

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

11/10/21 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

Vice President Stiles called the meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in a hybrid setting.

Directors

Bill Ekwall (remote)
Wade Leishman
Chris Perri
Danny Reber (arrived 6:35 p.m.)
Ruth Stiles

Staff

Bob Bosso, Legal Counsel
Piret Harmon, General Manager
Nick Kurns, Finance & Customer Service Mgr.
David McNair, Operations Manager
Donna Paul, Assistant to General Manager
Nick Wallace, Administrative Office Assistant

Associate Directors

Noelle Downing
Annie Finch (absent)

Guests

2 Guests

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Director Perri led the pledge and Director Leishman the invocation.

1.3. Closed Session Report

Vice President Stiles reported that public employee appointment of the General Manager was discussed, and no action was taken.

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

General Manager Harmon introduced Kevin King who joined the District as Utility Service Technician on 11/02/21.

1.5. Oral Communications

Sharon Medler and Dan Medler made oral communications.

2. Presentations

Nick Wallace, Interim Water Use Efficiency Coordinator presented the Biannual Water Use Efficiency Report.

3. Administrative

3.1. Approval of Minutes Regular Board Meeting 10/14/21

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MOTION carried to approve the minutes of 10/14/21 Board Meeting by unanimous roll call vote.

3.2. Committee and other Agency Meeting Reports

Engineering and Water Resources Committee (none)

Finance & Personnel Committee 10/26/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee 10/25/21

There was nothing further to add to the written report.

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Board 10/28/21

In addition to the written report, Director Perri reported that the Groundwater Sustainability Plan will be approved at the November Board meeting.

4. Consent

MOTION carried to approve the consent items by unanimous roll call vote.

4.1. Annual Reimbursements Disclosure

To accept the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Reimbursements Disclosure Report.

4.2. Identity Theft Prevention Program

To approve the revised Identity Theft Prevention Program and rescind Resolution No. 13-09.

5. Public Hearings (none)

6. Business

6.1. Public Involvement in Board Activities

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

MOTION carried to approve the Junior Associate Board Member Program and the Community Members on Board Committees Program by unanimous roll call vote.

6.2. Drought Relief Grant Program

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

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MOTION carried to adopt Resolution No 09-21 authorizing the 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant application, acceptance and execution for the system intertie and new production well project by unanimous roll call vote.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. Legal

District Counsel Bosso reported that following bills passed: AB 36 allows the town of Paradise build a water project using design-build; SB 323 allows water rates to be subject to challenge for 100 days rather than one year; and SB 427 allows water districts to adopt ordinances that prevent water theft and levy fines for violation.

7.2. Administrative

The General Managers report is appended

7.3. Finance

Financial Reports 07/01/21 through 09/30/21

Customer Service and Finance Manager Kurns added that water consumption was reduced 13.7% during the water savings challenge while revenues remained flat due the drought surcharge.

7.4. Operations

Operations Manager McNair reported on October production, Orchard Run Water Treatment Plant and the proposed intertie project.

Production, Demand and Rainfall Data through 10/31/21

Leak Adjustment Program Report 07/01/21 through 09/30/21

7.5. Water Use Efficiency

Biennial Water Use Efficiency Report 05/01/21 through 10/31/21

8. Directors Reports

Director Perri and Director Leishman reported that they will be attending the ACWA Fall Conference in Pasadena at the end of the month.

9. Written Correspondence

ACWA 2021 Regional Outreach Recognition Awards 10/12/21

Support Letter for City of Santa Cruz Grant Application for WaterSmart Meter Replacement Program 10/18/21

10. Community Relations

Scotts Valley Water District Approves Planned Rate Increase Press Banner 10/22/21

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October Newsletter

11. Closed Session

Vice President Stiles announced the closed session item Public Employee Appointment: General Manager and recessed open session at 7:30 p.m.

Closed session convened at 7:33 p.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

12. Report on Closed Session and Additional Items

At 7:39 p.m. open session was reconvened. Vice President Stiles reported that appointment strategy/approach for General Manager was discussed and no action was taken.

13. Future Items

- City-District Recycled Water Allocation
- Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports
- Elections of Officers
- Award Contract Water Main Improvements Project

14. Meetings and Event Calendar

Board Meetings

- 12/09/21
- 01/13/22
- 02/10/22

Committee Meetings

- 11/22/21 Engineering & Water Resources
- 11/22/21 Executive & Public Affairs
- 11/23/21 Finance & Personnel

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

11/17/21 Board Meeting

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Events

2021 Fall Conference and Exhibition 11/30/21 – 12/03/21 Pasadena

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Approved:

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Bill Ekwall, Board President

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Piret Harmon, Board Secretary

STAFF REPORT – General Items

Scotts Valley Water District

Date: 11/10/21

To: Board of Directors

From: General Manager

1. Kevin King started as the Utility Service Technician on November 2nd.
2. We executed an agreement with Kennedy Jenks for \$31,252 (not to exceed) to prepare the application for DWR Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program.
3. We did a change order with CSE in the amount of \$51,205 for additional paving at the ORWTP. The total of the contract is now \$2.94 million for the ORWTP Improvements Project.
4. ACWA announced that Scotts Valley Water District is the 2021 Outreach winner in Region 5. All regional winners will be acknowledged, and the overall winner announced at the ACWA Fall Conference in Pasadena on December 2nd.
5. Billions of dollars could flow into California when Biden signs the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure package Congress passed on 11/5 after months of negotiation and deadlock. It would mark the latest cash infusion for the Golden State, which is still riding waves of money from multiple federal pandemic relief packages and its own record-breaking budget surplus. Here's a look at what the White House says California can expect to receive over the next five years:
 - a. \$25.3 billion for federal-aid highway apportioned programs.
 - b. \$9.45 billion to improve and expand public transportation.
 - c. \$4.2 billion for bridge replacement and repairs.
 - d. \$3.5 billion to improve access to clean, safe drinking water.
 - e. \$1.5 billion for airport infrastructure development.
 - f. \$384 million to expand the state's network of electric vehicle chargers.
 - g. At least \$100 million to help connect Californians to high-speed internet.
 - h. \$84 million to protect against wildfires.
 - i. \$40 million for defense against cyberattacks.

In each of the next five years, the federal government will now spend the equivalent of about 1% of GDP on roads, bridges, rail, public transit, water systems, broadband, power systems and more. It is the largest such investment in more than a generation