

Board of Directors

**Regular Meeting**

**2/12/26 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. Director Perri indicated he would be teleconferencing from 1018 N Corbin Ln, Spokane Valley, WA.

Directors

Bill Ekwall

Wade Leishman

Ruth Stiles

Chris Perri

Danny Reber

Junior Board

Dominic Osorio

Demitri Vavaroutsos

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

Cavlin (M2)

Bill (M2)

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Junior Board Member Osorio led the pledge, and Director Leishman led the reflection.

1.3. Closed Session Report for Special Meeting 1/27/26 – Anticipated Litigation

The Board met with legal counsel and discussed anticipated litigation. No action was taken. Director Leishman recused himself from this meeting.

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

1.5. Oral Communications

None.

**2. Presentation**

Communications and Community Outreach Report

Calvin with Miller Maxfield presented the Communications and Community Outreach Report. The Board received information and discussed.

Project Status Update

Operations Manager Gillespie presented the Project Status Update. The Board received infor-

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mation and discussed.

**3. Administrative**

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

3.1. Committee and Other Agency Meeting Reports

Engineering & Water Resource Committee 1/26/26

Nothing to add to the written report.

Finance & Personnel Committee 1/28/26

Nothing to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee 1/28/26

The meeting was cancelled.

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 1/8/26

Approved the minutes of the 1/8/26 Regular Board Meeting

4.2. Approval of Minutes – Special Board Meeting 1/27/26

Approved the minutes of the 1/27/26 Special Board Meeting.

4.3. Validated Water Loss Audit Report 2024

Received the validated Water Loss Audit Report for 2024.

Director Leishman asked that item 4.2 be voted on separately.

MOTION Reber/Ekwall, carried to approve items 4.1 and 4.3 by unanimous roll call vote.

AYES: Ekwall, Leishman, Perri, Reber, Stiles

NOS: None

MOTION Perri/Ekwall, carried to approve item 4.2 by unanimous roll call vote, Leishman abstained.

AYES: Ekwall, Perri, Reber, Stiles

NOS: None

ABSTAIN: Leishman

**5. Public Hearings (None)**

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

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**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 Supply Conditions

General Manager McNair presented the current Water Supply Conditions. The Board received information.

**7. Staff Reports**

7.1. Legal

Legal Council Rein provided information regarding Proposition 218 in relation to the current Rate Study

7.2. Administrative

McNair provided an update regarding grant funding for current projects, relations with the City of Scotts Valley. The Board discussed.

7.3. Finance

Financial Report 7/1/25 – 12/31/25

Quarterly Financial Report

Customer Service & Finance Manager Dillon discussed current focus within his division including the Rate Study and the FY2027 Budget.

7.4. Operations

Operations Report

Production, Demand & Rainfall

Gillespie provided updates regarding the main line repair on Glenwood Drive, a main break on Cadillac Dive, Lucinda Drive main line repairs, and the weather station status. The Board discussed.

**8. Directors Reports**

Director Reber noted that the Chamber of Commerce was able to use the community room recently. Director Leishman provided an explanation for recusing himself from the Special Meeting. Director Perri discussed reaching out to City Council Members about current relations with the City of Scotts Valley.

**9. Written Correspondence**

ACWA Regulation Roundup

Santa Cruz County Notice Re: Scotts Valley Town Center

**10. Community Relations**

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

- 13. **Future Items**  
Surplus Vehicle  
Proposed Projects Budget

- 14. **Meetings and Event Calendar**  

Board Meetings	Committee Meetings
3/12/26	2/23/25 Finance & Personal
4/9/26	2/23/26 Engineering & Water Resource
5/14/26	4/22/26 Executive & Public Affairs


**Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency**

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- 15. **Events** (None)
- 16. **Adjourn**  
The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m

Approved:

Attest:

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 Ruth Stiles, Board President

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 David McNair, Board Secretary