

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

1/9/25 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 Reber 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

Terry Rein, 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

Guests

Jared Solmonsén, Nigro & Nigro

Greg Kassner

Frank Cheap

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Director J. Shulz led the pledge, and Director Leishman led the invocation.

1.3. Closed Session Report

None.

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Item 6.1 will be presented during Presentations.

Guest Kassner asked the Board of Directors about water supply resiliency in the event of a natural disaster, in light of the recent Palisades wildfires in Southern California. General manager McNair provided information regarding annual assessments that are already in practice, as well as an upcoming meeting with Scotts Valley Fire Department to review the current system. McNair highlighted the existing intertie with San Lorenzo Valley Water District as well as the intertie that is currently in construction with Santa Cruz Water District. SLVWD are also assessing their own wildfire resiliency, and SVWD have taken part in some of these meetings.

1.5. Oral Communications

None.

2. Presentation

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Business Item 6.1 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Customer Service & Finance Manager Kurns provided a brief summary and introduction to the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Guest Solomnsen with Nigro & Nigro presented the report. The Board discussed.

MOTION Leishman/Stiles carried to receive the validated Water Loss Audit Report CY2023 by unanimous voice vote

Midyear Project Status Update, Nate Gillespie

The Board received Gillespie's presentation.

3. Administrative (None)

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

3.1. Committee and Other Agency Meeting Reports

Engineering & Water Resource Committee (none)

Finance & Personnel Committee 12/18/24

Nothing to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee (none)

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board (none)

3.2. SMGWA Appointments

President Reber appointed Director Perri and Director Leishman as committee members, Director Ekwall as alternate.

3.3. Committee Appointments

President Reber appointed committee members as follows:

Engineering & Water Resources

Danny Reber, Ruth Stiles, 1st Alternate Bill Ekwall, 2nd Alternate Chris Perri, 3rd Alternate Wade Leishman.

Finance & Personnel

Bill Ekwall, Chris Perri, 1st Alternate Wade Leishman, 2nd Alternate Ruth Stiles, 3rd Alternate Danny Reber.

Executive & Public Affairs

Danny Reber, Ruth Stiles, Alternate Wade Leishman

4. Consent

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

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4.1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting 12/12/24

Approved the minutes of the 12/12/24 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION Perri/Ekwall carried to approve the consent agenda, by unanimous voice vote.

5. Public Hearings (None)

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

6. Business (None)

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. Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports

This item was discussed during item 2. Presentations.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. Legal

Legal Counsel Rein discussed Prop 218.

7.2. Administrative

General Manager McNair discussed the Big Basin Water Company receivership, Lydia Rositer from Moonshot Missions and LAFCO are providing assistance to them. McNair will be meeting with San Lorenzo Water District next week. On December 27th there was a main break, which called in all Operations staff. So far the District has received 10.9 inches of rain, which is a good start.

7.3. Finance

Financial Report 7/1/24 – 11/30/24

Customer Service & Finance Manager Kurns had nothing to add to the written report.

7.4. Operations

Operations Report

Gillespie provided updates on current projects including additional information from the main break in December, a community meeting for Intertie 1 will be held soon, and a new water facilities operator started this week.

8. Directors Reports

Director Stiles discussed recent wildfires in southern California.

Director Leishman wanted to thank staff for their work, especially for the main break in December.

President Reber met with McNair to discuss a possible inter district meeting.

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9. Written Correspondence (None)

10. Community Relations

December Newsletter

November Newsletter

ACWA JPIA Presidents Special Recognition Award – SVWD

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11. Closed Session (None)

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

13. Future Items

Water Supply Conditions

Communications and Community Outreach Report

Quarterly Financial Report

14. Meetings and Event Calendar

Board Meetings

2/13/25

3/13/25

4/10/25

Committee Meetings

1/22/25 Finance & Personal

1/27/25 Engineering & Water Resource

1/22/25 Executive & Public Affairs

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Board Meeting 2/27/25

15. Events (None)

16. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Danny Reber, Board President

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David McNair, Board Secretary