

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**of the**  
**WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**  
**May 18, 2023**

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:05 p.m. 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: Five (5).
- 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: Nadia Loukeh. vs West Valley Water District, Case No. CIVSB2116242
- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 Titles: Acting General Manager.

The Board adjourned the closed session at 7:16 p.m. to conduct the business portion of the meeting.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Call to Order - President Gregory Young called the Regular Board Meeting of the West Valley Water District to order at 6:05 p.m. with all Board members present and Vice President Dan Jenkins attending remotely.  
Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Kelvin Moore.  
Opening Prayer - Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Young of Loveland Church  
Roll Call of Board Members -

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Late</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Channing Hawkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Angela Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kelvin Moore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Daniel Jenkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7:27 PM
Gregory Young	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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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"/>
Joanne Chan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda Jadeski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jose Velasquez	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excused	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socorro Pantaleon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jon Stephenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Albert Clinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elvia Dominguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## ADOPT AGENDA

### MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Director Kelvin Moore motioned to adopt the agenda and Director Angela Garcia seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kelvin Moore, Director
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Angela Garcia, Director
<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 or in-person, or on Zoom. Therefore, President Young closed the public comment period.

## PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Workers Compensation.

President Young reported on his attendance at an Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference and gave a presentation overview of information shared regarding Workers Compensation and workplace claims; gave an update on efforts to regain entrance into JPIA Risk Management insurance, and suggested a tour for the Board President of JPIA might be beneficial.

Director Channing Hawkins requested an update on the procurement for Risk Management Insurance Services. Human Resource and Risk Management Manager Haydee Sainz responded and gave an update on the effort and stated that a formal report would be given at the upcoming Human Resources Committee meeting.

### 2. Updates from ACWA/JPIA conference updates.

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President Young reported on three bills that were discussed during his attendance at the Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) Board meeting and inquired why the bills were not reported to the full board for discussion, felt the lobbyist legislative reports were not in depth, and stated that as four members of the Board attended the ACWA Legislative Conference in Sacramento, the bills could've been discussed with legislators they met with.

Director Channing Hawkins commented his preference for addressing these types of concerns outside of a Board meeting and suggested Acting Government and Legislative Affairs Manager Socorro Pantaleon respond to the concerns or prepare an advisory memo from the External Affairs Committee to the Board. Ms. Pantaleon then gave a status on the upcoming bills in question, elaborated on previous reports that were provided to the External Affairs Committee, commented on the department being short staffed, and stated Senator Polanco would attend the upcoming External Affairs Committee to provide an update that could be forwarded to the Board.

After further discussion, the Board took no further action.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS #1 - #3.

Director Kelvin Moore motioned to adopt consent calendar items #1 - #3 and Director Channing Hawkins seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

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

1. Spectrum Fiber Internet Service Upgrade from 200 Mbps to 1 Gbps
2. Approval of the Purchase and Professional Installation of a New FortiGate 101F Next Generation Firewall with Endpoint Protection, Detection, and Automated Response
3. Approval of Legal Invoice Payment to Carpenter Rothans Dumont for March 2023 Invoice 3568 for \$544.00

## BUSINESS MATTERS

### 4. NITRATE INITIATIVE UPDATE

President Gregory Young reported on the item.

Board discussion included the need for the Nitrate study and whether nitrates are an issue in the service area; possibility of hiring a consultant to conduct a nitrate assessment; and a recommendation by Director Channing Hawkins to continue the discussion to a future meeting.

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Director Angela Garcia concurred with continuing the item and requested the item include additional options for remedies to the nitrate concern. The item was tabled to the next scheduled meeting without objection.

**RESULT: ITEM CONTINUED TO BOARD**

**Next: 6/1/2023 5:30 PM**

**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 wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day and congratulated all graduating students.

President Gregory Young announced General Counsel interviews scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2023 starting at 8:00 a.m. And reminded Board Members of the Inland Valley Solar Challenge event and polled board members for attendance.

**2. General Manager**

Acting General Manager Van Jew reported that the draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 would be presented at the upcoming Finance Committee, and announced an upcoming tour by the Eastern Municipal Water District.

Chief Financial Officer William Fox gave further details on the upcoming General Counsel Interviews.


**3. Legal Counsel**

Interim Counsel Vincent Ewing then reported the following: The Acting General Manager and Interim General Counsel met with the Board to discuss the listed Closed Session items, direction was given, and no action was taken.

**ADJOURN**

President Gregory Young adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM

**ATTEST:**

  
Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on July 6, 2023 by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District.

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