# MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING of the WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

# September 7, 2023

Call to Order - 6:01 PM Roll Call of Board Members

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Arrived
Directors			
Channing Hawkins			Via zoom then arrived at
			7:15 p.m.
Angela Garcia	$\overline{\square}$		
Kelvin Moore	$\square$		
Daniel Jenkins	$\square$		
Gregory Young	$\square$		
General Counsel			
Jeff Ferre	$\square$		
Staff			
John Thiel			
William Fox	$\square$		
Haydee Sainz			
Joanne Chan	$\square$		
Linda Jadeski			
Jon Stephenson		$\square$	
Albert Clinger			
Elvia Dominguez			
Socorro Pantaleon			

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

President Gregory Young inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak. Member of the public Matt Read gave public comment. No additional 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 6:04 p.m. The Board recessed the closed session at 6:08 p.m. into open session to discuss the request by Director Channing Hawkins to participate via Zoom due to childcare issues. After discussion there was no objection. Therefore the Board re-entered into closed session at 6:15 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

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#### 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

The Board adjourned the closed session at 7:05 p.m. to conduct the business portion of the meeting which commenced at 7:15 p.m. with all Board members present.

#### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Vice President Daniel Jenkins Opening Prayer was conducted by Pastor Vernal Townsend

#### ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to adopt agenda

Vice President Daniel Jenkins motioned to adopt the agenda and Director Kelvin Moore seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Daniel Jenkins, Vice President

**SECONDER:** Kelvin Moore, 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. Member of the public Jue Hayes gave public comment. No additional requests were received to speak via email or in-person, or on Zoom, therefore President Young closed the public comment period.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve Consent Calendar Items #1 - #6

Director Angela Garcia motioned to adopt the agenda and Vice President Daniel Jenkins seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Angela Garcia, Director SECONDER: Daniel Jenkins, Vice President

**AYES:** Channing Hawkins, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young

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- 1. Monthly Revenue & Expenditures Report July 2023
- 2. Cash Disbursements Reports July 2023
- 3. Purchase Order Report July 2023
- 4. Monthly Transfer Report July 2023
- 5. Monthly Treasurer's Report July 2023
- 6. Approve Legal Invoices for Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for July #248693 for \$9,601.00; Invoice #248694 for \$15,689.00; Invoice #248692 for \$1,397.50; Invoice #248691 for \$3,609.00; and Invoice #248695 for \$4,933.46

#### **BUSINESS MATTERS**

7. IE Works Contract Renewal 2022/23

The report was introduced by Human Resources and Risk Management Manager Haydee Sainz who introduced Scott Goodell who gave the presentation.

Discussion included number of interns per session; the growth and success of the program; ongoing funding for the program; and collective congratulations from the board for the success of the program.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Kelvin Moore, Director SECONDER: Angela Garcia, Director

**AYES:** 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. Meeting Attendance Reports

Director Garcia reported on her attendance at a Fontana Health and Wellness event and recognition given my Assemblymember James Ramos; and congratulated Socorro Pantaleon for her being hired as Government and Legislative Affairs Manager.

Vice President Daniel Jenkins, Director Kelvin Moore, and Director Channing Hawkins reported on his attendance at the CSDA conference.

President Gregory Young reported on his attendance at the CSDA Leadership Academy; and attendance at the Rialto Colton Groundwater Basin Committee meeting.

#### 2. Board Members

Garcia commented on this month being Hispanic Heritage Month and upcoming events. Vice president Jenkins announced he would be attending a WELL Fellowship in Imperial Valley.

President young reported on his attendance Rialto Colton Groundwater Basin Committee meeting.

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# 3. General Manager

General Manager John Thiel gave a recruitment update; and reported on Tropical Storm Hillary; reported on attendance at the CSDA Conference; Strategic Plan update; and successful Safety record on three years without loss time accidents.

# 4. Legal Counsel

General Counsel Jeff Ferre reported on the Closed session items with the following: No action was taken on both items. He then provided information to the Board on laws that govern West Valley Water District.

# **ADJOURN**

President Gregory Young adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

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