

Board of Directors

**Regular Meeting**

**1/8/26 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 Stiles 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

Ruth Stiles

Chris Perri

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

Guests

Bill Jager

Jonathan Flint

Domonic Osorio (Remote)

Jarden Solmonsén

Suzy Hunt

Demitri Vavaroutsos

Absent

Danny Reber

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Reflection

Director Perri led the pledge, and Director Leishman led the reflection.

1.3. Closed Session Report

None.

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Business Items 6.1 and 6.3 will be presented at the start of the meeting in the order of 6.1 then 6.3. Meeting will resume regular order with item 3.1.

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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Engineering & Water Resource Committee (None)

Finance & Personnel Committee 12/17/25

Nothing to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee (None)

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board (None)

3.2. Committee Appointments

Engineering and Water Resources

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

Executive and Public Affairs

Ruth Stiles, Bill Ekwall, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate: Danny Reber

Finance and Personnel

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

Interagency

Danny Reber, Alternate: Chris Perri

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Board

Chris Perri, Wade Leishman, Alternate: Ruth Stiles

**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 12/11/25

Approved the minutes of the 12/11/25 Regular Board Meeting

MOTION Leishman/Ekwall, carried to approve consent agenda 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 (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. Community Members on Committees

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The Board conducted individual interviews with the following candidates: Jonathan Flint, Suzy Hunt, and Bill Jager. Colin Corstorphine was not present.

MOTION Leishman/Ekwall to appoint Colin Corstorphine Finance & Personnel Committee Community Member, Jonathan Flint as Finance & Personnel Committee Community Member, Suzy Hunt as Engineering & Water Resources Committee Community Member, Bill Jager as Engineering & Water Resources Committee Community Member by unanimous voice vote, Reber absent.

Item 6.3 was presented.

6.2. Junior Associate Board Members

Applicants Denger and Corstorphine removed their applications for consideration. The Board conducted individual interviews with the following candidates: Dominic Osorio and Demitri Vavaroutsos.

MOTION Leishman/Perri carried to appoint Dominic Osorio and Demitri Vavaroutsos as Associate Junior Board Members by unanimous voice vote, Reber absent.

6.3. Accept Comprehensive Financial Reports

General Manager McNair introduced the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Jaren Solmonsens with Nigro&Nigro presented the report. The Board discussed.

MOTION Perri/Ekwall carried to accept the Scotts Valley Water District Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025 as presented by unanimous voice vote, Reber Absent.

**7. Staff Reports**

7.1. Legal

Rein discussed AB 399. Board discussed

7.2. Administrative

McNair provided an update on rainfall, two recent main line breaks, and encroachment permits. The Board discussed.

7.3. Finance

Financial Report 7/1/25 – 11/30/25

Dillon had nothing to add to the Financial Report, and provided information about the upcoming Rate Study.

7.4. Operations

Operations Report

Production, Demand & Rainfall

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Gillespie provided updates regarding the main line break on Scotts Valley Drive, a power outage during the Holiday break, a main line leak on Lucinda during the Holiday break, as well as a separate main line leak on Lucinda on January 7<sup>th</sup>, Well 11b status, Grace Way Well, and Intertie-1.

**8. Directors Reports**

Director Perri noted recent participation at an ACWA Committee regarding rainfall collection.

Director Leishman noted the weather gauge is out of function on the SVWD website, staff confirmed knowledge of it's status.

**9. Written Correspondence**

JPIA Recognition Award

**10. Community Relations**

December Newsletter

**11. Closed Session (None)**

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

**13. Future Items**

**14. Meetings and Event Calendar**

Board Meetings

2/12/26

3/12/26

4/9/26

Committee Meetings

1/28/26 Finance & Personal

1/26/26 Engineering & Water Resource

1/28/26 Executive & Public Affairs

**Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency**

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**15. Events (None)**

**16. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m

Approved:

Attest:

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*Ruth L Stiles*  
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Ruth Stiles, Board President

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*David McNair*  
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David McNair, Board Secretary