

Board of Directors

**Regular Meeting**

**08/10/23 at 6:00 p.m.**

Santa Margarita Community Room  
2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, California

**Minutes**

**1. Convene**

1.1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Perri called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Santa Margarita Community Room. The meeting was conducted in a hybrid setting.

Directors

Bill Ekwall

Wade Leishman

Chris Perri

Danny Reber

Ruth Stiles

Staff

Nate Gillespie, Operations Manager

Nick Kurns, Finance and Customer Service Manager

David McNair, General Manager

Guests

Rosemary Menard, Water Director City of Santa Cruz Water Department (SCWD)

Heidi Luckenbach, Deputy Director / Engineering Manager SVWD

Doug Engfer, City of Santa Cruz Water Commission

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Vice President Leishman led the pledge and Director Reber the invocation.

1.3. Closed Session Report (none)

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

1.5. Oral Communications

None.

**2. Presentation**

City of Santa Cruz Water Department Water Supply Alternatives Update

Rosemary Menard, the Water Director, City of Santa Cruz Water Department presented an update on its Water Supply Alternatives. The presentation is available at [www.svwd.org/meetings](http://www.svwd.org/meetings).

**3. Administrative**

*Items are informational in nature and do not include an agenda report.*

3.1. Committee and Other Agency Meeting Reports

Engineering and Water Resources Committee (none)

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Finance & Personnel Committee 07/26/23

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee 07/26/23

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

3.2. Associate Board Member Discussion

The Board discussed additional methods to recruit Associate Board Members.

**4. Consent**

*Items are routine in nature, may include agenda reports and be approved by one motion.*

4.1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting 06/08/23

Approved the minutes of the 06/08/23 Regular Board Meeting.

4.2. Grace Way Well Exploratory Borehole

Ratified award of the public works contract with Maggiora Brothers Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$139,000 for the construction of an exploratory borehole in support of the Grace Way Well Project.

MOTION Stiles/Ekwall carried to approve the Consent agenda as submitted by unanimous voice vote.

**5. Public Hearings (none)**

*Items include an agenda report with recommendation, an oral staff report or presentation.*

**6. Business**

*Items are complex in nature, considered individually, and each item includes an agenda report with recommendation and an oral staff report or presentation.*

6.1. Compensation Adjustments for Exempt Employees

MOTION Leishman/Reber carried to approve the compensation adjustments for Finance and Customer Service Manager, Operations Manager and Assistant to General Manager classifications by unanimous voice vote.

6.2. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 5 Board Elections for the 2024-2025 Term

MOTION Ekwall/Stiles carried to direct the General Manager to submit the ballot for the recommended slate of candidates for the ACWA Region 5 Board Elections for the 2024-2025 term by unanimous voice vote.

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**7. Staff Reports**

7.1. Legal

District Counsel – (none)

7.2. Administrative

General Manager McNair reported that the Scotts Valley Water District / Soquel Creek Water District Efficiency Study is being paused and may resume at a future date, attending Scotts Valley Leadership quarterly breakfast, speaking at the State of City event and the Scotts Valley City Plan is available for review.

7.3. Finance

Financial Reports 07/01/22 through 06/30/23

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

7.4. Operations

Operations Report

Production, Demand and Rainfall Data (none)

Development Project Status Report 07/31/23

Operations Manager Gillespie reported on Glenwood Tank slide, Bethany Tank replacement, Sucinto Well drilling, Grace Way Well borehole, Hacienda Pump Station completion, Sanitary Survey, Sequoia Tank roof, MacDorsa Tank drainage and 9 service line breaks since June 2023.

**8. Directors Reports**

President Perri reported that he cannot attend the September meeting.

Vice President Leishman reported that he cannot attend the September meeting and is attending Leadership Santa Cruz Class 37.

**9. Written Correspondence (none)**

**10. Community Relations**

June and July Newsletters

At 8:25 p.m. President Perri recessed open session and announced the closed session item Performance Evaluation General Manager.

At 8:30 pm. President Perri convened closed session.

**11. Closed Session**

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- 11.1. Pursuant to Government Code Section §54957  
Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
Title: General Manager

At 8:35 p.m., President Perri adjourned closed session and returned to open session

**12. Report on Closed Session and Additional Items**

- 12.1 Report

President Perri reported that the Board conducted a performance evaluation for the General Manager.

- 12.2 Approve the terms and conditions of the agreement with the General Manager.

MOTION carried to approve the terms and conditions of the agreement with the General Manager.

**13. Future Items**

**14. Meetings and Event Calendar**

Board Meetings

09/14/23

10/12/23

11/09/23

Committee Meetings

08/23/23 Finance & Personnel

08/28/23 Engineering & Water Resources

TBD Executive & Public Affairs

**Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency**

Board Meeting 08/24/23

**15. Events**

ACWA Fall Conference 11/28/23 – 11/30/23, Indian Wells

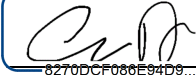
**16. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Chris Perri, Board President

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David McNair, Board Secretary