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Board of Directors

Regular Meeting
8/13/26 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	Staff
Danny Reber	Terry Rein, Legal Counsel
Ruth Stiles	Nate Gillespie, Operations Manager
Chris Perri	John Dillon, Finance & Customer Service Manager
Bill Ekwall	David McNair, General Manager
Junior Board	Rahni Jensen, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk
Dominic Osorio	Chris Breeden, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Demitri Vavaroutsos	Absent
	Wade Leishman

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
Director Ekwall led the pledge, and Director Reber led the reflection.

1.3. Closed Session Report
None.

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
None.

1.5. Oral Communications
None.

2. Presentation (None)

3. Administrative

Items are informational in nature and do not include an agenda report.

3.1. Committee and Other Agency Meeting Reports

Engineering & Water Resource Committee (None)

Finance & Personnel Committee 7/22/26
Nothing to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee (None)

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Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board (None)

4. Consent

Items are routine in nature, may include agenda reports and be approved by one motion.

4.1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting 6/11/26

Approved the minutes of the 6/11/26 Regular Board Meeting

MOTION Perri/Ekwall, carried to approve the minutes of the 6/11/26 Regular Board Meeting by unanimous voice vote, Leishman absent.

5. Public Hearings (None)

Items include an agenda report with recommendation, an oral staff report or presentation.

6. Business

Items are complex in nature, considered individually, and each item includes an agenda report with recommendation and an oral staff report or presentation.

6.1. Compensation Adjustment for Exempt Classifications

General Manager McNair presented the item. The Board received information and provided comment.

MOTION Reber/Ekwall carried to approve the compensation adjustments for the Operations Manager, Finance and Customer Service Manager, and Executive Assistant/ Board Clerk classifications. By unanimous voice vote, Leishman absent.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. Legal

Legal Counsel Rein discussed water connection and meter fees.

7.2. Administrative

McNair discussed the executive compensation, the upcoming Board of Directors election, the Scotts Valley City Manager resignation, and an upcoming open house to discuss the proposed rates for which one protest has been received.

7.3. Finance

Year End Financial Report

Nothing to add to the written report. Dillon noted that there is currently a vacancy in the Finance & Customer service division and we are in the process of a recruitment.

7.4. Operations

Operations Report

Production, Demand & Rainfall

Gillespie discussed a mainline break on Bethany Drive that is affecting homes on Tabor

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Way and Tabor Drive, and updates on the PFOA and PFAS detection at well 11b, intertie-1, Grace Way Well, and Bethany Tank.

8. Directors Reports

Director Reber announced he is running for SV City Counsil, which may result in his removal from the SVWD Board. Director Perri discussed an ACWA Membership Committee.

9. Written Correspondence

ACWA Regulator Roundup
City of Scotts Valley Financing District Notice

10. Community Relations

June Newsletter
July Newsletter

11. Closed Session (None)

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

13. Future Items (None)

14. Meetings and Event Calendar

Board Meetings	Committee Meetings
9/10/26	8/26/25 Finance & Personal
10/8/26	8/24/26 Engineering & Water Resource
11/2/26	10/28/26 Executive & Public Affairs

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15. Events

Art, Wine & Beer Festival – 08.15.26 – 08.16.26

16. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m

Approved: Attest:

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Ruth L Stiles
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Ruth Stiles, Board President

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David McNair, Board Secretary