

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

5/08/25 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 6:00 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

Junior Board

Alex Schulz

Jasmin Schulz

Staff

Terry Rein, Legal Counsel

Nate Gillespie, Operations Manager

John Dillon, Finance & Customer Service Manager

David McNair, General Manager

Rahni Jensen, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Director Perri led the pledge, and Director Leishman 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. Summer Meeting Schedule

The Board discussed the meeting schedule for the summer. The June Committee Meetings, and the July 10th Board of Directors meeting are cancelled.

3.2. Committee and Other Agency Meeting Reports

Engineering & Water Resource Committee 4/28/25

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Nothing to add to the written report.

Finance & Personnel Committee 4/23/25

Nothing to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee 4/23/25

Nothing to add to the written report.

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board (None)

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 4/10/25

Approved the minutes of the 4/10/25 Regular Board Meeting.

4.2. Think Twice Program

Approved the Think Twice Program.

4.3. Rate Assistance Program

Approved the Rate Assistance Program.

4.4. Identity Theft Prevention Program

Approved the Identity Theft Prevention Program.

4.5. Surplus Vehicles

Declared the following Equipment as surplus and authorize the advertisement of the vehicle and equipment for public sale: 2012 Ford F250 VIN 1FDBF2AT3CEA12142, Wachs Vac Trailer VIN 1E9PT13179C297275, Trailer Frame VIN 5TUS1411RF116297.

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

5. Public Hearings

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

5.1. AB2561 Public Hearing – Vacancy Reporting

Following the Consent agenda, the Board moved to the Business section to wait for the Public Hearing to begin.

The public hearing began at 6:15 PM. McNair introduced the item. Executive Assistant/Board Clerk Jensen presented the vacancy information from 2024. The Board received information and discussed. No one from the public or AFSCME commented.

The public hearing closed at 6:33 PM and the Board resumed the meeting with item 6.2.

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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. Proposed FY2026 Budget Review

Following the Consent agenda, the Board moved to item 6.1.

Finance & Customer Service Manager Dillon presented the proposed FY 2026 budget. The Board discussed and provided direction for the final draft.

Following item 6.1. the Board began item 5.1., the public hearing at 6:15 PM.

6.2. FY2026 Strategic Work Plan

At 6:33 PM the Board resumed from the public hearing.

General Manager McNair presented the Work Plan for FY2026. The Board discussed.

MOTION Perri/Ekwall carried to approve the updated Management Objectives and accept the FY 2026 Draft Work Plan by unanimous voice vote.

6.3. Water Supply Conditions & Demand Strategies

McNair presented the current water supply conditions. With current rain fall totals, and prior year averages; this places the District in Stage 1 drought conditions. The Board discussed.

MOTION Perri/Ekwall carried to establish Stage 1 Water Supply Conditions effective 6/1/2025, by unanimous voice vote.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. Legal

None to add at this time.

7.2. Administrative

General Manager McNair reported the application for development adjacent to Polo Ranch had renewed.

7.3. Finance

Quarterly Financials

Financial Report 7/1/24 – 3/31/25

Dillon presented the financial report.

7.4. Operations

Operations Report

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Operations Manager Gillespie provided an update regarding Grace Way Well, Intertie-1, and Granite Creek main repair.

8. Directors Reports

President Reber remarked on the upcoming Community Awards.

9. Written Correspondence (None)

10. Community Relations

April Newsletter

LAFCO Run-Off Election Results

ACWA Call for '26 – '27 President/Vice President

11. Closed Session (None)

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

13. Future Items

Water Waste Policy

Rebates Program

FY2026

Regulations Review Schedule

Board Compliance Tracker

14. Meetings and Event Calendar

Board Meetings

6/12/25

8/14/25

9/11/25

Committee Meetings

5/28/25 Finance & Personal

5/28/25 Engineering & Water Resource

7/23/25 Executive & Public Affairs

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15. Events (None)

16. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Danny Reber, Board President

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David McNair, Board Secretary