

Board of Directors  
**Regular Meeting**  
**1/11/24 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 Leishman called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 (absent)

Ruth Stiles

Staff

Robert Bosso, Legal Counsel

Nate Gillespie, Operations Manager

Rahni Jensen, Executive Assistant / Board Clerk

Nick Kurns, Finance and Customer Service Manager

David McNair, General Manager

Guests

Colin Corstorphine

Suzy Hunt

Greg Kassner

Allyson Violante

Alexander Schulz

Jasmine Schulz

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

President Leishman led the pledge, and Director Ekwall led the invocation.

1.3. Closed Session Report

None.

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

1.5. Oral Communications

None.

**2. Presentation (none).**

**3. Administrative**

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

3.1. Committee and Other Agency Meeting Reports

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None.

3.2. Committee Appointments for 2024

Engineering and Water Resources

Wade Leishman, Bill Ekwall, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate: Chris Perri, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate: Ruth Stiles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alternate: Danny Reber.

Executive and Public Affairs

Wade Leishman, Danny Reber, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate: Chris Perri.

Finance and Personnel

Ruth Stiles, Chris Perri, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate: Danny Reber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate: Bill Ekwall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alternate: Wade Leishman

Interagency

Danny Reber, Alternate: Wade Leishman

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Board

Chris Perri, Ruth Stiles, Alternate: Wade Leishman

ACWA Subcommittee Assignments

No action this meeting.

**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 12/14/23

Approved the minutes of the 12/14/23 Regular Board Meeting.

4.2. Water Loss Audit Report

Operations Manager Gillespie presented the Water Loss Audit Report for 2022. The Board accepted the report.

MOTION Stiles/Perri to approve the Consent agenda as submitted by unanimous voice vote (Reber Absent).

**5. Public Hearings (none).**

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

**6. Business**

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*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. Junior Associate Board Members

The Board conducted individual interviews with the following candidates: Alexander Shulz and Jasmin Shulz.

MOTION Ekwall/Stiles to appoint Alexander Schulz and Jasmine Schulz as Associate Junior Board Members by unanimous voice vote (Reber absent).

6.2. Community Members on Committees

The Board conducted individual interviews with the following candidates: Colin Corstorphine, Suzy Hunt, Greg Kassner and Allyson Violante.

MOTION Perri/Ekwall to appoint Colin Corstorphine as Finance & Personnel Committee Community Member, Suzy Hunt as Finance & Personnel Committee Community Member, Greg Kassner as Engineering & Water Resources Committee Community Member, and Allyson Violante as Engineering & Water Resources Committee Community Member by unanimous voice vote (Reber absent).

**7. Staff Reports**

7.1. Legal

District Counsel Bosso did not have anything additional to add.

7.2. Administrative

General Manager McNair reported a new SLVWD representative has been added to the SMGWA Board of Directors. The District met with Santa Cruz County Bank.

7.3. Finance

Financial Reports 07/01/23 through 11/30/23

Finance and Customer Service Manager Kurns presented the financial reports, and highlighted differences between the financials this fiscal year in comparison to last fiscal year.

7.4. Operations

Operations Report

Production, Demand and Rainfall Data

Water Supply Conditions

Development Project Status Report

Operations Manager Gillespie discussed current demand in comparison to recent years and provided an update for the two bids that were received for the Sucinto

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Well Project.

**8. Directors Reports (none).**

Travel and Meetings.

**9. Written Correspondence**

**10. Community Relations**

December Newsletter

**11. Closed Session (none).**

**12. Report on Closed Session and Additional Items (none).**

**13. Future Items**

Sucinto Well

Grace Way Well

Water Main Replacement Contract

Project Status Update

Communications & Community Outreach Report

**14. Meetings and Event Calendar**

Board Meetings

Committee Meetings

02/08/24

01/24/24 Finance & Personal

03/14/24

01/22/24 Engineering & Water Resource

04/11/24

01/24/24 Executive & Public Affairs

**Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency**

Board Meeting 02/29/24


**15. Events (none).**

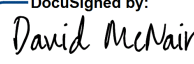
**16. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Wade Leishman, Board President

David McNair, Board Secretary