

Board of Directors

**Regular Meeting**

**07/08/21 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 (remote)  
Ruth Stiles

Staff

Piret Harmon, General Manager  
Nick Kurns, Finance & Customer Service Mgr, (remote)  
David McNair, Operations Manager (remote)  
Donna Paul, Assistant to General Manager (remote)

Associate Directors

Noelle Downing  
Annie Finch (remote)

Audience

2 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

Joe Serrano, Executive Director of LAFCO invited the Board to attend a webinar hosted by the California Special District Association and LAFCO on 08/11/21.

**2. Presentations (none)**

**3. Administrative**

3.1. Approval of Minutes Regular Board Meeting 06/10/21

MOTION carried to approve the minutes of the 06/10/21 Board meeting by unanimous roll call vote.

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3.2. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

Executive & Public Affairs Committee 06/21/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Engineering and Water Resources Committee 06/21/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Finance & Personnel Committee 06/23/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Interagency Committee (none)

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Board 05/27/21 and 06/24/21

Director Perri that the groundwater sustainability plan goals were reviewed and received updates on the remaining sections.

4. **Consent** (none)

5. **Public Hearings** (none)

6. **Business**

6.1. Rate Study and Proposed Rate Increases

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

The Board discussed monthly billing; changing the billing volume to 100-gallon units and residential accounts that are served by ¾” meter but billed at the 5/8” rate and directed staff to provide additional information on these particular accounts.

No action was taken on this item.

6.2. Debt Financing for Capital Projects

Wing See Fox, Urban Futures Inc. provided the report.

MOTION carried to adopt Resolution No. 07-21 authorizing the execution of an installment sale agreement with First Foundation Public Finance to provide funds in the maximum principal amount of \$6,300,000 to finance certain improvement to the Water System and approving related documents and actions by unanimous roll call vote.

7. **Staff Reports**

7.1. Legal (none)

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7.2. Administrative

The General Managers reported is appended.

7.3. Finance

Financial Reports 07/01/20 through 05/31/21

The financial reports were accepted without comment.

7.4. Operations

Operations Report - oral

Production, Demand and Rainfall Data (none)

Leak Adjustment Program Report 07/01/20 through 05/31/21

Operations Manager McNair reported on the Orchard Run Water Treatment Plant project and on the upcoming water main replacement project.

**8. Directors Reports**

Director Stiles reported on difficulties surrounding new data security measures.

Associate Director Downing reported on working at the recycled water fill station.

**9. Written Correspondence**

Commentary Letter: Santa Cruz County Water Managers

ACWA Advisory: Governor Newsom and Legislature Reach Tentative Agreement of Drought and COVID-19 Water Arrearage Funding

**10. Community Relations**

June Newsletter

**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**

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Committee Meetings

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07/26/21 Executive & Public Affairs

07/28/21 Finance & Personnel

**Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency**

Board Meetings

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**Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Events**

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

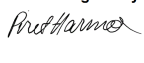
**15. Adjourn**

**16.** The meeting adjourned at 8:27 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:** 07/08/21

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** General Manager

1. Governor Newsom today issued both a Proclamation that expands the state's April 21 drought emergency to include nine additional counties, Santa Cruz being one of them, and an Executive Order calling for Californians to voluntarily reduce water use by 15% compared to 2020 levels.
2. We did the prize drawing for June Water Saving Challenge today. Winner is Alain Dumesny who achieved 30% reduction in water use compared to 2020 June. He converted sprinklers to drip irrigation, replaced a pool cover and identified an underground leak. Mr. Dumesny chose a \$100 credit on this water bill.