

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
03/11/21 at 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

1. Convene

1.1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Ekwall called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. This 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

6 guests

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

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

1.3. Closed Session Report (none)

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

One guest provided public comment.

1.5. Oral Communications

One guest provided public comment.

2. Presentation (none)

3. Administrative

3.1. Approval of Minutes

02/11/21 Regular Board Meeting

MOTION carried to approve the minutes of the 02/11/21 Regular Board Meeting by unanimous roll call vote.

3.2. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

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Engineering and Water Resources Committee 02/22/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee 02/22/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Finance & Personnel Committee 02/24/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Interagency Committee 03/04/21

Director Leishman reported that it was his and several other members first meeting on this committee and that the integrated process for development and use of the infographic was discussed.

Joint City–District Committee 02/22/21

Director Stiles reported that the lack of recycled water being available when during future long term shut down of the inflow to the recycled water plant was discussed.

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Board 02/25/21

In addition to the written report, Director Stiles and Director Perri provided comments.

One guest provided public comment.

4. Consent (none)

5. Public Hearings (none)

6. Business

6.1. Water Supply Outlook 2021

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

Information only, no action taken.

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

General Manager Harmon reported SLVWD Board discussed this item at its 03/04/21 meeting and rather than moving forward, directed the District Manager to work with the SVWD General Manager to prepare an outline level report of the benefits and drawbacks including cost savings and additional expense.

The Board briefly discussed the current situation, based on comments by Board members made at the 03/04/21 it appears that the SLVWD Board is not a willing

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participant at this time.

No action was taken on this item. A status report will be provided at the April and May meetings.

6.3. Federal Tax Law Reimbursement Resolution

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

MOTION carried to adopt Resolution No. 02-21 declaring the District's intent to incur tax-exempt obligations to reimburse expenditures for the acquisition, construction and improvements of certain facilities of the District's infrastructure by unanimous roll call vote.

6.4. ACWA JPIA 2021 Executive Committee Election

MOTION carried to adopt Resolution No. 03-21 concurring in nomination of Melody A. McDonald to the Executive Committee of the ACWA JPIA.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. Legal

District Counsel Bosso reported on Supreme Court cases out of Stanislaus County and Antelope Valley and the Scottsborough settlement.

7.2. Administrative

General Manager – oral

The General Manager's report is appended.

7.3. Finance

Financial Reports 07/01/20 through 01/31/21

The financial reports were accepted without comment.

7.4. Operations

Operations Manager McNair reported on the Orchard Run Water Treatment Plan Project, AMI project, flushing program, Well 10 motor and pump replacement.

Production, Demand and Rainfall Data through 02/28/21

Leak Adjustment Program Report 07/01/20 through 01/31/21

8. Directors Reports

Director Perri reported that he attended an ACWA Groundwater Committee meeting on 03/04/21; has been selected as reporter for Region 5 on the Energy Committee; and attended the Future of Water presented by the Groundwater Resources Association on 02/23/21 and 02/24/21.

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Director Leishman reported that he will be absent from the 04/08/21 meeting.

President Ekwall reported that he and Vice President Stiles will be mentors for Associate Director Finch and Associate Director Downing.

9. Written Correspondence

Santa Cruz County Water Resources Management Status Report for 2020

The written correspondence was accepted without comment.

10. Community Relations

Water 101: With Big Changes afoot countywide, everything you need to know about what's coming out of your tap, Santa Cruz Lookout, 02/28/21

Does More Housing Mean more Water Demand in County, Santa Cruz Local 02/25/21

Leap of faith: North County water district toe line of merger talks, Press Banner 02/18/21

Up the Orchard Run, SVWD Rebuilds Largest Treatment Plant, Press Banner 02/05/21

February Newsletter, Special Edition

February Newsletter

The community relations were 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

Board Meetings

04/08/21

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Committee Meetings

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- 03/24/21 Finance & Personnel
- 03/22/21 Engineering & Water Resources
- 06/03/21 Interagency
- 03/15/21 Joint City District

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Board Meetings

- 03/25/21
- 04/22/21
- 05/27/21

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Events

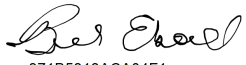
2021 Virtual Spring Conference and Exhibition 05/12/21 – 05/13/21


15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Bill Ekwall,
Board President

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Piret Harmon
General Manager

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STAFF REPORT – General Items

Scotts Valley Water District

Date: March 11, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: General Manager

1. We received a notice from ACWA JPIA that they chose SVWD as one of the recipients for the Risk Control Grant in 2020. The awarded amount of \$10,000 was granted for the purchase of the hydro excavator.
2. I attended ACWA Legislative Symposium today. Two main topics discussed were water affordability legislation and climate resilience bonds.
3. 2021-2022 Legislative Session has two high priority bills for the water community: SB 222 and SB 223 by Senator Bill Dodd. SB 222 would create a water affordability program for low-income Californians. SB 223 would revise SB 998 to place new statutory requirements on residential water service disconnections due to nonpayment – including the proposed forgiveness of ratepayer debt. ACWA has taken an oppose-unless-amended position on both bills. ACWA believes a water and wastewater low-income rate assistance program, designed in a reasonable, efficient and effective manner and funded with a progressive funding source, is the right approach.
4. The Legislature has also reintroduced several proposals for the upcoming session that focus on mitigating the impacts of climate change, including the impact to California's water supply reliability. These bills propose significant new funding for water specific issues as well as host of other climate management related initiatives. The 4th California Climate Change Assessment estimates that climate change costs could rise to around \$113B annually by 2050 if mitigation steps are not taken. FEMA estimates that for every \$1 spent on pre disaster resilience, \$6 are saved in damage and reconstruction costs. Despite increased public health and economic concerns related to Covid-19, a \$6B bond measure is favored by 20 points.