Scotts Valley Water District  
Board of Directors  
Santa Margarita Community Room  
2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, California  
Regular Meeting  
02/14/19  
Minutes

1. Convene  
1.1. Call to Order and Roll Call  

President Reber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Santa Margarita Community Room, 2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, California.  

He announced that an online webcast of this meeting is being piloted using go-to-meeting software.

Directors  
Bill Ekwall  
Wade Leishman  
Chris Perri  
Danny Reber  
Ruth Stiles

Staff  
Robert Bosso, Legal Counsel  
Piret Harmon, General Manager  
David McNair, Operations Manager  
Donna Paul, Assistant to General Manager

Audience  
None  

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation  

Director Leishman led the pledge of allegiance and Director Perri provided the invocation.

1.3. Closed Session Report  

None.

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda  

None.

1.5. Oral Communications  

None.

2. Administrative  

2.1. Approval of Minutes 01/10/19 Regular Board Meeting  

MOTION carried to approve the minutes of the 01/10/19 regular Board Meeting by unanimous voice vote.
2.2. Presentations

None.

2.3. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

Executive & Public Affairs Committee 01/14/19
Additional information was provided on the rate implementation communications plan.

Finance & Personnel Committee 01/15/19
Additional information was provided regarding insurance on reserve funds.

Water Resources & Engineering Committee 12/19/18
Additional information was provided on the District’s rain gauges.

Interagency Advisory Committee

None.

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board

The 2nd education series was a success.

2.4 SMGWA Guiding Principles

SMGWA Representatives

None.

2.5 2019 JPIA Executive Committee Election Notice and 2019 California Water Insurance Fund Board Election Notice

There was no interest in serving on either committee.

3. Consent

3.1 Labor Negotiator Appointment.

Designate General Manager Piret Harmon as the District’s labor negotiator for upcoming contract negotiations with the District’s Employees Union AFSCME Local 101 AFL-CIO

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

4. Public Hearings

None.

5. Business

5.1 Temporary Limited Term Water Facilities Worker Position

General Harmon provided staff report and responded to Board questions.
MOTION carried to authorize a full-time (1.0 FTE) temporary limited term Water Facilities Worker position by unanimous voice vote.

5.2. Board Compensation Evaluation
General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.
The Board confirmed the criteria for the board compensation evaluation benchmarking survey and directed staff to conduct a survey using the listed agencies and three city agencies. The survey results will be presented to the Finance and Personnel Committee for initial review.

5.3 Mission, Core Values, Vision and Strategic Goals
The Board confirmed the Mission, Core Values, Vision and Strategic Goals as presented.

6. Staff Reports
6.1. Legal
District Counsel Bosso reported on a recent decision in the Goleta water rates case and on another prevailing wage case.

6.2. Administration
The General Managers report is appended.

6.3. Finance
There was nothing further to add to the financial reports for period ending 12/31/18.

6.4. Operations
Additional information was provided on the report for the Orchard Run Water Treatment Plant Improvements report and Water Facilities Operator Nick Emmert has accepted a position at Soquel Creek Water District.

7. Directors Reports
7.1 Travel and meetings, ACWA and ACWA JPIA Updates
Director Perri reported on a webinar on upcoming developments on the water/energy relationship.

President Reber reported that this year’s retreat will focus on team building and will include our City and neighboring agencies. The Board selected March 27, 2019 as the date.
8. **Written Correspondence**

ACWA JPIA President’s Special Recognition Award 11/29/18

The written correspondence was accepted without comment.

9. **Community Relations**

Newsletter Scotts Valley Water District 01/31/19

The community relations item was accepted without comment.

10. **Closed Session**

None.

11. **Report on Closed Session and Additional Business**

None.

12. **Future Agenda Items**

13. **Meetings and Events Calendar**

**Regular Board Meetings**

*Santa Margarita Community Room*

- 03/14/19
- 04/11/19
- 05/16/19

**Committee Meetings**

*District Conference Room*

- 02/19/19 Executive & Public Affairs Committee
- 02/19/19 Finance & Personnel Committee
- 02/20/19 Water Resources & Engineering Committee
- TBD Interagency Committee

**Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board**

**Regular Board Meetings**

*Santa Margarita Community Room*

- 02/28/19
- 03/28/19
- 04/24/19

**Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Educational Series**

*Felton Community Hall, 6191 Highway 9, Felton*

- 02/09/19 Water Budgets: How Do We Balance All Needs?
- 03/09/19 Managing Groundwater: How Can We Prepare for an Uncertain Future?
Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Events

05/07/19 - 05/10/19 Spring Conference Monterey
12/03/19 – 12/05/19 Fall Conference San Diego

Conferences/Trainings/Workshops/Webinars

04/03/19 – 04/04/19 National Water Policy Fly-in Washington, DC

Webinars

02/14/19 WaterReuse Community Engagement for Potable Reuse Success 12:00 p.m.
02/19/19 ACWA JPIA Board Training Robert’s Rules Made Simple 10:00 a.m.

Conferences

03/17/19 – 03/19/19 WateReuse Conference Garden Grove
09/08/19 – 09/11/19 WaterReuse Symposium San Diego

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved: Danny Reber, Board President

Attest: Piret Harmon, Board Secretary
1. Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Santa Cruz County has selected Joe Serrano as their Executive Director effective 2/19/19. Mr. Serrano is an experienced LAFCO professional and was previously working as a Senior Analyst for the LAFCO of Monterey County.

2. The Bureau of Reclamation announced last week that it is awarding $26.6 million to five WateReuse Association members for authorized Title XVI water reclamation and reuse projects. The funding will be used to improve flexibility during water shortages and diversify the water supply. The projects are selected to receive funding for planning, design and/or construction activities through a competitive grant process. The five agencies selected for funding are:

   - City of Escondido - Membrane Filtration Reverse Osmosis Facility Project $5,000,000
   - City of San Diego - Pure Water San Diego Program $9,000,000
   - City of San Jose - South Bay Water Recycling Phase 1B Infrastructure Improvements $2,545,471
   - Elsinore Valley MWD - Horsethief Canyon WWRF Expansion and Upgrade Project $2,693,455
   - Padre Dam MWD - East County Advanced Water Purification Program $7,392,351

3. Title XVI is the only federal program that provides funding specifically for water reuse projects in 17 western states and Hawaii. In 2017, an estimated 388,000 AF of water was recycled through Title XVI projects.

4. Yesterday (2/13/19) Congresswoman Grace Napolitano introduced the Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act of 2019 (HR 1162), which aims to significantly increase the federal investment in major water recycling and reuse projects. The bill extends the authorization of Title XVI competitive grants program and increases the authorized funding level from $50 million to $500 million. The program reached its $50 million limit within three years of its creation in 2016. As of late 2018, 44 Title XVI-WIIN eligible projects were awaiting funding, with a total of $528 million in eligible federal cost-share. The list of projects and supporting cost-share demand are expected to grow as more projects become eligible.

5. The Pure Water Monterey advanced treatment plant is expected to begin producing a new source of potable water this summer. A project of Monterey One Water and Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is designed to produce up to 3,500 acre-feet of highly treated water per year to the Monterey Peninsula for injection into the Seaside basin and later extraction and use at a cost of $85 million. The project will also provide 200 acre-feet per year of reserve water for the Seaside basin and eventually up to 4,400 acre-feet per year in additional tertiary treated irrigation water for Salinas Valley agricultural use.