

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

06/09/22 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 6:00 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 (absent)

Annie Finch

Guests

Sarah Perez, City of Santa Cruz Water Department

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Director Leishman 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

There were no oral communications.

2. Presentations (none)

3. Administrative

3.1. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

Engineering and Water Resources Committee (none)

Finance & Personnel Committee (none)

Executive & Public Affairs Committee (none)

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Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) 05/26/22

Director Perri provided an oral report on the meeting.

3.2 Santa Cruz Civil Grand Jury Report: Our Water Account is Overdrawn

The Board discussed the report and will convene a working group consisting of President Stiles, Vice President Perri, Legal Counsel Bosso and staff to prepare a response to the Santa Cruz Civic Grand Jury Report for Board consideration at its August meeting.

4. Consent

4.1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting 05/12/22

4.2. CalPERS Additional Discretionary Payment

Recommendation: Approve an Additional Discretionary Payment (ADP) of \$1.4 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.

4.3. Cash Reserves Policy

Recommendation: Update Policy P200-17-2 Cash Reserves.

MOTION carried to approve the consent agenda with item 4.1 Approval of Minutes 05/12/22 amended by unanimous voice vote.

5. Public Hearings (none)

6. Business

6.1. Operating and Projects Budget FY 2023

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

MOTION carried to 1) approve an additional one-time cost of living increase of 5% to all non-exempt employees effective 07/12/22; and 2) approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 2023), including the FY 2023 Work Plan by unanimous voice vote.

6.2. Implementation Agreement Regional Drought Resiliency Project

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

Sarah Perez, Principal Planner with the City of Santa Cruz Water Department commented.

MOTION carried to approve and authorize the General Manager to execute the Implementation Agreement for Regional Drought Resiliency Project between Scotts Valley Water District and City of Santa Cruz by unanimous voice vote.

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6.3. Conflict of Interest Code Local Agency Biennial Notice 2022

MOTION carried to 1) adopt Resolution No. 08-22 amending the Scotts Valley Water District Conflict of Interest Code and rescinding Resolution No. 06-18; and 2) authorize the General Manager to file the 2022 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 attended a webinar presented by the Department of Water Resources on new emergency water restrictions that include the watering restrictions on non-functional turf.

7.2. Administrative

General Managers Harmon reported the Recycled Water Fill Station and Pop up Station opened last weekend. Staff has implemented a paper free process for picking up recycled water at the fill station. The District will have 2 trucks and six staff participating in the parade on July 3rd and WaterSmart will be the theme.

7.3. Finance

Financial Reports 07/01/21 through 03/31/22

Finance and Customer Service Manager Kurns provided the staff report.

7.4. Operations

Operations Report - oral

Production, Demand and Rainfall Data through 04/30/22

Leak Adjustment Program Report 07/01/21 through 03/31/22

Operations Manager McNair reported the water main replacement project is nearing completion; the leak detection audit will begin on 06/20/22; Well 11 B failed on May 28th and is scheduled for rehabilitation next week; and staff completed the switch out of the recycled water meter from a 3" to 1" at Spring Lakes.

8. Directors Reports

Director Reber reported on Leadership Santa Cruz.

Director Leishman reported that his household replaced a showerhead and reduced water consumption 20% and that he will be absent for the 06/24/22 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting

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Director Perri reported that he volunteered at the SMGWA tabling event at the Farmers Market, and he will be away the last two weeks of June.

Director Ekwall reported that he volunteered at the Recycled Water Fill Station last weekend and will be absent for the 06/22/22 Engineering and Water Resources Committee meeting.

President Stiles reported that she enjoyed the Sentinel article on the District’s awful water.

9. Written Correspondence

State Water Board Adopts Drought Related Emergency Water Conservation Regulation, ACWA Alert 05/24/22

10. Community Relations

Scotts Valley’s famously awful drinking water gets upgrade, SC Sentinel 05/27/22

11. Closed Session (none)

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

13. Meetings and Event Calendar

Board Meetings

07/14/22

08/11/22

09/08/22

Committee Meetings

06/22/22 Engineering & Water Resources

06/22/22 Executive & Public Affairs

06/24/22 Finance & Personnel

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

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Events

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

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Ruth Stiles, Board President

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