

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
of the  
**WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**  
February 15, 2023

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Call to Order - President Gregory Young called the Special Board Meeting of the West Valley Water District to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call of Board Members

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"/> Remote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 Vice President Daniel Jenkins.  
Opening Prayer - Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Marlon Jackson of Loveland Church.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**

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

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Channing Hawkins, Director
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Daniel Jenkins, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	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. Board Secretary Elvia Dominguez stated that no requests were received to speak via email, zoom or in person, therefore President Gregory Young closed the public comment period.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS #1 - #6**

Director Channing Hawkins motioned to adopt the consent calendar items #1 - #6 and Director Kelvin Moore seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

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

1. January 12, 2023 - Special Board Meeting Minutes
2. January 19, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of payment to IMW for Professional Services for October 2022, November 2022, and December 2022 for Invoice #747725, #747726, and #747727, for \$1,225.00.
4. Approve Payment to Julia Sylva Law Corp for Professional Services for October 2022, November 2022, and December 2022 for Invoice #10222, and #10223, for \$9,144.
5. Approval of payment to IMW for Professional Services for September 2022, October 2022, November 2022, and December 2022 for Invoice #747721, #747722, #747723, and #747724, for \$1,355.00.
6. Approval of Payment to Leal Trejo APC for Professional Services for March 2020 - April 2022 Invoices for \$72,688.86, September 2022 Invoice for \$11,435.25, and October 2022 Invoice for \$4,250.00.

## **BUSINESS MATTERS**

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7. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)
8. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR)

Acting General Manager Van Jew announced that both Item #7 and Item #8 would be heard concurrently. He then introduced the item, then Consultant Ken Pun of the Pun Group presented item #7. Director Channing Hawkins and President Gregory Young commended staff for their efforts as well as the Finance Committee.

Director Channing Hawkins motioned to adopt Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), and, the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). The following vote was taken:

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

9. Update: Teleconference Rules.

The report was given by Interim General Counsel Vincent C. Ewing.

Discussion and questions included when the new rules take effect by March; limits to when Board members can attend meetings via zoom; clarification that the public is still able to attend via Zoom; requirement for Board members to post a notice at their location if they participate via Zoom so the public may participate; information on efforts being considered to modify the new rules to make them more flexible; and Boards desire to have the rules be more flexible. No action was taken.

10. Update: Advocacy Trip and ACWA DC Conference.

The update was given by Acting Government and Legislative Affairs Manager Socorro Pantaleon who gave an overview of the preliminary schedule of legislative advocacy meetings and what to expect.

President Gregory Young thanked Acting Government and Legislative Affairs Manager Socorro Pantaleon for her presentation. No action was taken.

**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 Channing Hawkins gave a report on his participation at the Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) Fellowship Program.

President Gregory Young gave an update on discussions and planned discussions regarding the Nitrate Initiative previously discussed at the January 19, 2023 Board meeting; commented on Black History Month and Pastor Art Cash who was African American and made a significant impact on is life and spoke of his contributions to him and the community; and commented on Director Kelvin

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Moore being named by Inland Valley News to receive the Norris McDonald Living Legacy award at an Honoree event on February 23, 2023 and congratulated him on the achievement.

## **2. General Manager**

Acting General Manager Van Jew introduced Director of Engineering Linda Jadeski, who gave a report on development projects in the District,

Acting General Manager Van Jew gave an update on upcoming community events, highlighted President Gregory Young and Vice President Daniel Jenkins who were featured in the February issue of California Special District Magazine; and reported on past and upcoming Financial Assistance Clinics offered to the public.

Director Channing Hawkins requested an update on upcoming California Special District Association conferences and requested to attend the upcoming Leadership Academy Conference.

Acting Government and Legislative Affairs Manager Socorro Pantaleon gave an update of upcoming legislative days and training.

## **3. Legal Counsel**

### **RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:02 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: Two (2).
- 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: Diana Gunn. vs. West Valley Water District, Case No. CIVSB2117195.
- 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.

### **RECONVENE THE MEETING**

The Board adjourned closed session at 7:02 and reconvened the meeting into open session at 7:04 p.m.


Mr. Vincent C. Ewing, Interim Legal Counsel reported out of Closed Session stating that multiple items were considered; however, no reportable actions were taken.

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**ADJOURN**

President Young adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

  
Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on March 7, 2023 by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District