

Board of Directors

**Regular Meeting**

**11/14/24 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 6:01 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

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

Junior Board

Alex Schulz

Jasmin Schulz

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Director Ekwall led the pledge, and Director Reber 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. Appointment in Lieu of Election

President Leishman reported that Director Perri and Director Reber have been appointed in lieu of an election and will assume office in early December once the election has been certified.

3.2. ACWA Appointment

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The Board selected General Manager McNair to act as the Scotts Valley Water District representative for ACWA.

MOTION Reber/Ekwall carried unanimous voice vote

- 3.3. Committee and Other Agency Meeting Reports  
Engineering and Water Resource Committee (10/28/24)  
Nothing to add to the written report.

Finance & Personnel Committee (10/23/24)  
Nothing to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee (none)

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board (10/24/24)

Director Perri reported that an ad hoc committee was established for the new annual report.

**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 10/10/24  
Approved the minutes of the 10/10/24 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION Ekwall/Stiles 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. Water Rate Increase Consideration

Customer Service & Finance Manager Kurns provided information. The Board discussed.

MOTION Perri/Reber carried to 2) Adopt Resolution 06-24 approving rate increase less than established by Resolution 08-21. Effective 01/01/25 as submitted by unanimous roll call vote.

AYES: Ekwall, Leishman, Perri, Reber, and Stiles

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

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**7. Staff Reports**

7.1. Legal

Legal Counsel Bosso expressed thanks for his time as the legal counsel for the Scotts Valley Water District.

President Leishman and General Manager McNair discussed the many years of service Bosso has provided the District, and thank him for his time, expertise, and wisdom over the years. The 11/14/24 Board of Directors meeting is his last meeting, the Board congratulates Bosso on his retirement and wish him well.

7.2. Administrative

General Manager McNair provided updates regarding work the District is doing to prepare upcoming projects so they are “shovel ready” in the event grants or funding become available to the District as well as the upcoming Santa Margarita Ground Water Agency event taking place with the Valley Women’s Club at the Felton Community Hall.

7.3. Finance

Financial Report 7/1/24 – 9/30/24

Kurns provided an update to the new payment software update, he highlighted the work staff has been done to provide customer service during this transition.

7.4. Operations

Operations Report

Gillespie provided updates on current projects including LID project, Sucinto well, two hydrant replacements, Well 10a, and Orchard Run annual maintenance. Carlos has been promoted to Lead Water Facilities Operator, the District has begun a recruitment for a Water Facilities Operator I/II/III.

**8. Directors Reports**

Director Perri noted the upcoming SMGWA event, Director Ekwall provided a suggestion the bill mailings.

**9. Written Correspondence (None)**

**10. Community Relations**

October Newsletter

Press Banner Article – SV Leaders & Strategic Goals

**11. Closed Session (None)**

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

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**13. Future Items**

- Oath of Office
- Annual Comprehensive Audited Financials Report
- Elect chair and vice chair

**14. Meetings and Event Calendar**

Board Meetings	Committee Meetings
12/12/24	1/22/25 Finance & Personal
1/9/25	1/27/25 Engineering & Water Resource
2/13/25	1/22/25 Executive & Public Affairs

**Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency**

Board Meeting 2/27/25

**15. Events (None)**

**16. Adjourn**

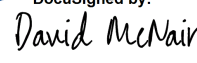
The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Signed by:  
  
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Wade Leishman, Board President

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David McNair, Board Secretary