

Scotts Valley Water District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
10/08/20 at 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

This meeting was conducted exclusively in a remote access format in compliance with Executive Order N-29-20.

1. Convene

1.1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Leishman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Directors

Bill Ekwall
Wade Leishman
Chris Perri
Danny Reber
Ruth Stiles

Staff

Bob Bosso, Legal Counsel
Piret Harmon, General Manager
David McNair, Operations Manager
Donna Paul, Assistant to General Manager

Associate Directors

Noelle Downing
Annie Finch

Audience

Kristen Plonka, Water Systems Consulting
Heather Freed, Water Systems Consulting
Joshua Reynolds, Water Systems Consulting

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

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

2.1. Wastewater Enterprise Status Report

Tina Friend, City Manager, City of Scotts Valley provided the status report that included information on staffing, the development of a master plan, an upcoming rate study and the creation of a City - District ad Hoc committee at the 10/14/20 City Council meeting.

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- 2.2. Consolidated Capital Improvement Plan
Kirsten Plonka and Heather Freed, Water Systems Consulting (WSC) presented the Capital Improvement Plan that included the condition assessment, hydraulic modeling and the capital improvement plan. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)

3. Administrative

3.1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION carried to approve the minutes of the 09/10/20 Regular Board Meeting by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION carried to approve the minutes of the 09/28/20 Special Board Meeting by unanimous roll call vote.

3.2. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

Executive & Public Affairs Committee
None.

Finance & Personnel Committee
None.

Water Resources & Engineering Committee 09/14/20
Director Stiles provided additional information on the comments received from the ORWTP neighbors.

Interagency Committee 09/09/20
The Board briefly discussed the recent informational meeting content.

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Board 09/24/20
None.

3.3. Notice from Santa Cruz County Elections Appointing Candidates Perri and Reber.

4. Consent

4.1. Annual Reimbursements Disclosure

MOTION carried to accept the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Reimbursements Disclosure Report by unanimous roll call vote.

5. Public Hearings

None.

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6. Business

6.1. 2020 Local Agency Biennial Statement

MOTION carried to authorize the General Manager to file the 2020 Local Agency Biennial Notice with the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors by unanimous roll call vote.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. Legal

Legal Counsel Bosso reported that he spoke with staff on several items with no action taken.

7.2. Administrative

The General Managers report is appended.

7.3. Finance

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

The financial reports were accepted without comment.

7.4. Operations

Operations Manager McNair reported on the Hacienda Booster and Orchard Run Water Treatment Plant (ORWTP) projects, several recent leaks, Water Operations Supervisor retirement/recruitment and the relocation of the ORWTP rain gauge to the Hacienda Booster Station.

Production, Demand and Rainfall Data (none)

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

The leak adjustment program report was accepted without comment.

8. Directors Reports

None.

9. Written Correspondence

None.

10. Community Relations

Newsletter, Scotts Valley Water District, September 2020

11. Closed Session

None.

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12. Report on Closed Session and Additional Items

None.

13. Future Items

Audited Financial Statements

Oath of Office

14. Meetings and Event Calendar

Regular Board Meetings

11/12/20

12/10/20

01/14/21

Committee Meetings

12/03/20 Interagency

10/19/20 Executive & Public Affairs

10/19/20 Finance & Personnel

10/19/20 Water Resources & Engineering

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board

Regular Board Meetings

10/22/20

11/16/20 *tentative*

12/09/20 *tentative*


Event Calendar

12/01/20 – 12/04/20 ACWA Virtual Fall Conference


15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Approved:

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Wade Leishman, Board President

Attest:

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Piret Harmon, General Manager

STAFF REPORT – General Items

Scotts Valley Water District

Date: October 8, 2020

To: Board of Directors

From: General Manager

1. Agreement with Water Systems Consulting (WSC) made for performing Risk and Resilience Assessment (RRA) and develop the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) in compliance with America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA). The total fee is not to exceed \$40,142. WSC were awarded contracts for similar work at Mesa Water District, the City of Victorville and CalAm Monterey following a competitive process.
2. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced an \$88 million Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan to the Soquel Creek Water District for their Pure Water Soquel project. The project will be producing 1.3 MGD of purified recycled water to prevent further intrusion of saltwater into the aquifer. The remaining costs will be funded by a combination of reserve funds, Proposition 1 grant and loan from the State of California. The WIFIA loan will save SqCWD an estimated \$66.7 million compared to typical market financing while project construction and operation are expected to create an estimated 581 jobs.
3. Santa Cruz's Good Times weekly has purchased the Press Banner from Tank Town Media. The Scotts Valley based weekly joins a group that includes Good Times, Aptos Life and Watsonville Pajaronian. The publishing group, now known as Weeklys, also publishes Metro Silicon Valley, Morgan Hill Times, Gilroy Dispatch and weeklys in Monterey, San Benito, Alameda, Marin and Sonoma counties. The Press Banner was first published on December 2, 1960. Good Times is Santa Cruz County's largest circulation publication.
4. General Manager was invited to present at the Mayor's State of the City hosted by the Senior Life Association on October 17, 2020 at 9:30am (virtual event).