

Scotts Valley Water District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
11/12/20 at 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

The meeting was conducted 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 6:02 p.m.

Directors

Bill Ekwall
Wade Leishman
Chris Perri
Danny Reber (arrived 6:38 p.m.)
Ruth Stiles

Staff

Bob Bosso, Legal Counsel
Piret Harmon, General Manager
David McNair, Operations Manager
Donna Paul, Assistant to General Manager
Nicholas Kurns, Finance & Customer Service Manager
LeAnne Ravinale, Water Use Efficiency Coordinator

Associate Directors

Noelle Downing
Annie Finch

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Director Perri led the pledge of allegiance and President Leishman provided an invocation.

1.3. Closed Session Report

None.

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

1.5. Oral Communications

None.

2. Presentation

2.1. Water Use Efficiency Biannual Report 05/01/20 through 10/31/20

LeAnne Ravinale, Water Use Efficiency Coordinator presented Water Use Efficiency Biannual Report responded to questions from the Board.

3. Administrative

3.1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION carried to approve the minutes of the 10/08/20 Regular Board Meeting by unanimous roll call vote. Director Reber absent.

3.2. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

Executive & Public Affairs Committee 10/19/20

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Finance & Personnel Committee 10/19/20

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Water Resources & Engineering Committee 10/10/20

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Interagency Committee

None.

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Board 10/22/20

In addition to the meeting recap, Director Stiles reported that the first section of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan is drafted and being reviewed.

3.3. Customer Survey Results

The Board discussed the customer survey results.

3.4. Board and Committees Meeting Format Moving Forward

The Board discussed for returning to a hybrid or in person Board and Committee meetings at a future date.

4. Consent

MOTION carried to approve consent agenda by unanimous roll call vote, Director Reber absent.

4.1. Orchard Run Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project, Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract Award

Approved award of contract and authorized the General Manager to execute an agreement with Psomas in the amount of \$299,000 for the Orchard Run Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project, Construction Management and Inspection Services.

4.2. 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Contract Award

Approved award of contract and authorized the General Manager to execute an agreement with Water Systems Consulting in the amount of \$119,971 for development of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan for San Lorenzo Valley Water District and Scotts Valley Water District.

5. Public Hearings (none)

6. Business

6.1. Joint City-District Ad hoc Committee

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

President Leishman reported that he had spoken individually with Director Perri and Director Stiles regarding serving on the committee and both are amenable.

MOTION carried to form a Joint City of Scotts Valley and Scotts Valley Water District (City/District) Committee effective 11/12/20 through 05/11/21 and appoint Director Perri and Director Stiles by unanimous roll call vote.

6.2. Public Involvement in Board Activities

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

MOTION carried to 1) Extend the durations of the Junior Associate Board Member Pilot Program and Community Members on Board Committees Pilot Program, and 2) Extend the terms of the current appointments on the Board and two Committees by unanimous roll call vote.

The Board directed staff to contact the Committee members to determine if they are willing to continue to serve.

6.3. Water Rate Increase Consideration

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

The Board discussed the need for the rate increase and the appropriate percentage.

MOTION carried to adopt Resolution 07-20 approving a 10% water rate increase effective 12/13/20 and amending Resolution No. 10-16, No. 15-17, No. 04-19 and No 07-19 by unanimous roll call vote.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. Legal

Legal Counsel Bosso reported no action on case law, working with staff on the Scottsborough matter and provided information on the new Social Media Open Meeting Law.

7.2. Administrative

There was no General Managers report.

7.3. Finance

There were no comments on the financial reports.

7.4. Operations

Operations Manager McNair reported on the Hacienda Pump Station, Orchard Run Water Treatment Plant, Polo Ranch Pump Station and will be conducting interviews for Water Operations Supervisor, conducting winter maintenance and the Operations division conducts all meeting in a remote access format.

7.5. Water Use Efficiency

This item was discussed in agenda item 2.1.

8. Directors Reports

Director Perri reported that he attended Region 5 Zoom through California and will be attending the upcoming ACWA JPIA Board meeting.

9. Written Correspondence

Public Officials' New Social Media Open Meeting Law

The written communication was discussed during the Legal Counsel report.

10. Community Relations

Newsletter, Scotts Valley Water District, September 2020

Mayors State of the City Presentation 10/17/20

There was a brief discussion on the Mayors State of the City meeting.

11. Closed Session

President Leishman announced the closed session item and having no public comment recessed open session at 8:15 p.m.

11.1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Property: APN 022-601-05

Agency Negotiator: Piret Harmon, General Manager

Negotiating Party: San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

At 8:17 p.m., closed session convened with Directors Ekwall, Leishman, Perri, Reber, Stiles, Legal Counsel Bosso and General Manager Harmon present and at 8:37 p.m., closed session adjourned.

12. Report on Closed Session and Additional Items

At 8:38 p.m. President Leishman reconvened open session and reported that the item was discussed and direction provided to the negotiator.

13. Future Items

Comprehensive Audited Financial Report FY 2020
Validated Water Loss Audit Report
Election of Officers

14. Meetings and Event Calendar

Regular Board Meetings

12/10/20

01/14/21

02/11/21

Committee Meetings

12/03/20 Interagency

11/16/20 Executive & Public Affairs

11/17/20 Finance & Personnel

11/16/20 Water Resources & Engineering

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board

Regular Board Meetings

11/16/20

12/09/20

Event Calendar

11/30/20 ACWA JPIA Board of Directors Meeting

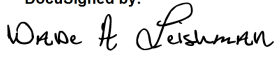
12/02/20 – 12/03/20 ACWA Virtual Fall Conference

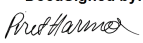
15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Wade Leishman,
Board President

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Piret Harmon
General Manager