



**SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL  
WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

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**CHAIR:**  
Rene Spring, Morgan Hill

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Fred M. Tovar, M.Ed., Gilroy

**BOARD MEMBERS:**  
Marie Blankley, Gilroy  
Dion Bracco, Gilroy  
John McKay, Morgan Hill

**SECRETARY:**  
Saeid Vaziry, P.E.

**SCRWA MANAGER:**  
Jimmy Forbis, Gilroy

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rene Spring  
Fred Tovar  
Marie Blankley  
Dion Bracco  
John McKay

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Gilroy**  
Jimmy Forbis  
Jonathan Crick  
Harjot Sangha  
Saeid Vaziry

**Morgan Hill**  
Chris Ghione  
Dat Nguyen  
James Sylvain  
Christina Turner

**VALLEY WATER:**

Richard Santos  
John Varela  
Kirsten Struve  
David Tucker

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Spring called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

**He announced that all Board Members are participating remotely pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order Number N-29-20 in order to minimize the spread of the COVID 19 virus. This meeting is being conducted live via Webex. Public comments can be submitted throughout the meeting by emailing gina.bonnell@jacobs.com. Comments must be received before he closes the public comment portion for each item. The Deputy Secretary will read the first 3 minutes of each comment into the record.**

- A. Certification of Posting of the Agenda  
**Gina Bonnell reported the agenda was posted on January 27, 2022 @ 9:57 AM.**
- B. Roll Call  
**All Board Members were present**

**II. New Business**

- A. Consideration of authorizing virtual meetings pursuant to Section 54953 of the Brown Act for SCRWA Board

***Motion to approve Resolution 2022-01 Authorizing Virtual Meetings for Thirty Days Pursuant to Section 54953 of the Brown Act for SCRWA Board moved by Director Blankley, seconded by Director Bracco.***

***Ayes: Spring, Tovar, Blankley, Bracco, McKay***

***Nays 0, Abstain: 0***

***Vote: Motion Carried***

**III. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approval of Minutes of the November 3, 2021 meeting
- B. Board Meeting Schedule for 2022

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

***Ayes: Spring, Tovar, Blankley, Bracco, McKay***

***Nays 0, Abstain: 0***

***Vote: Motion Carried***

**IV. Presentation by Members of the Public on items not on the Agenda**

None

**V. Bids and Proposals**

None

**VI. Old Business**

None

**VII. Communications**

A. Harjot Sangha, City of Gilroy, reviewed the Audited Financial Statement for the Year Ended June 30, 2021 and answered Board Member questions.

B. Billy Wong, Stantec, presented an update of the capital projects construction for Plant Expansion and Maintenance Facilities.

**VIII. Reports**

A. Jacobs

1. Wastewater Acronyms
2. Plant Reports – October, November, and December 2021
3. Recap of Expenses – October, November, and December 2021
4. Septage Report – October, November, and December 2021

**Chris Vasquez reviewed the Jacobs reports. The plant was in compliance all three months and he discussed an informational note on the December report regarding a BOD sample. Plant activities included Community Involvement donations, marrying SCRWA/Valley Water asset lists and working on a transformer for the RAS building after a storm event took it out of service. Operations has been working on annual UV flow calibrations and prepping for an Ox Ditch take down for inspections. Chris introduced a new OIT. The Laboratory as been working on permit samples due in March. He also gave an update on Covid at the facility.**

**Saeid Vaziry noted that Jacobs completed the year end actuals for 2021. The plant had a record year for recycled water production and noted the CIP projects made a difference.**

B. Valley Water – Directors Santos and Varela were in attendance as well as two staff members, Tucker and Struve.

**Director Varela reported water conservations levels are now above 20%, however, we are still in a significant drought due to lack of rain and early snowpack melt. Preliminary ground water production charge projections are in review. We are receiving water from the federal government and state water project. The cost of imported water has escalated significantly. Federal and State dollars are available for water for zero and or reduced rates. Desalinization plants as well as new water pipelines are being discussed.**

**Director Santos encouraged participation in Valley Water’s rebate programs for water conservation.**

**Kirsten Struve commented that purified water efforts in northern Santa Clara County benefit the entire county**

**David Tucker reminded the Board that the Technical Working Group meets monthly**

**Director Varela answered questions from the Board.**

C. Stantec

**Billy Wong reviewed the Engineering Projects Report – February 2022.**

D. SCRWA Manager

**No report**

E. SCRWA Attorney

**No report**

F. Board Members

**No reports**

**Adjourn**

Chairman Spring adjourned the meeting at 8:42 A.M.

*G. Bonnell*

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