

Board of Directors

**Regular Meeting**

**10/14/21 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 6:02 p.m. The meeting was conducted in a hybrid setting.

Directors

Bill Ekwall

Wade Leishman

Chris Perri

Danny Reber

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)

Robert Bosso, Legal Counsel

Associate Directors

Noelle Downing

Annie Finch

Audience

4 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 10/14/21

District Counsel Bosso reported that on appointment of a general manager was discussed and that no action was taken..

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

John Dillon, Accounting Technician was introduced to the Board.

1.5. Oral Communications

Mr. Hakimi made oral communications.

**2. Presentations**

Charlotte Holifield Coastal Network Public Affairs Field Coordinator presented the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) update.

**3. Administrative**

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3.1. Approval of Minutes Regular Board Meeting 08/12/21

MOTION carried to approve the minutes of the 08/12/21 Board Meeting by unanimous voice vote.

3.2. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

Engineering and Water Resources Committee 09/20/21

Staff reported on continued efforts to schedule a meeting with the City to discuss recycled water.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee 09/27/22

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Finance & Personnel Committee 09/22/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Board 09/23/21

Director Perri reported that two public comments were received on the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Staff will be addressing the comments and will bring the final GSP for approval at the 11/17/21 meeting.

3.3. ACWA General Session Membership Meeting 2021 Fall Conference

MOTION carried to select Director Leishman to service as the District's authorized voting representative at the ACWA General Session Membership meeting during the Fall Conference in Pasadena.

3.4. ACWA Committee Consideration Form 2021

Staff reported on the selection process.

**4. Consent (none)**

**5. Public Hearings**

5.1. Proposed Changes in Water Rate Structure and Water Rates

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

President Ekwall opened the public hearing.

One public comment was received.

MOTION carried to close the public hearing and the end Proposition 218 protest

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period on the proposed changes in the Water Rate Structure and Water Rates by unanimous voice vote.

General Manager Harmon reported that a total of five (5) written protests and zero (0) oral protests were received.

MOTION carried to adopt Resolution No. 08-21 establishing a five-year rate schedule for potable and recycled water, effective on 01/01/22 by unanimous roll call vote.

**6. Business**

6.1. Leak Adjustment Appeal 117 Crescent Drive

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

MOTION carried to deny an exception to the five-year waiting period and not approve the leak adjustment credit for 117 Crescent by unanimous voice vote.

6.2. Rate Implementation Program

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

MOTION carried to approve the revised Rate Implementation Program by unanimous voice vote.

6.3. Orchard Run Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project Construction Management and Inspections Services Agreement Amendment

Operations Manager McNair provided the staff report.

MOTION carried to ratify the amendment to the 11/13/20 agreement with Psomas in the amount of \$105,558 by unanimous voice vote.

6.4. CalPERS Additional Discretionary Payment

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

MOTION carried to approve an Additional Discretionary Payment (ADP) of \$1 million to California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) towards the District's unfunded pension obligations and authorize the General Manager to execute all necessary documents by unanimous voice vote.

**7. Staff Reports**

7.1. Legal

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Legal Counsel Bosso reported on attending an ACWA legal affairs conference on SGMA.

7.2. Administrative

The General Manager's reported is appended.

7.3. Finance

Financial Reports 07/01/20 through 08/31/21

The financial reports were accepted without comment.

7.4. Operations

Production, Demand and Rainfall Data (none)

Leak Adjustment Program Report 07/01/20 through 08/31/21

Operations Manager McNair reported on the Orchard Run Water Treatment Plant project, Polo Ranch project, possible grant funding for Intertie 1, Recycled Water Fill Station and the Healdsburg Recycled Water Delivery program.

**8. Directors Reports**

President Ekwall reported that he will not be able to attend the November Board meeting in person and Vice President Stiles will preside over the meeting.

**9. Written Correspondence**

ACWA Advisory: Suspension of Water Shutoff Extended to End of Year 09/24/21

ACWA Groundwater Committee Meeting Notes, D. Williams, Montgomery & Associates 09/22/21

Letter from Ali Hakimi regarding changes to his Basic Service Charge 10/17/21

**10. Community Relations**

August Newsletter

September Newsletter

**11. Closed Session**

President Ekwall announced the closed session item Public Employee Appointment and recessed open session at 7:43 p.m.

Closed Session convened at 7:47 p.m. and was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**12. Report on Closed Session and Additional Items**

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At 8:15 p.m. the meeting reconvened and President Ekwall reported that reported that the appointment of the General Manager was discussed, and no action was taken.

**13. Future Items**

City-District Recycled Water Allocation

**14. Meetings and Event Calendar**

Board Meetings

11/10/21

12/09/21

01/13/21

Committee Meetings

11/22/21 Engineering & Water Resources

11/22/21 Executive & Public Affairs

11/23/21 Finance & Personnel

**Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency**

Board Meetings

10/28/21

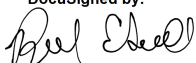
**Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Events**

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

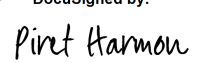
**15. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Approved:

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Bill Ekwall, Board President

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Piret Harmon, Board Secretary

**STAFF REPORT – General Items**

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**Date:** 10/14/21  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** General Manager

1. John Dillon started as the Accounting Technician on September 21<sup>st</sup>.
2. The winner of August Water Saving Challenge prize drawing is Keang Lee who achieved 69% reduction in water use compared to 2020 August and the winner of September Water Saving Challenge drawing is Gloria Peterson with 38% reduction. Grand prize went to Michael Thomas who reached 50% or higher reduction in all four months.
3. Kennedy Jenks agreement amendment in the amount of \$69,500 for ORWTP construction support services (total contract not to exceed \$218,730).
4. ACWA Region Election results were announced for the 2022-2023 term. Region 5 Board makeup is as follows:

Chair: John Varela, Valley Water

Vice Chair: Jack Burgett, North Coast County Water District

Board Members: Ernesto Avila, Contra Costa Water District

Mary Bannister, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

Sarah Palmer, Zone 7 Water Agency

Katherine Stewart, Vandenberg Village Community Services District

Floyd Wicks, Montecito Water District