

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
April 1, 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended Closed Session Only			
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"/> remote	<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"/>
Rosa Gutierrez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Schaack	<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

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Director Greg Young
Opening Prayer - Led by Pastor John Hill, Sunrise Church
Roll Call of Board Members

ADOPT AGENDA

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

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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gregory Young, Director
SECONDER:	Michael Taylor, Director
AYES:	Channing Hawkins, Michael Taylor, Kyle Crowther, Gregory Young
EXCUSED:	Clifford Young

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

PRESENTATION

- State of SCADA and Infrastructure.

Mr. Joe Schaack provided a PowerPoint presentation on the District's SCADA system stating that it is an automation system that controls the wells, pumping stations, and treatment facilities. Currently, the District's SCADA is a proprietary system and is costly to upgrade or modify as the system integrator is Tesco. Most of the equipment is over 20 years old and maintenance, upgrades, and modifications must be done by Tesco. An upgrade of the SCADA system to an open-source platform will benefit the District despite the capital cost, and it can be done in stages, such as the SCADA upgrade being planned as part of the Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration expansion. An open-source platform allows the District to select integrators based on price, performance, and availability as well as allows the District's in-house technicians to perform most of the maintenance, upgrades, and modification work instead of having to rely on an integrator. Mr. Van Jew stated that the SCADA system is a very reliable tool for the District.

- Treasurer's Report by Clifton Larson Allen.

Mr. Ted Mueller reported on the Treasurer's Report stating that they review this report monthly. Mr. Mueller would like to highlight the grand total of funds under control of the District stating a year ago in February 2020 the District's grand total was approximately \$61.2 million and in February 2021 it is at \$65.5 million. The District did take advantage of shifting money out of its savings and checking for a higher interest rate. The District is doing a good job of managing its money and trying to maximize the return-on-investment funds. Documents were reviewed that are maintained at the District, and all investments are within the District's Investment Policy, which is what the State of California requires for investments. This concluded his report. Mr. Shamindra Manbahal thanked Mr. Mueller stating that he would like a quarterly report to the Board conducted by Clifton Larson Allen for substantial backing to the monthly report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Dr. Michael Taylor motioned to adopt the Consent Calendar and Director Greg Young second the motion. Hearing no discussion, the following vote was taken:

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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Taylor, Director
SECONDER:	Gregory Young, Director
AYES:	Channing Hawkins, Michael Taylor, Kyle Crowther, Gregory Young
EXCUSED:	Clifford Young

1. MARCH 4, 2021 - REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES.
2. MARCH 18, 2021 - REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES.
3. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO IVIE MCNEILL WYATT PURCELL & DIGGS, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED IN DECEMBER 2020 AND JANUARY 2021, INVOICES NO'S. 744019 AND 744117; TOTALING \$27,909.29.

BUSINESS MATTERS

None

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 wished everyone a happy Easter weekend. Also, thanked Cynthia Birts, Naseem Farooqi, Shamindra Manbahal for attempting to try and schedule the four module courses for him with the California Special Districts Association (CSDA).
- President Hawkins wished all the ratepayers, community at large, and staff a holy and happy Easter holiday.

2. Legal Counsel

3. General Manager

- Mr. Shamindra Manbahal reported that this week staff reached out to the District's Federal Lobbyist, David Turch and Associates, to apply for congressional funding for several projects and additional funding from Mr. Aguilar's District. Also, working with the State Revolving Fund portion of the Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration Facility Expansion.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Robert Tafoya reported out of Closed Session stating that the Board considered multiple items in Closed Session and did take final action; therefore there are reportable actions. One reportable action that was taken 5 to 0 to amend Mr. Shamindra Manbahal's contract to add an additional 5%

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pay increase for the additional duties that he has taken on as the Interim General Manager. The following vote was taken:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Channing Hawkins, Michael Taylor, Clifford Young, Kyle Crowther, Gregory Young
NAYS:	None

The second reportable action taken is the Board voted 3 in favor, 0 against, and 2 abstained to reimburse Dr. Clifford Young \$5,000.00 per his request for reimbursement of legal fees. The following vote was taken:

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 to 2]
AYES:	Michael Taylor, Kyle Crowther, Gregory Young
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Young, Channing Hawkins

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: Number of Cases: Two (2).
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Title(s): Interim General Manager.
- 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 7:22 p.m.



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

ATTEST:


Peggy Asche, Board Secretary