



**SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL
WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

JUNE 7, 2023

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CHAIR:
Fred M. Tovar, M.Ed., Gilroy

VICE CHAIR:
Rene Spring, Morgan Hill

BOARD MEMBERS:
Marie Blankley, Gilroy
Dion Bracco, Gilroy
Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Morgan Hill

SECRETARY:
Saeid Vaziry, P.E.

SCRWA MANAGER:
Jimmy Forbis, Gilroy

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Tovar
Rene Spring
Marie Blankley
Dion Bracco
Yvonne Martinez Beltran

STAFF PRESENT:

Gilroy
Jimmy Forbis
Daryl Jordan
Saeid Vaziry
Harjot Sangha

Morgan Hill
Chris Ghione
Dat Nguyen

VALLEY WATER:

John Varela
Kirsten Struve

I. Call to Order

Director Tovar called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

A. Certification of posting of the agenda

Kerry Edmonds reported the agenda was posted on May 30, 2023 @ 8:08 A.M.

B. Roll Call

All members were present

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of minutes of the April 5, 2023 meeting

Motion to approve Consent Calendar moved by Director Bracco, seconded by Director Blankley.

Ayes: Tovar, Spring, Blankley, Bracco, Martinez Beltran

Nays 0, Abstain: 0

Vote: Motion Carried

III. Presentation by members of the public on items not on the agenda

None

IV. Bids and Proposals

None

V. Old Business

A. Harjot Sangha presented Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budgets

Motion to approve Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 Operating and Capital Improvement Program

Budgets moved by Director Blankley, seconded by Director Bracco.

Ayes: Tovar, Spring, Blankley, Bracco, Martinez Beltran

Nays 0, Abstain: 0

Vote: Motion Carried

VI. New Business

A. Selection of SCRWA Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Motion to appoint Rene Spring as Chairperson, Dion Bracco as Vice-Chairperson and Saeid Vaziry

as Secretary for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year moved by Director Blankley, seconded by Director Bracco.

Ayes: Tovar, Spring, Blankley, Bracco, Martinez Beltran

Nays 0, Abstain: 0

Vote: Motion Carried

- B. Saeid Vaziry presented the Twelfth Addendum to Agreement with Jacobs for Continuation of Operational Services for Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation Facilities for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025
Motion to approve Twelfth Addendum to Agreement with Jacobs for Continuation of Operational Services for Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation Facilities for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 moved by Director Spring, seconded by Director Martinez Beltran.
Ayes: Tovar, Spring, Blankley, Bracco, Martinez Beltran
Nays 0, Abstain: 0
Vote: Motion Carried
- C. Saeid Vaziry presented the Agreement with Stantec for Continuation of Engineering Services for Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation Facilities for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025
Motion to approve Agreement with Stantec for Continuation of Engineering Services for Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation Facilities for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 moved by Director Spring, seconded by Director Martinez Beltran.
Ayes: Tovar, Spring, Blankley, Bracco, Martinez Beltran
Nays 0, Abstain: 0
Vote: Motion Carried

VII. Communications

- A. Cash and Investment Report as of March 31, 2023
Harjot Sangha presented the Cash and Investment Report as of March 31, 2023
Rene asked how safe SCRWA's existing investments are in view of the recent large bank failures.
Harjot is confident that investments are safe at this time.

VIII. Reports

- A. Jacobs
John Edgar reported there were no violations this past quarter. Director Spring asked how all the rain impacted the plant and were there any problems. John was happy to report that everything worked as it should. Saeid Vaziry mentioned some flooding in the farm areas and thanked the board for previously approving equipment that might be needed for these kinds of issues.
- B. Valley Water – Director Varela was in attendance
Director Varela reported California is out of a drought, now the problem is what to do with all the excess water that will result from the snow melt. Central Valley is already experiencing flooding and it will only get worse.
- C. Stantec
Billy Wong reviewed the Engineering Projects Report – June 2023.
- D. SCRWA Manager
Jimmy Forbis brought up site security and Saeid Vaziry updated the Board on the front gate project and future access to the site.

A board member asked if we had a security staff for the plant, Saeid explained that this is a huge plant therefore 1 person is nearly impossible to secure the entire site. We do have a security company monitoring the plant via cameras at an affordable rate and does notify a plant operator if there is a concern.
- E. SCRWA Attorney
Andy Faber mentioned changing the board meeting schedule from July to June due to the budget and officer selection requirements. It will be brought back to the next meeting for vote.

Andy also talked about ongoing litigation in LA at the wastewater treatment facility initiated by the environmental group against the state water board regarding effluent discharge.
- F. Board Members
None

Adjourn

Chairman Spring adjourned the meeting at 8:36 A.M.



Gina Bonnell, Deputy Secretary of the Board
South County Regional Wastewater Authority