Payment to Albright, Yee, Schmidt for February 2023 for Invoice #27985 for \$325.00
7. Approval of Legal Invoice Payment to Carpenter Rothans and Dumont for October 2022 Invoice #42948 for \$4,287.50, December 2022 Invoice #42948 for \$1,347.50, and February 2023 Invoice #43336 for \$4,195.10
8. Approval of Legal Invoice Payment to Julia Sylva thru November 2022 for Invoice #22-11 for \$15,025.00, and February 2023 Invoice #23-02 for \$4,255.00
9. Approval of Legal Invoice Payment to Leal Trejo for December 2022 for Invoice #19205 for \$8,977.50
10. Approval of Legal Invoice Payment to Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for February 2023 for Invoice #237819 for \$4,066.00, and Invoice #237818 for \$3,767.00

## BUSINESS ITEMS

11. Appointment of New General Manager and Approval of Employment Agreement.
12. Adopt Resolution 2023-08 Authorizing a New Salary Schedule

President Gregory Young read both items #11 & #12 into the record and introduced Jon Thiel to speak. Incoming General Manager Jon Thiel, thanked the Human Resources Manager and

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consultant for a well-run recruitment; the Board of Directors for entrusting him as the new General Manager; thanked the Executive team and Acting General Manager Van Jew for the work they have done during the time without a permanent General Manager; and stated some of his objectives as he looked forward to working at the District alongside Staff and the Executive team to fulfill the goals and objectives set by the Board of Directors.

President Young thanked Mr. Thiel and stated they looked forward to his arrival. Vice President Jenkins motioned to adopt both items. Director Hawkins seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Daniel Jenkins, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Channing Hawkins, Director
<b>AYES:</b>	Channing Hawkins, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young

**(Consent Calendar Item #4 re-ordered to Business Items)**

**13. Approval of the Purchase and Professional Implementation of a FortiVoice Cloud Unified Communications System from Air Gap Labs LLC**

Clarification of the request to change the approval amount was given by Acting General Manager Van Jew who stated the change was due to the consultant omitting the shipping charge from the original estimate.

Director Angela Garcia motioned to approve staff's recommendation to approve the purchase and professional implementation of FortiVoice Cloud Unified Communications System from Air Gap Labs LLC in the amount of \$49,276. Director Channing Hawkins seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

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

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

**1. Board Members**

Director Angela Garcia reported on her attendance at the San Bernardino Municipal Water Districts re-branding event.

Vice President Daniel Jenkins, Directors Channing Hawkins, and Director Kelvin Moore reported on their attendance at the WELL Statewide Annual Conference.

President Gregory Young wished everyone a happy Easter; congratulated Jon Thiel for his appointment as the new General Manager; reported on his and Vice President Daniel Jenkins attendance at the Bloomington MAC; and requested staff provide a project update presentation to

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Bloomington MAC on the Santa Ana Pipeline project and to coordinate with Supervisor Baca's staff.

**2. General Manager**

Acting Government and Legislative Affairs Manager Socorro Pantaleon gave an overview of the upcoming Earth Day event and reported on sponsorship of the event. The Board collectively thanked Miss Pantaleon for her and staff's efforts to coordinate the event.

**3. Legal Counsel**

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Interim Legal Counsel Vincent reported out of Closed Session stating that multiple items were considered, direction was given, and no reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURN**

President Gregory Young adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



**Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary**

Minutes were approved on April 20, 2023 by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District