

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
of the  
**WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**  
January 16, 2025

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.  
Roll Call of Board Members

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Directors			
Angela Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Estevan Bennett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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"/>	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Socorro Pantaleon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Rocky Welborn	<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"/>	
Mary Jo Hartley	<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 Tracy Crawford

President Young announced Adopt Agenda would be moved up before Closed Session.

## **ADOPT AGENDA**

General Counsel Ferre announced the need to add a late breaking Closed Session item #4 for labor negotiations.

President Young announced Closed Session item #1 would be pulled from the agenda as there was no update, and Presentations would be moved up to be heard before Closed Session.

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended to pull Closed Session item #1, add a late breaking Closed Session item #4, and move up Presentations.

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

## **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation by San Bernardino County Supervisor Jesse Armendarez

President Young introduced Supervisor Jesse Armendarez who presented the District with a \$100,000 check for the Fontana Fire Hydrant Retrofit Project.

2. Headquarter Facilities Master Plan Presentation

Director of Engineering Welborn introduced the item and PBK Representative Jackson, who provided a PowerPoint on the Headquarters Facilities Master Plan. The discussion included the most critical facility needs, the Boards needs and concerns regarding the facilities for function, and guidance to the planning team. The Board discussed their priorities as cost effectiveness, a water conservation demonstration or a water feature, a community/event room, a studio for the Public Affairs team, a facility that is aesthetically pleasing, a facility that has ample space for staff, a board room that is open and functional, and a secured facility.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Public Participation on closed session matters.

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.

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The Board entered into closed session at 6:47 p.m.

- ~~1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION  
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 Name of case: Naseem Farooqi v. West Valley Water District et al.~~

**PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.**

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Government Code Section 54957  
Title: Board Secretary
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency designated representatives: General Manager John Thiel  
Unrepresented employees: Board Secretary
4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency designated representatives: John Thiel, General Manager, Haydee Sainz, Human Resources Manager  
Employee Groups: International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 12

Report out of Closed Session

The Board adjourned the closed session at 7:27 p.m. to conduct the business portion of the meeting which commenced at 7:27 p.m. with all Board members present.

General Counsel Ferre reported that the Board discussed the closed session items and there was no reportable action taken.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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 comment period.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion to approve Consent Calendar items #1 - #2.

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

1. December 5, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

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2. Consider a Water System Infrastructure Installation and Conveyance Agreement with the New Home Company Southern California LLC for Gardens at the Arboretum TRACT#20362, Lots 1 & 2

## **BUSINESS MATTERS**

1. IE Works Contract Renewal 2024/25

Human Resources and Risk Manager Sainz presented the report.

Motion to approve and adopt the IE Works 2024/25 Skilled Trades and Internship Program Agreement and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement.

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

2. New Position Water Conservation Specialist

Human Resources and Risk Manager Sainz presented the report. In response to Director Garcia's question, Mrs. Sainz indicated the salary for the position is competitive at market value and is about 15% below the Analyst salary scale, and provided an overview of the qualifications for the position.

Motion to approve the job description and salary range for the Water Conservation Specialist.

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

3. Legislative Principles

Senior Public Outreach and Government Affairs Representative Hartley presented the report and presented two options for taking positions on legislative bills. Option A: Allows General Manager to take position on behalf of the District, consistent with legislative platform. Option B: Requires staff to present positions to the Board of Directors to approve each position taken.

In response to Director Garcia's question, Miss Hartley indicated which committees reviewed the Legislative Principles and what guidance they provided. Director Garcia and Director Moore spoke in support of Option A. President Young spoke in support of Option B.

Motion to approve Legislative Principles Option A, to allow the General Manager to take positions on behalf of the District consistent with the Legislative Platform.

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [3-2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Angela Garcia, Director
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kelvin Moore, Director
<b>AYES:</b>	Estevan Bennett, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore
<b>NAYS:</b>	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 Committee Reports**

President Young reported on the Policy Committee meeting.

Director Garcia reported on the Finance Committee meeting.

Director Benner reported on the Human Resources Committee meeting.

Vice President Jenkins reported on the Safety & Technology Committee meeting.

**2. Board Members**

Director Garcia announced the passing of a friend, Jessica Torres, and read a newspaper article dedicated to her.

Director Bennett reported on his attendance at Rialto's Chamber of Commerce Breakfast.

Director Moore reported on his attendance at San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's meeting, Rialto Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, and Fontana Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

Vice President Jenkins offered condolences to Director Garcia.

President Young echoed the condolences to Director Garcia, thanked Supervisor Armendariz for the funding, and congratulated Supervisor Joe Baca Jr. for his appointment as Vice Chair.

**3. General Manager**

General Manager Thiel provided an update on recruitments; employee degree and certification achievements; and the employee of the month program which will include employee of the year and department of the year awards.

**4. Legal Counsel**

None.

**Public Outreach and Government Affairs Updates**

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Senior Public Outreach and Government Affairs Representative Hartley provided an update on the upcoming Sacramento legislative advocacy trip.

Public Outreach and Government Affairs Representative Medina provided a public outreach recap of recent and upcoming community events, and provided a grants update.

## **5. Board Secretary**

Board Secretary Dominguez provided an overview of upcoming meetings and events. Due to conflicts with upcoming meetings, events, and conferences, the Board agreed to cancel the February 6th and 20th Board meetings and hold an adjourned meeting on February 13th. Additionally, they agreed to cancel Policy Review and Oversight Committee and External Affairs Committee meetings due to scheduling conflicts, and staff will further discuss possible dates for the Engineering, Operations and Planning committee meeting.

Mrs. Dominguez also provided an update on an upcoming Ethics/Brown Act Training that will be scheduled for the Board.

## **ADJOURN**

President Young adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

## **ATTEST:**



**Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary**

Minutes were approved on March 6, 2025 by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District