



SCOTTS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PRESIDENT Ruth Stiles
VICE PRESIDENT Chris Perri
David Hodgkin
Ken Kannegaard
Danny Reber

GENERAL MANAGER
Piret Harmon

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Santa Margarita Community Room

2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, California

Minutes

I. Convene Meeting

I.1. Call to Order and Roll Call and Teleconference

Vice President Perri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Hodgkin, Perri, Reber and Stiles

Teleconference: Kannegaard, 213 Bethany Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066

Absent: None.

I.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Director Hodgkin led the pledge of allegiance and Director Reber provided the invocation.

I.3. Closed Session Report

There was no closed session report.

I.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

I.5. Oral Communications

Frank Kertai made oral communications.

2. Administrative

2.1. Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

Director Hodgkin moved, seconded by Director Reber to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2017 regular Board Meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Roll Call Vote

AYES: Hodgkin, Kannegaard, Perri, Reber and Stiles.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

2.2. Presentations

2.2.1 Covello Group – Project Management Update

Melanie Carrido provided a project status report. [Click here](#) to view the presentation.

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2.2.2 City of Scotts Valley Development Projects Update
Taylor Bateman, City of Scotts Valley Acting Community Development Director provided information on current and future development projects.

2.3 Committee Meeting Reports

Executive & Public Affairs Committee Meeting Report (02/13/2017)

Director Perri reported on collaborative efforts between the District, City of Santa Cruz Water Department and San Lorenzo Valley Water District and the development of a General Manager evaluation process.

Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting Report (02/21/2017)

Director Hodgkin reported that the Committee did not make a recommendation on the alternately staffed Accounting Technician / Specialist position and compensation stating concerns about the need of a higher level positions and additional labor costs.

General Manager Harmon reported that the alternately staffed position provides flexibility and creates a career ladder to retain employees.

Water Resources and & Engineering Committee Meeting Report (02/28/2017)

Director Perri reported that the Annual Groundwater Report is showing dramatic increases in groundwater levels.

Santa Margarita GSA Formation Committee Meeting (03/06/2017) I

General Manager Harmon reported the public meeting was discussed and the Santa Margarita Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) – Draft Joint Powers Agreement is complete. The Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee meeting has been rescheduled to April 19, 2016 and private well owners will be invited to attend.

3. Consent

3.1 Proposed Chapters of District Administrative Code – Replacing Rates, Rules, Regulations

Recommendation: Receive final draft document for review.

3.2 Alternately Staffed Accounting Technician/Accounting Specialist Classification

Recommendation: Approve the change in the position listing replacing Accounting Specialist classification with alternately staffed Accounting Technician/Accounting Specialist classification.

Director Hodgkin moved, seconded by Director Reber to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Roll Call Vote

AYES: Hodgkin, Kannegaard, Perri, Reber and Stiles.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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4. Public Hearing

No public hearings were scheduled.

5. General Business

5.1. Conjunctive Use of Surface and Groundwater Resources in the Santa Margarita Basin

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report and presentation. City of Santa Cruz Water Director Rosemary Menard provided information on City of Santa Cruz infrastructure and interest in developing a conjunctive project.

A short discussion ensued. No action was taken on this item.

5.2. Election for District Member and Alternate on LAFCO Board

By consensus, the Board voted for Tom Maxson, Special District Regular Member and Rachél Lather Special District Alternate on LAFCO.

5.3 ACWA JPIA (JPIA) 2017 Executive Committee Election

Director Hodgkin moved, seconded by Director Reber to adopt Resolution No. 06-17 concurring in nomination of Melody A. McDonald to the Executive Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

MOTION CARRIED: Roll Call Vote

AYES: Hodgkin, Kannegaard, Perri, Reber and Stiles.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

6. Staff Reports

6.1. District Counsel

Legal Counsel Bosso reported that electronic communications regarding District business on private email accounts and cellphones are subject to the Public Records Act.

6.2. General Manager

The General Manager report is appended.

6.3. Finance

The Finance Report was accepted without comment.

6.4. Operations

System Demand, Monthly Well Production, Recycled Water Demand and Rainfall Data

The Operations report was accepted without comment.

7. Individual Directors Reports

Director Hodgkin reported that he will participate in an ACWA Board Conference call March 10th, and will be in Sacramento on March 30 and 31st.

Director Reber reported that he will be meeting with Assemblymember Mark Stone and asked if the Board had any items for discussion.

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8. Written Communications and Correspondence

8.1. Monterey Bay Community Power

The written communication was accepted without comment.

9. Community Relations

9.1. February 2017 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 or additional items.

12. Adjournment

At 8:34 p.m. Director Reber moved, seconded by Director Hodgins to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted:

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Donna Paul, Asst. to the General Manager

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Chris Perri, Vice President

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STAFF REPORT – GENERAL ITEMS

Scotts Valley Water District

Date: March 9, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: General Manager

1. On February 8, 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board re-adopted and extended its existing water conservation regulations, with minor amendments. These regulations were scheduled to expire on February 28, 2017. The Board's action continues the previous conservation strategy of allowing water suppliers to self-certify an additional three dry-year supply to establish individualized conservation standards, extends the existing monthly water use reporting requirements and maintains the prohibition on wasteful water use practices. To address stakeholder concerns regarding the continuation of the conservation requirements given the snow and rainfall during the 2016-2017 water year, the Water Board will reassess the regulations by May 1, 2017, after a more thorough review of the State's water supply.
2. SVWD (Piret Harmon) and County (John Ricker) will be doing a presentation on Santa Margarita Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation and Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan to Scotts Valley City Council on April 5th. Draft Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) will be presented at the next Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee meeting on at 4pm on April 19th.
3. City of Scotts Valley is moving along on its General Plan Update process with next steps being presented to the Council at their March 15th meeting. They are planning for through public involvement and engagement with proposal for forming a General Plan Advisory Committee that is comprised of community members and representatives from other jurisdictions.
4. Consideration of the recycled water billing cycle from monthly to bi-monthly.
5. Recently there have been a couple of customers with large repeat leak situations. Per District's program, only one leak adjustment allowed in a 5 year period. If customer(s) are not satisfied with General Manager's decision, they can appeal to the Board.