

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
05/13/21 at 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

1. Convene

1.1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Ekwall called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The meeting was conducted in 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
Nick Kurns, Finance & Customer Service Manager
David McNair, Operations Manager
Donna Paul, Assistant to General Manager
LeAnne Ravinale, Water Use Efficiency Coordinator

Associate Directors

Noelle Downing (absent)
Annie Finch

Audience

6 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

The presentations from Business 6.1 Debt Financing for Capital Projects and Pension Liability Funding Strategy were added to item 2. Presentations.

1.5. Oral Communications

None.

2. Presentations

LeAnne Ravinale, Water Use Efficiency Coordinator presented the Biannual Water Use Efficiency Report

David McNair, Operations Manager presented the Capital and Maintenance Projects Fiscal Year 2022 – 2026. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)

Wing-See Fox, Urban Futures Inc., Nicki Tallman, Brandis Tallman, Juan Galvan, Jones Hall presented Debt Financing for Capital Projects. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)

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Julio Morales, Urban Futures Inc., presented the Pension Liability Funding Strategy.
Click here to view the presentation.

3. Administrative

3.1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board Meeting 04/08/21

MOTION carried to approve the minutes of the 04/08/21 meeting by unanimous roll call vote.

3.2. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

Engineering and Water Resources Committee 04/26/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee (none)

Finance & Personnel Committee 04/28/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Interagency Committee (none)

Joint City–District Committee 04/12/21 and 05/06/21

Director Stiles and Director Perri reported on discussions with the City on an agreement regarding delivery of recycled water for City use in the event of a disruption in recycled water availability.

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Board 04/22/21

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

3.3. ACWA Region 5 Call for Candidates

General Manager Harmon provided information on this item.

3.4. LAFCO Service and Sphere Review for Scotts Valley Water District

General Manager Harmon and LAFCO Executive Officer Serrano provided comments.

4. Consent

MOTION carried to approve the consent agenda by unanimous roll call vote.

4.1. Reclassification of an Electrician/Instrumentation Technician position

Recommendation: Approve the reclassification of one (1) Electrician /

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Instrumentation Technician position to alternatively staffed Electrical Instrumentation Technician / Electrical Instrumentation Technician Senior position.

4.2. Surplus Vehicles

Recommendation: Declare 2004 Ford F250 VIN 1FTMF20L84EC16472 and 2016 Ford F150 VIN FTRF17253NB26395 as surplus and authorize the advertisement of the vehicles for public sale.

5. Public Hearings (none)

6. Business

6.1. Debt Financing for Capital Projects and Pension Liability Funding Strategy`

Finance and Customer Service Manager Kurns provided the staff report

MOTION carried to 1) authorize staff to proceed with efforts necessary for financing capital projects; and 2) authorize the General Manager to proceed with the winning financing bid and execute necessary documents; and 3) receive information and provide input on strategies for paying down the District's unfunded pension liability by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION carried to adopt Resolution 04-21 Establishing Policy P200-21-1 Debt Management by unanimous roll call vote.

6.2. Water Supply Outlook and Demand Strategy 2021

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

MOTION carried to establish Stage 2 Water Supply Conditions for Water Year 2021 and direct staff to implement Add-on Drought Rates for the 2 billing periods: June-August, August-October by unanimous roll call vote.

6.3. Water Use Efficiency Program Think Twice 2021 Update and Rebate Program 2021 Update

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

The Board determined that pool covers are mandatory and to activate the recycled water fill station.

MOTION carried to 1) approve the Think Twice Water Use Efficiency Program; and 2) approve the Rebate Program by unanimous roll call vote.

6.4. FY 2022 Proposed Budget Summary

Finance and Customer Service Manager Kurns provided the staff report

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Information and provide input.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. Legal

District Counsel Bosso reported that he worked with staff on several matters and that two bills AB 339 Brown Act revisions and AB1334 per capita water use both have stalled in committee.

7.2. Administrative

The General Managers report is appended.

7.3. Finance

Financial Reports 07/01/20 through 03/31/21

7.4. Operations

Operations Manager McNair reported on the Orchard Run Water Treatment upgrades, the last AMI meter was installed and Alan Bainbridge has been hired as Water Facilities Operator I.

Production, Demand and Rainfall Data through 04/30/21

Leak Adjustment Program Report 07/01/20 through 03/31/21

7.5. Water Use Efficiency

Biannual Activity Report 11/01/20 through 04/30/21

8. Directors Reports

Director Perri reported that he attended JPIA and ACWA virtual conference.

Directors determined that the June meeting will be held in a hybrid setting.

9. Written Correspondence

Letter of Opposition: AB 1434 Indoor Residential Water Use Standards 04/09/21

Letter of Support: AB 1500 Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022.

10. Community Relations

A Dry Year Leads Water Manager to Think about Conservation Measures, KSBW 8, 04/09/21

11. Closed Session (none)

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

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13. Future Items

Budget Fiscal Year 2022
Urban Water Management Plan 2020
AWIA Risk and Resilience Assessment
Water Rate Study

14. Meetings and Event Calendar

Board Meetings

06/10/21

07/08/21

08/12/21

Committee Meetings

05/24/21 Executive & Public Affairs

05/26/21 Finance & Personnel

05/24/21 Engineering & Water Resources

06/03/21 Interagency

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Board Meetings

05/27/21

06/24/21

07/22/21

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Events

2021 Fall Conference and Exhibition 11/30/21 – 12/03/21 Pasadena

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Bill Ekwall, Board President

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Piret Harmon, Board Secretary

STAFF REPORT – General Items

Scotts Valley Water District

Date: May 13, 2021

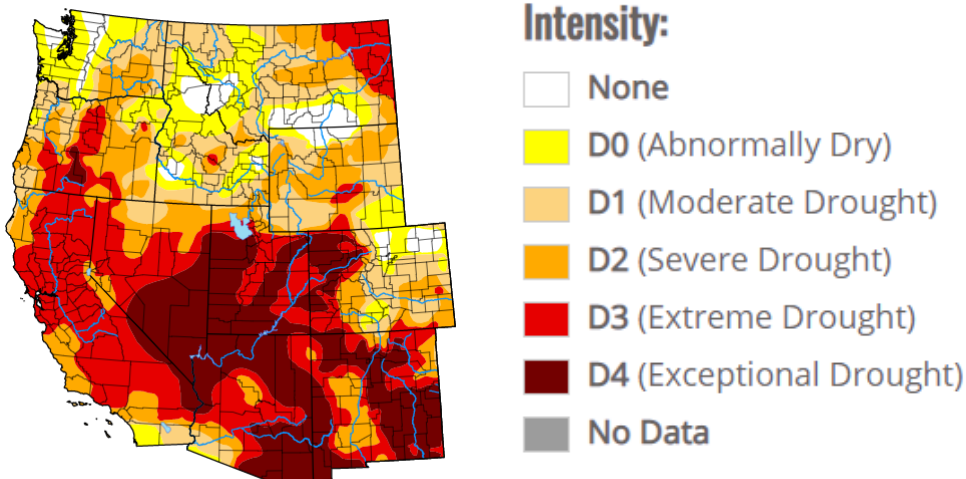
To: Board of Directors

From: General Manager

1. San Lorenzo Valley Water District Board of Directors appointed Jayme Ackemann for the vacant seat on May 6. The potential consolidation item is expected to be on agenda at their May 20 board meeting.
2. I attended ACWA JPIA Virtual Board Meeting on 5/10 and ACWA Virtual Spring Conference on 5/12-5/13.
3. District’s insurance carrier ACWA JPIA pooled programs highlights:
 - a. Liability: 335 members, no increase in pricing in last 14 years
 - b. Property: 280 members, 10% increase in pricing for the new year
 - c. Workers’ Compensation: 200 members, 10% reduction in pricing
 - d. Employee Benefits: 264 members, no increase in pricing in last 3 years

Each year JPIA reconciles the Rate Stabilization Fund. For those agencies that have a balance that exceeds the attachment point, a refund check is issued. In early 2021, 195 members received a refund and the total amount refunded was \$6.2 million. District received a check in the amount of \$32,401.26.

4. On May 10, Governor Newsom expanded his drought emergency declaration to 41 of California 58 counties. The new order covers the Sacramento and San Joaquin River watersheds, the Tulare Lake basin region and the Klamath region in far Northern California. About 30% of the state’s population is now covered by the declaration.



Information about current conditions, the state's response and resources available to the public are available at the state's new drought preparedness website.

5. On May 10, the Governor also announced \$5.1 Billion package of immediate drought response and long-term water resilience investments to address immediate, emergency needs, build regional capacity to endure drought and safeguard water supplies for communities, the economy and the environment. In addition to the \$5.1 billion investment, the Governor is proposing \$1 billion to help Californians pay their overdue water bills.

The Governor's \$5.1 billion proposed investment, over four years, aligns with his July 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio, a roadmap to water security for all Californians in the face of climate change. It is shaped by lessons learned during the 2012-16 drought, such as the need to act early and gather better data about water systems. The package includes:

- \$1.3 billion for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, with a focus on small and disadvantaged communities.
- \$150 million for groundwater cleanup and water recycling projects.
- \$300 million for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation to improve water supply security, water quality and water reliability.
- \$200 million for water conveyance improvements to repair major water delivery systems damaged by subsidence.
- \$500 million for multi-benefit land repurposing to provide long-term, flexible support for water users.
- \$230 million for wildlife corridor and fish passage projects to improve the ability of wildlife to migrate safely.
- \$200 million for habitat restoration to support tidal wetland, floodplain, and multi-benefit flood-risk reduction projects.
- \$91 million for critical data collection to repair and augment the state's water data infrastructure to improve forecasting, monitoring, and assessment of hydrologic conditions.
- \$60 million for State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program grants to help farmers reduce irrigation water use and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural pumping.
- \$33 million for fisheries and wildlife support to protect and conserve California's diverse ecosystems.
- \$27 million for emergency and permanent solutions to drinking water drought emergencies.