

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT
HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT
VIA TELECONFERENCE

July 20, 2022
10:30 o'clock, A.M.

Pursuant to the call of the Chairperson and upon written notice of the Secretary setting the time and place of a special meeting and mailed to each Director at least 24 hours before the meeting, a special meeting of Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County was held at the Joint Administration Office, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California, on July 20, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., via teleconference, for the purpose of:

1. Public Comment
2. Approve *Resolution of the Board of Directors of Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 by California Governor and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Body*
3. Adopt Joint Resolution Approving and Accepting Negotiated Exchange of Property Tax Revenues Resulting from Annexation of Territory Known as Reorganization 2020-01 (Tesoro Del Valle) to City of Santa Clarita (City) Affecting County of Los Angeles, Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, and Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District; Detachment from County Road District No. 5; Withdrawal from Los Angeles County Library; and Transfer between City and County of Certain Improvements, Facilities, Assessments, and Other Related Items

There were present: Jason Gibbs, Director from Santa Clarita
Kathryn Barger, Alternate Director from Los Angeles County
Laurene Weste, Chairperson, Director from Santa Clarita

Absent: None

Also present: Kimberly S. Christensen, Secretary to the Board
Wes Beverlin, District Counsel

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

were no public comments or questions to address the

The Chairperson announced this was the time for any questions or comments by members of the public. There Board on any matters.

RE: RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON MARCH 4, 2020 BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY - ADOPT

teleconferenced meetings, during the continued existence of the Governor's proclaimed state of COVID-19 emergency, will be conducted under the provisions of AB 361 which added California Government Code section 54953(e), to the Brown Act. Under the provisions of AB 361 (Government Code section 54953(e)), at their first next meeting, each District must adopt, by majority vote, an initial resolution making certain findings about the continuing COVID state of emergency and health and safety risks of conducting their board meeting in person. By statute, this Resolution and its referenced findings, are only legally valid for 30 days. A copy of the proposed Resolution was attached to the agenda. A recommendation was made to adopt the Resolution.

A proposed *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 by California Governor and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Body*, was presented. The Governor's two executive orders (N-29-20 & N-08-21), under which the agency has been conducting its

Upon motion of Director Barger, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the following Resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF
EMERGENCY ON MARCH 4, 2020 BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR AND AUTHORIZING
REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (“District”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the District’s Board of Directors and committees; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the District’s Board of Directors are open and public, pursuant to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Sections 54950-54963) (the “Brown Act”), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, observe and watch the District’s Board of Directors conduct business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Section 54953(e), allows for conducting and participating in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition under the Brown Act Section 54953(e) is the declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor pursuant to California Government Code Section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within California caused by the conditions outlined and described in California Government Code Section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of a state of emergency is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District’s boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-induced disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that the state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or the Board of Directors of the District have held a meeting where it considered and determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the District as Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer issued March 3, 2022 (the “County Order”) includes recommendations that all persons within the jurisdiction of the County of Los Angeles public health agency always practice required and recommended infection control measures when among others, especially in an indoor setting; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Directors does hereby find that the ongoing and significant risks associated with COVID-19 infection, especially in the absence of capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for indoor activities, on those individuals with underlying health conditions that make them susceptible to severe COVID-19 illness and individuals who are not and cannot be vaccinated, that COVID-19 infection remains a significant health hazard to all residents, and desires to proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California, and further, ratify the County Order findings related to the ongoing health hazards of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the declared state of emergency and the local emergency, the Board of Directors of the District does hereby find that the District shall continue to conduct its meetings in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(e), and that the legislative bodies of the District shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to, and an opportunity to comment at all meetings of the District’s legislative bodies in accordance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(e)(2); and

WHEREAS, the District will continue its practice of live streaming its meetings via the Zoom software platform which allows members of the public to observe and participate in the meetings via video or call-in options and will continue to offer members of the public an opportunity to make oral comments during the meetings and/or submit written comments before the meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true, correct, and are incorporated in this Resolution by reference.

Section 2. Proclamation of Local Emergency. The Board of Directors of the District does hereby proclaim that a local emergency now exists throughout the territory of the District and, as described in the County Order, recommendations from health officers include ongoing masking, and social distancing practices especially for indoor settings and particularly for individuals who, due to vaccine status or underlying health conditions, continue to be at risk for severe illness, and COVID-19 infection remains a significant health hazard to all residents of the District.

Section 3. Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The District's Board of Directors hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Chief Engineer and General Manager, staff and legislative bodies are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, without limitation, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with the Brown Act Section 54953(e) and all other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of 30 days after the date of this resolution, or such time that the District's Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with the Brown Act Section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the District may continue to teleconference without compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(b)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County this 20th day of July 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Three (3)

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RE: REORGANIZATION 2020-01
RESOLUTION APPROVING AND
ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE
OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES - ADOPT

The City of Santa Clarita (City) is proposing to annex territory located within the District's service area. The Revenue and Taxation Code requires that the District and other agencies that are already providing service to the territory, and are receiving property tax revenue,

adopt a joint resolution approving the amount of property tax revenue to be apportioned to the agency providing the new service. The apportionment is determined by the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller. A map prepared by the City showing the proposed annexation was attached to the agenda. This joint resolution is a revised version that supersedes the one adopted by the Board in August 2020 for this annexation. Staff has determined that adoption of the joint resolution does not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15378. A recommendation was made to adopt a Joint Resolution approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from the annexation of the territory known as the Reorganization 2020-01 (Tesoro Del Valle) to the City of Santa Clarita affecting County of Los Angeles, Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, and Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District; Detachment from County Road District No. 5; Withdrawal from Los Angeles County Library; and transfer between the City and County of certain improvements, facilities, assessments, and other related items.

Upon motion of Director Barger, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board of Directors of Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County does hereby approve the Joint Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, and Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District, detachment from County Road District No. 5; withdrawal from Los Angeles County Library; and transfer between the City and County of certain improvements, facilities, assessments, and other related items, and this Board of Directors, approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Reorganization 2020-01 to the District, a copy of which is on file at the Office of the District and by reference incorporated herein as though fully set forth; and the Chairperson and Secretary are authorized to execute the Joint Resolution on behalf of the District.

Upon motion of Director Gibbs, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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