

Scotts Valley Water District

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
04/08/21 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 (absent)
Chris Perri
Danny Reber
Ruth Stiles

Staff

Bob Bosso, Legal Counsel
Piret Harmon, General Manager
Nick Kurns, Finance & Customer Service Manager
Donna Paul, Assistant to General Manager

Associate Directors

Noelle Downing
Annie Finch (absent)

Audience

6 guests

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Associate Director Perri 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

Pure Water Soquel

Ron Duncan, General Manager and Melanie Mow Schumacher, Special Projects and Communications Manager, Soquel Creek Water District presented the Pure Water Soquel Project. [Click here to view presentation.](#)

3. Administrative

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3.1. Approval of Minutes

03/11/21 Regular Board Meeting

MOTION carried to approve the minutes of the 03/11/21 Regular Board Meeting by unanimous roll call vote, Director Leishman absent.

3.2. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

Engineering and Water Resources Committee 03/22/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee (none)

Finance & Personnel Committee 03/17/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Interagency Committee 03/04/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Joint City–District Committee 02/22/21

Director Perri and Directors Stiles reported that the City and District are discussing a plan for what to do if the recycled water plant is down and recycled water is not available to the recycled water customers.

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

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

4. Consent

MOTION carried to approve the consent agenda by unanimous roll call vote, Director Leishman absent.

4.1. Legal Services Agreement

Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with the Law Offices of Robert E. Bosso in the amount of \$42,000 per year for legal services.

4.2. Water Supply Outlook 2021

Recommendation: Receive information and proclaim May 2021 as Water Awareness Month.

5. Public Hearings (none)

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6. Business

6.1. Groundwater Report, Water Year 2020

Georgina King, Montgomery & Associates presented the SVWD Groundwater Report for Water Year 2020 and responded to questions from the Board. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)

One guest provided public comment.

Motion carried to accept the Groundwater Management Plan Annual Report for Water Year 2020 with the addition of the following recommendations: 1) improve the pressure transducer data collection program; 2) resurvey well reference point elevations; and 3) continued participation in the development of the County of Santa Cruz's regional data management system; by unanimous roll call vote, Director Leishman absent.

6.2. Draft Annual Work Plan Fiscal Year 2022

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

MOTION carried to accept the Draft Annual Work Plan for FY 2022 by unanimous roll call vote, Director Leishman absent.

6.3. Capital and Maintenance Projects FY 2022-2026 Budget Projection

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

Operations Manager McNair presentation has been rescheduled to 05/13/21.

No action was taken on this item.

6.4. Budget Assumptions FY 2022

Finance and Customer Service Manager Kurns provided the staff report.

No action was taken on this item.

6.5. Water Rate Study Update

Finance and Customer Service Manager Kurns provided the staff report and responded to questions from the Board.

No action was taken on this item.

6.6. Exploration of Possible Consolidation of Scotts Valley Water District and San Lorenzo Valley Water District

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

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Joe Serrano, Executive Officer LAFCO provided comments. He also reported that the District's service review will be discussed at the May 5th LAFCO meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. Legal

District Counsel Bosso reported that he has worked on the recycled water issues and the Scottsborough payment was received.

7.2. Administrative

General Manager – oral

The General Manager's report is appended.

7.3. Finance

Financial Reports 07/01/20 through 02/28/21

The financial reports received no comments.

7.4. Operations

Operations Report (none)

Production, Demand and Rainfall Data (none)

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

The operations reports received no comments.

8. Directors Reports

Director Reber reported that the Art Wine and Beer Festival will be held at Siltanen Park.

President Ekwall reported that all Directors have submitted Form 700s and are current on mandatory trainings.

9. Written Correspondence

ACWA Groundwater Committee Meeting Report 03/04/21 (Montgomery & Associates)

Letter of Support: SB 323 Local Government: water or sewer service: legal actions 03/19/20

The written correspondence received no comments.

10. Community Relations

Water District Merger a Good Move, Scotts Valley Times 03/01/21

March Newsletter

SVWD News, Scotts Valley Senior Life Online Webinar on YouTube 03/01/21

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The community relations items received not comments.

11. Closed Session (none)

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

13. Future Items

Think Twice, Water Use Efficiency Program

Rebate Program

Water Supply Outlook 2021

Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2022

Urban Water Management Plan

AWIA Risk and Resilience Assessment

Water Rate Study

14. Meetings and Event Calendar

Board Meetings

05/13/21

06/10/21

07/08/21

Committee Meetings

04/26/21 Executive & Public Affairs

04/28/21 Finance & Personnel

04/26/21 Engineering & Water Resources

06/03/21 Interagency

04/13/21 Joint City District

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Board Meetings

04/22/21

05/27/21

06/24/21

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Events

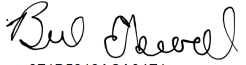
2021 Virtual Spring Conference and Exhibition 05/12/21 – 05/13/21

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.


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Approved:

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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: April 8, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: General Manager

1. A couple of resignation notices from neighboring agencies: Tina To, SLVWD Board Member and Daryl Jordan, City of Scotts Valley Public Works Director.
2. Scotts Valley City Council discussed the proposed wastewater rates at its meeting on 4/7 and supported staff recommendation for 9% increases in each year for FY 2022-FY 2026 period. The 5-year financial plan includes capital expenditure requirements for repair and replacement needs of the treatment plant and collection system but not the funds necessary to rehabilitate and modernize the treatment facilities. The City has issued an RFP for Wastewater Reclamation Facility Options Study: the proposals are due 4/23 and the draft study expected to be completed in a 3-month timeframe.
3. LAFCO Santa Cruz County is conducting a periodic Service and Sphere Review for Scotts Valley Water District. The staff of LAFCO is proposing a sphere amendment that aligns the existing sphere and service area boundaries. The draft report will be presented and available for public review later this spring.
4. As the dry weather continues, water purveyors in the Northern California are starting to declare drought conditions and establish response actions:
 - Santa Cruz Water Commission voted unanimously on 4/5 to recommend the City Council enact Stage 1 water shortage that means 10% systemwide water usage reduction.
 - Marin Municipal Water District is proposing mandatory conservation rules for the first time since 1988.
5. I was asked to serve on ACWA Region 5 Nominating Committee to select the Region 5 board members for the next term.
6. ACWA Spring Conference is scheduled for May 12-13 in virtual format. Please consider attending and reach out to Nick/Donna for additional information or assistance with registration.