

Scotts Valley Water District  
Board of Directors  
**Regular Meeting**  
**02/11/21 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**1. Convene**

1.1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Ekwall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted in a remote access format in compliance with Executive Order N-29-20.

Directors

Bill Ekwall  
Wade Leishman  
Chris Perri  
Danny Reber  
Ruth Stiles

Staff

Bob Bosso, Legal Counsel  
Piret Harmon, General Manager  
David McNair, Operations Manager  
Donna Paul, Assistant to General Manager

Associate Directors

Noelle Downing  
Annie Finch

Audience

46 guests

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Associate Director Finch led the pledge of allegiance and Director Reber provided the invocation.

1.3. Closed Session Report (none)

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

1.5. Oral Communications

None.

**2. Presentation**

Communications and Community Outreach Update

Jennifer Murray, Miller Maxfield presented the Communications and Community Outreach Update. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)

**3. Administrative**

3.1. Approval of Minutes

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MOTION carried to approve the minutes of the 01/14/21 Regular Board Meeting by unanimous roll call vote.

3.2. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

Engineering and Water Resources Committee 01/20/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee 01/18/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Finance & Personnel Committee 01/19/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Interagency Committee (none)

Joint City–District Committee (none)

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Board 01/28/21

In addition to the written report, Director Stiles and Director Perri provided comments on new Board members, schedule and modeling scenarios.

3.3. Committees 2021

Information only, no action taken.

3.4. Consolidated Redevelopment Oversight Board Appointments

General Manager Harmon provided a staff report. Information only, no action taken.

**4. Consent** (none)

**5. Public Hearings** (none)

**6. Business**

6.1. Exploration of Possible Consolidation of Scotts Valley Water District (SVWD) and San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD)

General Manager Harmon provided a staff report.

Executive Officer Serrano of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Cruz County presented an overview of the consolidation process. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)

Upon completion of the presentation, Executive Officer Serrano and General Manager Harmon responded to questions from the Board.

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President Ekwall opened the floor for a public comment and question and answer session.

Upon completion of the public comment and question and answer session, final comments were made by the Board.

MOTION carried to proceed with exploring a possible consolidation of SVWD and SLVWD conditioned upon the San Lorenzo Valley Water District Board of Directors taking the affirmative action to move forward with exploring a possible consolidation by unanimous Roll Call vote.

6.2. Projects Mid-Year Update FY 2021

Operations Manager McNair presented the Projects Mid-Year Update FY 2021.

[Click here to view the presentation.](#)

Information only, no action taken.

6.3. Water Supply Outlook 2021

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

Information only, no action taken.

6.4. ACWA JPIA 2021 Executive Committee Election

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report and responded to Board comments and questions.

MOTION carried to adopt Resolution No. 01-21 concurring in nomination of Randall James Reed to the Executive Committee of the ACWA JPIA by unanimous Roll Call vote.

**7. Staff Reports**

7.1. Legal

None.

7.2. Administrative

The General Managers report is appended.

7.3. Finance

Financial Reports 07/01/20 through 12/31/20

None.

7.4. Operations

Production, Demand and Rainfall Data through 01/31/21

Leak Adjustment Report 07/01/20 through 12/31/20

None.

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**8. Directors Reports**

None.

**9. Written Correspondence**

The written correspondence was accepted without comment.

**10. Community Relations**

The written correspondence was accepted without comment.

**11. Closed Session (none)**

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

**13. Future Items**

Water Supply Outlook 2021  
Initial Projects List and Priorities FY 2022  
Groundwater Report WY 2020  
2020 Urban Water Management Plan  
AWIA Risk and Resilience Assessment  
AWIA Emergency Response Plan  
Water Rate Study and Prop 218 Hearing

**14. Meetings and Event Calendar**

Regular Board Meetings

03/11/21

04/08/21

05/13/21

Committee Meetings

02/22/21 Executive & Public Affairs

02/24/21 Finance & Personnel

02/22/21 Water Resources & Engineering

03/03/21 Interagency

02/22/21 Joint City District

**Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency**

Regular Board Meetings

02/25/21

03/25/21

04/22/21

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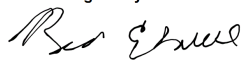
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**15. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Bill Ekwall  
Board President

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Piret Harmon  
General Manager

## **STAFF REPORT – General Items**

Scotts Valley Water District

**Date:** February 11, 2021

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** General Manager

1. (Los Angeles Times, 02/03/21) Even though the late January storms dumped large amounts of snow on the Sierra Nevada, precipitation indices show that the Northern Sierra is at 48% of normal, the Central Sierra, 58% and the Southern Sierra, 42%. The US Drought Monitor shows all of California in some level of drought, which is part of the broader drought afflicting the West. Utah and Nevada had their driest years on record in 2020, while other states in the Southwest endured a year that was among the driest in their history. The result has been that reservoirs on the Colorado River are less than half full. The same stands true for the major reservoirs in California that collectively are at about 51% of capacity and 75% of historical average.
2. I signed on to ACWA coalition letter supporting SB 323 on behalf of the District. The bill authored by Senator Anna Caballero recognizes the need to minimize fiscal uncertainty for public agencies by setting a time period (120 days) for a person or agency to bring a validation action in a superior court to determine the validity of a fee or charge for water and sewer service. The bill is intended to strike a balance between the interest of ratepayers and the need for public agencies to maintain reliable sources of revenue.
3. Executed a contract with Montgomery & Associates, in the amount of \$44,114, for evaluation of new production well at the former Well #6 site. Included in the scope of work: evaluate the suitability of the site for a new production well; recommend the depth and production capacity, evaluate potential impacts to basin groundwater levels and nearby production wells, develop an approach for constructing a well (environmental studies, permitting, drilling, test pumping).