

Board of Directors

**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

Santa Margarita Community Room

2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, California

**Minutes**

**I. Convene Meeting**

I.1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Chris Perri called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Santa Margarita Community Room, 2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, California.

Directors

David T. Hodgins

Wade Leishman

Chris Perri

Danny Reber

Ruth Stiles

Staff

Piret Harmon

David McNair

Donna Paul

Guests

Derrick Williams

I.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

I.3. Closed Session Report

President Perri reported that one item was discussed and direction was provided to staff on terms.

I.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

There were no additions or deletions.

I.5. Oral Communications

There were no oral communications.

**2. Administrative Items**

2.1. Approval of Minutes – 02/08/2018 Regular Board Meeting

MOTION: Hodgins/Stiles to approve the minutes of the 02/08/2018 regular Board Meeting. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2.2. Presentation

5.1 2017 Annual Groundwater Report (taken out of order)

Derrick Williams, Hydrometrics WRI presented the 2017 Groundwater Report. In summary, the Lompico aquifer shows good recharge from the last years heavy rains but also drawdowns in areas pumped. [Click here](#) to view the presentation.

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A question and answer period followed the presentation.

MOTION: Stiles/Reber to accept the 2017 Annual Groundwater Report. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2.3. Committee Meeting Reports

2.3.1 Executive & Public Affairs Committee

The was no executive and public affairs committee meeting.

2.3.2 Finance & Personnel Committee 02/20/2018

In addition to the written report, there was nothing further to add.

2.3.3 Water Resources & Engineering Committee 02/21/2018

Director Stiles reported that the Board has the authority interpret the data when determining the water shortage stage.

2.4. Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) Board Meeting 02/28/2018

President Perri reported that it just made a quorum, officers will continue for another year, a consultant (Hydro-Focus) was selected to conduct an evaluation of the SVWD groundwater model and the selection of a facilitator will include in-person interviews.

Director Stiles reported on a post meeting discussion with a private well owner representative regarding private well owner's opposition to fee assessments.

2.5 Request for contributions by ACWA for efforts to persuade legislature on issue directly affecting District customers

Director Hodgkin reported that SB623 (Monning) is a tax on drinking water and ACWA is requesting contributions to advocate against it.

The Board discussed the matter and is supportive of the ACWA initiative but is reluctant to contribute any money. The Board suggested consideration of an Op-Ed story that would be educational to our ratepayers.

**3. Consent**

3.1 Leak Adjustment Program Appeal

Recommendation: Grant an exception to the "not more than once in any five-year period per each account" practice and authorize a leak adjustment in the amount of 75% of the cost of excess water used.

MOTION: Stiles/Hodgin to approve the consent agenda as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**4. Public Hearings**

No public hearings were scheduled.

**5. General Business Items**

5.1. 2017 Annual Groundwater Report

See 2.2 Presentation. This item was taken out of order.

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5.2. Water Supply Outlook, Water Year 2018

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report and asked that the Board provide direction on the information needed to determine the appropriate demand reduction stage.

The Board discussed this matter and requested for next meeting a narrative report on the results of the spring groundwater monitoring; the percentages needed to meet demand targets and the actions our neighboring agencies are proposing. The message should be a positive one such as stay the course rather than demanding cutback in use.

5.3. Initial Projects List and Priorities, FY 2019; F2020

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report and requested input from the board.

Operations Manager McNair reported that in the upcoming year the following projects are necessary to facilities in good working order shape: Well 3-B rehabilitation/replacement; Orchard Run tank replacement and Bethany Tank rehabilitation.

The Board discussed the benefits of having an environmental review complete at the program level for aquifer recovery in order to apply for grants; water quality aesthetics; and projects that would address high pressure issues in two neighborhoods.

The Board asked that staff rank projects by priority.

**6. Staff Reports**

6.1. District Counsel

There was no report.

6.2. General Manager

The general manager's report is appended.

6.3. Finance

In additions to the written report there was nothing further to add.

6.4. Operations

In addition to the written report the budget for Well 3B rehabilitation will be moved to Well 11B for rehabilitation since pumping has fallen off. Well 10A is back online.

6.5. Water Use Efficiency

This is a new report that present leak adjustment information. Of note, almost 4 million gallons of water has been lost to leaks since July 1, 2017.

**7. Individual Directors Reports**

Director Hodgin will be in Sacramento on March 9, March 29 and March 30 for ACWA meetings.

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Director Perri and Director Stiles will be attending the Water Reuse Mar 25 - 27 in Monterey.

**8. Written Communications and Correspondence**

There were no written communications or correspondence.

**9. Community Relations**

9.1. February 2018 eNews

The community relations item was accepted without comment.

**10. Closed Session**

There was no closed session.

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

There was no report on closed session or additional items.

**12. Adjournment**

MOTION: Hodgin/Leishman at 9:01 p.m. to adjourn.

Submitted:

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Donna Paul, Asst. to the General Manager

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Chris Perri, Vice President

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Piret Harmon, General Manager

**STAFF REPORT – General Items**

Scotts Valley Water District

**Date:** March 8, 2018

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** General Manager

1. California's water content of the snow rose from 22 percent of average to 37 percent as of March 5<sup>th</sup>. While last winter delivered record breaking storms that ended a historic, five-year drought, nearly 50 percent of the state has slipped back into at least moderate drought conditions.
2. State Water Resources Control Board approved a new regulation allowing treated recycled water to be added to reservoirs. The regulations specify the percentage of advance treated recycled water that can be added and how long it must reside there before being treated again at a surface water treatment facility and provided as drinking water.
3. Water received from SLVWD via Emergency Intertie in October and November of 2017 (due to the SVWD Well 3B failure) was billed at the uniform rate with the total cost of \$22K.
4. Director Hodgins has been selected to represent the Independent Districts on the Consolidated Redevelopment Oversight Committee for Santa Cruz County.
5. I cancelled my attendance at Bay Area Regional Partnerships for Sustainable Water: Part 1 Potable Reuse workshop at Stanford University on March 9, 2018.