

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
of the  
**WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

February 18, 2021

Attendee Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Board of Directors			
Channing Hawkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> remote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kyle Crowther	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> remote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clifford Young	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> remote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gregory Young	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff			
Shamindra Manbahal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Van Jew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Naseem Farooqi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Haydee Sainz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy Asche	<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"/> remote	<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"/>
Rosa Gutierrez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Counsel			
Robert Tafoya	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> remote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Director Greg Young  
Opening Prayer - Led by Pastor Vernall Townsend  
Call to Order  
Roll Call of Board Members

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Director Greg Young motioned to adopt the agenda and Director Dr. Clifford Young second the motion. Hearing no discussion, the following vote was taken:

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Gregory Young, Director
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Clifford Young, Director
<b>AYES:</b>	Channing Hawkins, Michael Taylor, Clifford Young, Gregory Young
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Kyle Crowther

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Naseem Farooqi, Public Affairs Manager, inquired if there were any comments from the public via Zoom as no email comments were received. There were no public comments.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Greg Young motioned to adopt the Consent Calendar, but first requested a discussion asking Mr. Manbahal if Staff was comfortable taking money out of the contingency fund for Item No. 7. Mr. Manbahal stated since some funds were utilized earlier in the year out of the contingency fund, it would be best to possibly wait and include this item in the next year’s budget. Director Greg Young then amended his motion with Mr. Manbahal’s recommendation to adopt the Consent Calendar and table Item No. 7 until the next year’s budget. Director Dr. Michael Taylor second the motion and the following vote was taken:

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Gregory Young, Director
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Taylor, Director
<b>AYES:</b>	Channing Hawkins, Michael Taylor, Clifford Young, Gregory Young
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Kyle Crowther

1. JANUARY 21, 2021 – REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES.
2. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2021 (PO, TREASURER, CASH DISBURSEMENT, REVENUES & EXPENDITURES).
3. BUDGET PREPARATION CALENDAR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22.
4. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2 - CONCURRING IN NOMINATION OF RANDALL REED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ACWA/JPIA.
5. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3 - PLACING IN NOMINATION SHAMINDRA K. MANBAHAL AS A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTING THE SOUTHERN NETWORK.
6. CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY FOR ALL EMPLOYEES.
7. CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE THE BOARD ROOM AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEM.

Item was tabled until next year’s budget during the adoption of the Consent Calendar.

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**8. I-10 CEDAR AVENUE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AMENDMENT NO. 1.**

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

**9. ORDINANCE NO. 87: SETTING THE NUMBER OF SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND METERS TO BE PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON AT THE DISTRICT'S LORD RANCH SITE.**

Director Dr. Clifford Young requested a discussion asking if this will increase in any way the fees upon our ratepayers. Mr. Van Jew, Assistant General Manager, Operations and Engineering, stated that this will not impact increasing the rates for our ratepayers. Director Dr. Michael Taylor motioned to approve Item No. 9 and table Item No. 10 until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Vote died for lack of a second. Director Dr. Michael Taylor motioned to approve Item No. 9 and Director Greg Young second the motion. Hearing no further discussion, the following vote was taken:

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michael Taylor, Director
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Greg Young, Director
<b>AYES:</b>	Channing Hawkins, Michael Taylor, Clifford Young, Gregory Young
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Kyle Crowther

**10. REVIEW OF SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY - UTILIZATION OF DISTRICT RESOURCES BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Director Dr. Michael Taylor motioned to move this Item to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting and President Channing Hawkins second the motion. Hearing no discussion, the following vote was taken:

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michael Taylor, Director
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Channing Hawkins, President
<b>AYES:</b>	Channing Hawkins, Michael Taylor, Clifford Young, Gregory Young
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Kyle Crowther

**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 Greg Young informed the Board that he was invited by Director June Hayes to attend the Rialto Utilities Commission meeting. A presentation was provided by Valley District regarding water levels in the basins in which they have discovered there are more useable water storage in the San Bernardino, Rialto-Colton, Riverside and Arlington groundwater basins. It was a very good and interesting presentation.
- President Channing Hawkins thanked everyone for attending and stated that there are some very important events coming up. First event is the State of the District which will be for the public, members of the Board and Staff to review what the District has accomplished in

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the past year. This event will be virtual and is scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The second event is hosted by IEWORKS Virtual Water Summit for strengthening the wastewater and water workforces. This event is scheduled for March 1, 2021 between 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Prayers for Texas and the devastating news of four million people without power and some without water. How can the District as an agency support Texas as they begin to recover from this tragic situation?

There are appointments available at San Bernardino County for providing vaccines for 65 and older as well as first responders and schools.

**2. General Manager**

- Mr. Rickey Manbahal stated that he will investigate how the District can help those in Texas.

**3. Legal Counsel**

- Mr. Robert Tafoya reported that there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

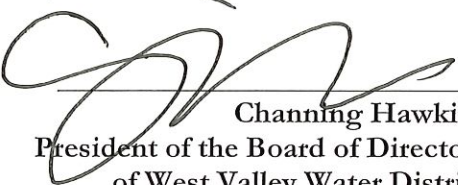
**CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Robert Tafoya reported out of Closed Session that there were no reportable actions taken.

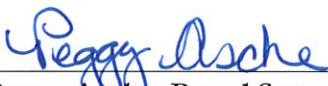
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: Number of Cases: Four (4).
2. INITIATION OF LITIGATION PURSUANT TO Government Code Section 54956.9(c).
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Naisha Davis v. West Valley Water District et al. Case No. 20STCV0323.
4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (54957.6) DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS; Shamindra Manbahal, Robert Tafoya, Union Negotiators; re: International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 12.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

  
Channing Hawkins  
President of the Board of Directors  
of West Valley Water District

**ATTEST:**

  
Peggy Asche, Board Secretary

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