

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

06/10/21 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 Ekwall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted in a hybrid setting.

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

Associate Directors

Noelle Downing

Annie Finch (absent)

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

None.

1.5. Oral Communications

None.

2. Presentations (none)

3. Administrative

3.1. Approval of Minutes Regular Board Meeting 05/13/21

MOTION carried to approve the minutes of the 05/13/21 Board meeting by unanimous roll call vote.

3.2. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

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Engineering and Water Resources Committee 05/24/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee 05/24/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Finance & Personnel Committee 05/28/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Interagency Committee (none)

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Board 05/27/21

Director Perri and Vice President Stiles reported that the sustainability plan is coming together.

4. Consent (none)

5. Public Hearings

5.1 Draft 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Draft 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Spencer Waterman, Water Systems Consulting presented the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan and responded to questions from the Board. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)

President Ekwall opened the public hearing.

Comments were received from Frank Z. Keitai.

The public hearing was closed.

MOTION carried to adopt Resolution No. 05-21 approving the 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan as amended by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION carried to adopt Resolution No. 06-21 approving the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan as amended and authorizing it to be filed with the California Department of Water Resources by 06/30/21 by unanimous roll call vote.

6. Business

6.1. Rate Study and Proposed Rate Increases

Sanjay Gaur and Charles Diamond, Raftelis Financial Consultants provided an update on the Rate Study and responded to questions from the Board. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)

Comments were received from Frank Z. Kertai.

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No action was taken on this item.

6.2. Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget

Finance and Customer Service Manager Kurns provided the staff report.

MOTION carried to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 2022) Budget, including the FY 2022 Work Plan by unanimous roll call vote.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. Legal

District Counsel Bosso reported on discussions with the City regarding the recycled water agreement.

7.2. Administrative

General Manager
Board Compliance Tracker
Board Regulations Review Schedule

The General Managers reported is appended

7.3. Finance

Financial Reports 07/01/20 through 04/30/21

The financial reports were accepted without comment.

7.4. Operations

Operations Report
Production, Demand and Rainfall Data through 05/31/21
Leak Adjustment Program Report 07/01/20 through 04/30/21

Operations Manager McNair reported on the Orchard Run Water Treatment Plant project, public safety power shutoffs, Consumer Confidence Report and Annual Report to the Drinking Water Program.

8. Directors Reports

President Ekwall reported on the opening of the Recycled Water Fill Station.

9. Written Correspondence

SLVWD Letter and Board Memo: Exploration of Consolidation 05/24/21
Letter of Opposition: AB 377 Water Quality: Impaired Waters 05/18/21

10. Community Relations

May Newsletter

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Take the Water Savings Challenge

District declares Stage 2 water shortage KSBW 05/20/21

District offers new rebates and programs amidst Stage 2 water shortage Sentinel 05/21/21

County drought conditions update: How are water restrictions affecting you? Lookout 05/21/21

Possibility of merger between SLVWD and SVWD grinds to a halt Sentinel 05/25/21

11. Closed Session (none)

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

13. Future Items

City-District Recycled Water Allocation

Water Rate Study and Proposed Rate Increases

14. Meetings and Event Calendar

Board Meetings

07/08/21

08/12/21

09/09/21

Committee Meetings

06/21/21 Engineering & Water Resources

06/21/21 Executive & Public Affairs

06/23/21 Finance & Personnel

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Board Meetings

06/24/21

07/22/21

08/22/21

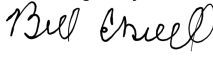
Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Events

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

15. Adjourn


The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Approved:

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Bill Ekwall, Board President

Attest:

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Piret Harmon, Board Secretary

STAFF REPORT – General Items

Scotts Valley Water District

Date: 06/10/21

To: Board of Directors

From: General Manager

1. The Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency was approved by the Department of Water Resources. It is among the first Plans (1 of the 2) to be approved by DWR under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).
2. I attended ACWA Business Development Committee meeting on 5/26/21. The committee received a recap of the Spring Virtual Conference, discussed Agency Certificate of Excellence (ACE) Program, ACWA Preferred Provider Program and non-dues revenue goals.
3. I attended ACWA Local Government Committee meeting on 6/2/21. Notable items of interest:
 - a. California State Legislature and Governor have both proposed \$1 billion for water bill arrearages in the 2021-22 budget proposal
 - b. SB223 (Dodd) was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee and will not advance. SB223 would have revised SB 998 to place new statutory requirements on residential water service disconnections due to nonpayment
 - c. Discussion on fixed service charges on the property tax roll
 - d. Multiple bills (AB339, AB361, SB274) related to open meetings and possible permanent changes to open meeting law
 - e. SB 594 would provide agencies with additional time and flexibility to redistrict in light of the late delivery of decennial census data.