

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
September 21, 2023

OPENING CEREMONIES

Call to Order - 6:03 pm

Roll Call of Board Members - Roll Call of Board Members

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Arrived
Directors			
Channing Hawkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Angela Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	arrived at 6:08 p.m.
Kelvin Moore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	
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"/>	
Linda Jadeski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jon Stephenson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Albert Clinger	<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"/>	

Pledge of Allegiance - Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Vice President Daniel Jenkins

Opening Prayer - Opening Prayer was conducted by Pastor Young of Loveland Church

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Gregory 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.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into closed session at 6:07 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

One potential case

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

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

The Board adjourned the closed session at 7:15 p.m. to conduct the business portion of the meeting which commenced at 7:28 p.m.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Gregory Young inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak. June Hayes Gave public comments. No additional requests were received to speak via email or in-person, or on Zoom, therefore President Young closed the public comment period.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Roemer Update

Engineering Director Linda Jadeski gave an update on the Roemer project. There was no discussion.

2. Fluidized Bed Reactor (FBR) Project Update

Operations Director Joanne Chan gave an update on the Fluidized Bed Reactor (FBR) Project. Discussion included reasons for decommission and overall financial impact of the FBR project.

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3. “Making Conservation a Way of Life” Regulation Update

Government and Legislative Affairs Manager Socorro Pantaleon gave an update on recent conservation regulations. Discussion included clarification of mandates from the State and efforts the District is undertaking to help rate payers conserve water to meet state mandates. The Board collectively thanked Manager Pantaleon for the teams efforts.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve Consent Calendar Items #1 - #4

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

1. Approve Legal Invoice Payment to Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud and Romo for Invoice #678518 for \$820.40, and Invoice #689205 for \$1,861.85
2. Approve Legal Invoice Payment to Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for June, August invoices #245342 for \$1,363.50, #245248 for \$228.00, #245544 for \$627.00, #245589 for \$3,952.50, #245608 for \$894.00, #245636 for \$1,549.50, #249871 for \$557.50, #249851 for \$3,306.00, #249617 for \$467.50, and #249892 for \$3,171.00
3. Approve Legal Invoice Payment to Ivie McNeil Wyatt Invoices #749353 for \$16,447.35, #749354 for \$16,886.55, #749355 for \$1,795.88, #749356 for \$2,575.00, #749357 for \$4,329.00, #749358 for \$14,430.00, #749359 for \$11,402.26, #749360 for \$3,915.60
4. Approve Legal Invoice Payment to Best Best Krieger for invoices #972961 for \$300.00, #972962 for \$7,013.00, #972963 for \$342.00, #972957 for \$9,785.00, #972958 for \$5,150.00, #972959 for \$616.00, and #972960 for \$5,320.37

BUSINESS MATTERS

5. Direct Staff on the Completion of the Strategic Plan

General Manager John Thiel gave an update on the Strategic Plan which included timeline and current inability for the current consultant to complete the process. Current outreach to Water Systems Consultants who can assist in completing the Strategic Plan and meet the desired schedule.

Discussion included clarification that although there is budget left for the effort; that the current consultant had met the scope requirement of the contract; and preference for the next Strategic Planning session to occur on a Saturday or Sunday.

The Board directed General Manager Thiel to continue with planning a Strategic Planning session. No vote was 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).

MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Director Garcia reported on her attendance at a Fontana Hispani Heritage event and requested Board participation in the Southern California Water Coalition annual meeting on November 2, 2024 and reschedule the scheduled Regular Board meeting and requested to agendize the discussion. There was no objection to agendize the discussion item to October 5, 2024.

Vice President Jenkins reported on his attendance at the WELL Fellowship Session.

Director Kelvin Moore reported on his attendance at the Rialto Dog Expo; Barbeque days in Fontana; and the ASBCSD monthly meeting.

Director Channing Hawkins reported on his attendance at the Water Keepers virtual town hall; and the Fontana Chamber lunch meeting.

2. Board Members

No reports

3. General Manager

General Manager John Thiel gave a recruitment update; expected job description changes to be brought for Government and legislative Affairs and Engineering; meetings attended with Valley Water, Fontana Chamber of Commerce, and Cal Poly; and reported on future meetings he will be attending.

4. Legal Counsel

General Counsel Jeff Ferre reported on the Closed session items with the following: Items were discussed, and no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURN

President Gregory Young adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

ATTEST:



Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on February 20, 2024 by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District.

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