

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**VICTOR VALLEY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY (VWVRA)**  
**January 7, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Debra Jones called the meeting to order at 7:32 AM; via teleconference with the following members present:

**CITY OF VICTORVILLE**  
**CITY OF HESPERIA**  
**ORO GRANDE (CSA 42) AND**  
**SPRING VALLEY LAKE (CSA 64)**  
**TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY**

**Debra Jones, Chair**  
**Bill Holland, Vice-Chair -ABSENT**  
**Dakota Higgins, Secretary**  
**Scott Nassif, Treasurer**

**VWVRA Staff and Legal Counsel:**

**Darron Poulsen, General Manager**  
**Kristi Casteel, Secretary to GM/Board**  
**Piero Dallarda, Legal Counsel (BB&K)**  
**Robert Coromina, Director of Administration**

**Guest Present:**

**Liz Becerra, City of Victorville**  
**Keith Metzler, City of Victorville**  
**Nils Bentsen, City of Hesperia**

Chair Jones read the following statement:

Welcome to the VWVRA January 7, 2021, Special meeting. I hope that you can all hear us. If you are following us and you are unable to speak for any reason or encounter any difficulties, please contact via e-mail our Board clerk, Kristi Casteel, her contact information is printed on the first page of the agenda. She or another VWVRA employee will try to assist you. Please note that we will be having a closed session shortly after 7:30 a.m. telephonically though a different line so this line maybe silent until we come back from closed session.

I am sure that all the participants have noticed the COVID 19 notice on the first page of our agenda. Public participation in our democracy is really fundamental to the health of our democracy. We wish we could hold our meeting in person but given the current COVID19 contagion concerns and our Governor's order and the Order of the Public Health officer for the County of San Bernardino, we are holding our meeting via Internet and telephonically. We will do our best to conduct the meeting in an orderly fashion and make sure that anyone who would like to participate has a chance to do so. Please follow the instructions on the first page of the agenda so we can make sure that you get to

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participate. Hopefully, we won't have to hold many meetings in this fashion and, our future meetings will be in person because COVID-19 is no longer a concern. For right now, however, it is key that we keep the social distancing guidelines.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS- CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

Chair Jones asked if there were any comments from the public regarding any item on the Closed Session Agenda. Hearing none, Chair Jones called for a motion to enter into Closed Session.

**Moved: Commissioner Nassif**

**Second: Commissioner Higgins**

**Motion to enter into Closed Session**

**Chair Jones- Yes**

**Commissioner Holland- Absent**

**Commissioner Higgins- Yes**

**Commissioner Nassif- Yes**

**Motion passed by a 3-0 roll call vote with Commissioner Holland absent**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 8:08 AM.

**Roll Call for Open Session**

**Chair Jones- Present**

**Commissioner Holland- Absent**

**Commissioner Higgins- Present**

**Commissioner Nassif- Present**

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Piero Dallarda stated that under Government code section 54956 B- anticipated litigation in the matter of Gina Cloutier vs. VVWRA case number RCI-36632 concerning a determination and findings by the Department of Industrial Relations. The Board met in closed session with a quorum present to review, consider and discuss the letter of

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determination dated December 11, 2020 by Deputy Labor Commissioner Kim Kaufman. The Board unanimously objects the entire determination and all conclusions and finding therein and has directed legal counsel to respond to the determination accordingly.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS- REGULAR SESSION AGENDA**

None

**POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The board will adjourn to a regular board meeting on January 21, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.**

**APPROVAL:**

**DATE:** January 21, 2021

**BY:**



Approved by VVWRA Board Paul Cook,  
Secretary VVWRA Board of Commissioners