

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

09/08/22 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

Ruth Stiles

Staff

Bob Bosso, Legal Counsel

Piret Harmon, General Manager

Nick Kurns, Finance & Customer Service Manager

David McNair, Operations Manager

Donna Paul, Assistant to General Manager (remote)

Absent

Danny Reber

Associate Directors

Noelle Downing

Guests

None

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Director Perri led the pledge and Director Leishman the invocation.

1.3. Closed Session Report (none)

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

1.5. Oral Communications

None.

2. Presentations

Communications and Community Outreach Update, Miller Maxfield

Bill Maxfield presented the Communication and Community Outreach update and responded to Board questions.

3. Administrative

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3.1. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

Engineering and Water Resources Committee (none)

Finance & Personnel Committee (none)

Executive & Public Affairs Committee (08/24/22)

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

AdHoc Scotts Valley Water District-Soquel Creek Water District 08/10/22

General Manager Harmon reported that a recent grant application was declined and a networking event is scheduled for 10/21/22.

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Board

Director Perri provided an oral report on the 09/07/22 Managed Aquifer Recharge workshop.

4. Consent

4.1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting 08/11/22

Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the 08/11/22 Board Meeting.

MOTION carried to approve the Consent agenda by unanimous voice vote with Director Reber absent.

5. Public Hearings (none)

6. Business

6.1. Well 3B Replacement (Sucinto Well) Award Contract

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

MOTION carried to award contract and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Maggiora Brothers Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$1,551,575 for the constructions of a new production well (Sucinto Well) to replace Well 3B by unanimous voice vote with Director Reber absent.

6.2. District Administrative Code

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

MOTION carried to adopt Ordinance No. 168-22 amending the Administrative Code of the Scotts Valley Water District; and upon its adoption rescind Ordinance No. 167-18 in its entirety by unanimous roll call vote with Director Reber absent.

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7. Staff Reports

7.1. Legal

Legal Counsel Bosso reported on a petition for review at the Supreme Court about including bumble bees as fish.

7.2. Administrative

General Manager-oral

The General Managers report is appended.

7.3. Finance

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

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

7.4. Operations

Operations Report - oral

Production, Demand and Rainfall Data through (none)

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

Operations Manager McNair reported on the Art, Wine and Beer Festival, Canham Road repairs, hiring of right-of-way and property acquisition consultant for the well replacement project, a grant application moving forward and that he will attend the water reuse conference.

8. Directors Reports

Director Ekwall complimented staff on the efforts at the Art Wine and Beer Festival.

9. Written Correspondence

ACWA Groundwater Committee Meeting Report 07/26/22

Opposition Letter, SB 222 Water Rate Assistance Program

Spring Lakes Correspondence

10. Community Relations

Amid drought, County Water Managers Describe Challenges, Santa Cruz Local 07/26/22

August Newsletter

At 7:25 p.m. President Stiles announced the closed session agenda item and recessed open session.

11. Closed Session

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Pursuant to Governments Code 54757(b)(1)

Consider the appointment and employment of a General Manager and contract terms.

Closed session convened at 7:28 p.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

12. Report on Closed Session and Additional Items

President Stiles reported that contract terms were discussed and staff was directed to prepare and employment agreement with David McNair.

13. Meetings and Event Calendar

Board Meetings

10/13/22

11/10/22

12/08/22

Committee Meetings

09/26/22 Engineering & Water Resources

09/28/22 Executive & Public Affairs

09/28/22 Finance & Personnel

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Board Meeting 09/22/22

Events

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

GRAC Western Groundwater Congress 09/19/22 – 09/21/22 Sacraments

ACWA Region 5 Program and Tour 10/06/22 – 10/07/22 Monterey

ACWA Fall Conference 11/29/22 – 12/01/22 Indian Wells

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 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: 09/08/22

To: Board of Directors

From: General Manager

1. District hosted a “free water booth” at the SV Art Wine Beer Festival on August 20-21.
2. ACWA is continuing to spearhead an effort to oppose SB222, which would require the State Water Resources Control Board to implement a Water Rate Assistance Program. While the intent is commendable, the approach of community water systems having to implement the enrollment is inefficient and burdensome. SVWD is a part of a coalition lead by ACWA, that suggested amendments that would have clarified enrollment and decreased administrative costs. Unfortunately, the amendments were rejected by the author and the bill has moved to the governor’s desk. Currently the coalition is requesting a veto to SB222.
3. US Bureau of Reclamation announced the allocation of \$309.8 million in funding from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and \$1 million in appropriated funding for the planning, design and construction of water reuse projects across the country. Out of 25 projects, 20 are in California with Pure Water Soquel receiving \$21M.
4. I was invited to join the speaking faculty for World Water-Tech North America Summit 2022 that is being held in Torrance, CA at the end of September. It its 10th year, the event aims to accelerate innovation, investment and collaboration in the North America water ecosystem. I am excited to be participating on the panel “Asset Management Efficiency: Maximizing the Value of Big Data”