

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

08/11/22 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 Stiles called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Santa Margarita Community Room. The meeting was conducted in a hybrid setting.

Directors

Bill Ekwall

Wade Leishman

Chris Perri

Danny Reber

Ruth Stiles

Staff

Bob Bosso, Legal Counsel (remote)

Piret Harmon, General Manager

Nick Kurns, Finance & Customer Service Manager

David McNair, Operations Manager

Donna Paul, Assistant to General Manager (remote)

Associate Directors

Noelle Downing

Annie Finch (absent)

Guests

Five guests were in the audience

President Stiles announced that Associate Director Annie Finch has resigned.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Director Perri led the pledge and Director Reber the invocation.

1.3. Closed Session Report (none)

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

There were no additions or deletions.

1.5. Oral Communications

Oral communications were made by Cris Poole and June Langhoff on behalf of Ann Perkins.

2. Presentations (none)

3. Administrative

3.1. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

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Engineering and Water Resources Committee (07/25/22)

Director Leishman reported that the committee discussed the state mandated ban on watering non-functional turf.

Finance & Personnel Committee (07/22/22)

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee (none)

AdHoc Scotts Valley Water District-Soquel Creek Water District 06/08/22, 07/13/22

Director Ekwall reported that discussions are ongoing on subjects such sharing equipment and a networking event is being planned.

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Quarterly Recap

Director Perri provided an oral report on the 07/28/22 meeting.

4. Consent

4.1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting 06/09/22

4.2. Agreement for Hydrogeological Support Services for New Production Well

Recommendation: Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Montgomery & Associates, in the amount of \$312,544 for hydrogeological support services for a new production well.

MOTION carried to approve the Consent agenda by unanimous voice vote.

5. Public Hearings (none)

6. Business

6.1. Santa Cruz County Civil Grand Jury Report: Our Water Account is Overdrawn

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report. The Board discussed the mandates in the report and provided minor edits to the response.

MOTION carried to approve and authorize the staff to submit the response from Scotts Valley Water District for the Santa Cruz County Civil Grand Jury Report: Our Water Account is Overdrawn Beyond Conservation: Achieving Drought Resilience by unanimous voice vote.

6.2. Compensation Adjustment for Exempt Classifications

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report and responded to Board questions.

MOTION carried to approve the compensation adjustments for Finance and Customer Service Manager, Operations Manager and Assistant to General Manager classifications by unanimous voice vote.

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7. Staff Reports

7.1. Legal

Legal Counsel Bosso reported that there has been little legislative or legal activity this summer.

7.2. Administrative

General Manager-oral
Board Compliance Report
Board Regulations Review Schedule

The General Managers report is appended.

7.3. Finance

Financial Reports 07/01/21 through 06/30/22

Finance and Customer Service Manager Kurns provided the staff report.

7.4. Operations

Operations Report - oral
Production, Demand and Rainfall Data through 07/31/22
Leak Adjustment Program Report 07/01/21 through 06/30/22
Development Projects Status Report 07/01/22

Operations Manager McNair reported recent main breaks on Janis Way and Canham Road and completion of the Well 11B repair project.

8. Directors Reports

Director Perri reported on volunteering at the Recycled Fill Station on 08/06/22.

President Stiles reported that Associate Director Finch has resigned, all three incumbents have filed paper and she is working with Piret on a social event between North County water districts.

9. Written Correspondence

None.

10. Community Relations

Local Water Resource Managers Prepare for Another Dry Summer, GoodTimes 07/05/22
July Newsletter
June Newsletter (2)

11. Closed Session (none)

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

13. Meetings and Event Calendar

Board Meetings

09/08/22

10/13/22

11/10/22

Committee Meetings

08/22/22 Engineering & Water Resources

08/24/22 Executive & Public Affairs

08/24/22 Finance & Personnel

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Board Meeting 08/25/22

Events

Water Reuse California Annual Conference 09/11/22 – 09/13/22 San Francisco

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Approved:

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Ruth Stiles, Board President

Attest:

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Piret Harmon, Board Secretary

STAFF REPORT – General Items

Scotts Valley Water District

Date: 8/11/22

To: Board of Directors

From: General Manager

1. District participated in Scotts Valley 4th of July parade (7/3) with 6 employees contributing their time. It was a success and worth considering making it annual event for District.
2. District will be hosting a “free water booth” at the upcoming SV Art Wine Beer Festival on August 20-21. Any directors who are available and willing to volunteer, please contact Claudia to sign up.
3. SWRCB released numbers on statewide urban water use that showed a 3.1% decrease between May 2022 and May 2020, with preliminary data from June showing a 7.7% decrease between 2022 and 2020. Governor Newsom is currently maintaining a call for Californians to reduce their water use voluntarily by 15% over 2020 water use levels. By 2020, Californians had already reduced water use by 16% from 2013.

District’s potable water demand in May 2022 was essentially the same as May 2020, June 2022 resulted in 1% reduction and July 2022 9.7% reduction from the same months in 2020.

4. I attended ACWA Region 1 event in Eureka on July 7-8.