

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

10/13/22 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 6:03 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
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)

Guests

Jim Chelossi

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Director Ekwall led the pledge and Director Reber the invocation.

1.3. Closed Session Report

President Stiles reported that on 09/08/22 the Board met in closed session to discuss contract terms and directed staff to prepare an employment agreement for General Manager under the terms discussed.

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

1.5. Oral Communications

None.

2. Presentations (none)

3. Administrative

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3.1. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

Engineering and Water Resources Committee 09/26/22

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Finance & Personnel Committee 09/28/22

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee (none)

AdHoc Scotts Valley Water District-Soquel Creek Water District 10/12/22

Director Ekwall reported that the water alliance grant was not approved, the shared human resources position is no longer under consideration, water wise academy and the social networking event was discussed.

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Board (none)

4. Consent

4.1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting 09/08/22

Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the 09/08/22 Board Meeting.

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

5. Public Hearings (none)

6. Business

6.1. Leak Adjustment Appeal 11 Cabernet Court

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

MOTION carried to deny a leak adjustment for 11 Cabernet Court by unanimous voice vote.

6.2. Billing Adjustment Appeal 164 Green Valley Road

General Manager Harmon reported four additional customers have come forward and staff has been performing an extensive records search of to determine the validity of the claims. Staff needs to do additional research on this matter.

Jim Chelossi provided oral communications.

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The Board thanked Mr. Chelossi for bringing this to the attention of staff and board, discussed the importance of getting this right thing for our customers and supports staff taking additional time to perform research.

The billing adjustment appeal for 164 Green Valley Road will be considered at a future Board meeting.

6.3. Well 3B Replacement (Sucinto Well) Award Contract Construction Management Services

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

MOTION carried to award contract and authorized the General Manager to execute an agreement with Montgomery and Associates in the amount of \$219,930 for the Well 3B Replacement (Sucinto Well) Construction Management Services by unanimous voice vote.

6.4. Employment Agreement, General Manager

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

MOTION carried to acknowledge the resignation of General Manager Harmon with effective date 12/31/22, appoint David McNair as the General Manager commencing 11/01/22 and approve the terms of the employment agreement by unanimous voice vote.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. Legal

Legal Counsel Bosso reported on changes to the Brown Act regarding remote meeting attendance and noticing on agenda postings.

7.2. Administrative

The General Managers report is appended.

7.3. Finance

Financial Reports 07/01/22 through 08/31/22

Finance and Customer Service Manager Kurns reported on the water saving challenge and the recycle water fill stations .

7.4. Operations

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Operations Report - oral

Production, Demand and Rainfall Data through 09/30/22

Leak Adjustment Program Report 07/01/22 through 08/31/22

Operations Manager McNair reported on visiting the Sand City desalination plant, Grace Way Well property acquisition, a meeting with the Spring Lakes committee, temporary easement with Lennar Homes.

8. Directors Reports

President Stiles reported on the Water Reuse Conference.

Director Leishman reported on interacting with City staff as part of his employment.

9. Written Correspondence (none)

10. Community Relations

September Newsletter

11. Closed Session (none)

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

13. Meetings and Event Calendar

Board Meetings

11/10/22

12/08/22

01/12/23

Committee Meetings

10/24/22 Engineering & Water Resources

10/26/22 Executive & Public Affairs

10/26/22 Finance & Personnel

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Board Meeting 10/27/22

Events

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

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Ruth L Stiles
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Ruth Stiles, Board President

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Piret Harmon
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Piret Harmon, Board Secretary

STAFF REPORT – General Items

Scotts Valley Water District

Date: 10/13/22
To: Board of Directors
From: General Manager

1. District continues to pursue the IRWM Prop 1 Round 2 Implementation Grant for the Scotts Valley Transit Center Low Impact Development (LID) Retrofit Phase 2 project. Total estimated cost to complete the remaining 2/3 of the parking lot is about \$2 million with \$1 million anticipated from the grant funds. The draft application materials are due to RWMF on 11/23/22 with the submittal to DWR by 1/27/23.
2. ACWA Coalition, in which SVWD participated, opposing SB222 unless amended, resulted in a victory. Governor Newsom has vetoed the bill, which would have required the State Water Resources Control Board to implement a Water Rate Assistance Program.
3. I was invited to speak at World Water-Tech North America Summit 2022 at the end of September. It its 10th year, the event was held in Los Angeles, welcoming water trailblazers from across the US and overseas. Across two days, in-depth conversations focused on the effects of climate change and how water reuse, stormwater management, digital solutions and stronger infrastructure can help tackle drought and water scarcity. The 265 delegates comprised 88 speakers, 73% CEO/Directors, 22% utilities, 34% tech providers, 14% engineering firms, 17 countries.



4. David McNair and I attended ACWA Region 5 event held in Monterey last week. We toured the Pure Water Monterey Regional Treatment Plant and the Marina Coast Water District Seawater Desalination Plant on Thursday, followed by a half day program on Friday including a keynote speaker Henry S. Gonzales, Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner, a panel of local water leaders.