

Scotts Valley Water District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Thursday August 10, 2017
Santa Margarita Community Room
2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, California
Draft Minutes

I. Convene Meeting

I.1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Present:

Directors

David T. Hodgins
Wade Leishman
Chris Perri
Danny Reber
Ruth Stiles

Staff

Robert Bosso
Piret Harmon
David McNair
Donna Paul

I.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Director Leishman led the pledge 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

Oral communications were made by Bill Ekwall.

2. Administrative Items

2.1. Approval of Minutes – June 8, 2017 and July 17, 2017 Regular Board Meetings

MOTION: Hodgins / Perri to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2017 and July 17, 2017 regular Board Meetings. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2.2. Presentation

There were no presentations.

2.3. Committee Meeting Reports

Executive and Public Affairs Committee 08/01/2017

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

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Finance and Personnel Committee 08/01/2017

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

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGA) Private Well Owners Representative Selection Meeting 07/31/2017

General Manager Harmon reported that 3 of 4 candidates attended the meeting along with about 12 community members. Angela Franklin and Nick Vrolyk were selected with Edan Cassidy as an alternate. Joe Pernyeszi has not formally withdrawn.

Public Comments were made by Bill Ekwall and David Young.

3. Consent

There were no items on the consent agenda.

4. Public Hearings

No public hearings were scheduled.

5. General Business Items

5.1. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 5 Board Elections for the 2018-2019 Term

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

MOTION: Reber / Leishman to direct the General Manager to submit the Ballot for ACWA Region 5 Board Elections for the 2018-2019 term. Motion carried with four yes votes and one abstention.

5.2. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Committee Appointment Nominations for the 2018-2019 Term

MOTION: Hodgkin / Reber to direct the General Manager to submit the Committee Consideration Form for ACWA Committees for the 2018-2019 term with Director Hodgkin for Water Quality and Finance; Director Perri on Energy, Groundwater and Membership and Legal Counsel Bosso on Legal Affairs. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5.3. Compensation Adjustments – Exempt Classifications

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

Director Hodgkin reported that the Finance and Personnel Committee has reviewed this item and recommends it for Board approval.

MOTION: Hodgkin / Perri to approve the compensation adjustments for Finance Manager, Operations Manager and Assistant to General Manager classifications. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5.4. Change in Position Listing Replacing 0.5 FTE Utility Service Representative, Office Classification with 1.0 FTE Administrative Office Assistant Classification.

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

Public comments were made by David Young.

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MOTION: Perri / Hodgin to approve the change in the position listing replacing 0.5 FTE Utility Service Representative, Office Classification with 1.0 FTE Administrative Office Assistant Classification. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5.5 Rescind Outdated and Irrelevant Resolutions

General Manager Harmon provided the staff report.

MOTION: Reber / Leishman to adopt Resolution No. 14-17 rescinding Resolution Nos. 08-12, 06-08, 07-06, 02-00, 19-94 and 31-84. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. Staff Reports

6.1. District Counsel – oral

Legal Counsel Bosso reported the State Supreme Court has scheduled arguments in the Ventura and Great Oaks Proposition 218 cases for September 5, 2017 and that Goleta and Santa Barbara have filed amicus briefs. The City of Capitola may have a resolution negated because a roll call vote was not done.

6.2. General Manager

The General Managers report will be appended to the minutes.

6.3. Finance

The Finance Report was accepted with comments regarding construction management services.

6.4. Operations

Operations Manager McNair reported on the catastrophic failure of Well 7A and the emergency project to replace it. This event leaves the district without any redundancy and if another problem arises it may be necessary to use the emergency intertie. He also reported on the repairs to Bethany Booster Station.

7. Individual Directors Reports

Director Hodgin reported that he attended two ACWA Committee meetings today; on ACWA President Kathy Tiegs will host a meet and greet at Marina Coast Water District on 08/17/17; Region 5 Event in Goleta is scheduled for 09/17 and 09/18/17; will be in Washington DC 09/07 to 09/09/17 and will be attending an ACWA-JPIA event the following week.

Director Perri reported that he attended a virtual ACWA energy committee on 08/03/17.

Director Reber reported that the City of Scotts Valley is raising wastewater rates and it is being confused with District water rates. the Chamber Government Affairs Committee will host a State of the City breakfast on 10/20/17.

Director Leishman thanked Operations Manager McNair for the District facilities tour.

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President Stiles adjusted the Committee assignments. Director Perri will be assigned to the Water Resources and Engineering and Director Leishman will be the alternate on both the Finance and Personnel and the Water Resources and Engineering.

7.1 ACWA Outreach – Opposition 263 Letters Needed for Upcoming Hearing

Director Hodgkin reported that ACWA has statewide issues that need support by member agencies.

General Manager will prepare and deliver an opposition letter to the Senate appropriations committee and provide a copy in the next board packet.

8. Written Communications and Correspondence

There were no written communications or correspondence.

9. Community Relations

9.1. Press Release – Wade Leishman Appointed by Scotts Valley Water District Board

9.2. August 2017 eNews

The community relations items were accepted without comment.

At 9:08 p.m. President Stiles recessed open session.

10. Closed Session

At 9:12 p.m. President Stiles convened Closed Session with General Manager Harmon and Legal Counsel Bosso present.

10.1. Pursuant to Government Code Section §54957

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Title: General Manager

At 9:39 p.m. President Stiles adjourned closed session and reconvened open session.

11. Report on Closed Session and Additional Items

11.1. Report on Closed Session

President Stiles reported that the Board conducted a performance evaluation of the General Manager.

11.2 Approval of terms of revised employment agreement with General Manager

MOTION: Hodgkin / Perri to approve a salary increase of 3.1% and renew the employment agreement with the General Manager with an annual salary of \$174,707 effective August 1, 2017. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

12. Adjournment

At 9:42 p.m. the meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for September 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Santa Margarita Community Room, 2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066.

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Ruth Stiles, President

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STAFF REPORT – GENERAL ITEMS

Scotts Valley Water District

Date: August 10, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: General Manager

1. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has selected 12 water infrastructure projects in nine states to apply for \$2.3 billion in Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loans. The loans will be leveraged to help finance a total of \$5.1 billion in water infrastructure investments and fund projects ranging from wastewater, drinking water, stormwater, and water recycling projects.

Four projects in California were selected as well as others in Florida, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, Tennessee and Washington. California projects selected to submit applications for loans include:

City of Morro Bay – Water Reclamation Facility Project

City of San Diego – Pure Water San Diego

Orange County Water District – Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission – Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant Biosolids Digester Facilities Project

2. Brent Hasteley from Yuba County Water Agency, is asking for SVWD's support of his nomination to succeed Kathy Tiegs as the President of ACWA (letter attached). He currently serves as the Vice President of ACWA. An email to ACWA's Nominating Committee stating the support from the District is required to be sent by August 30, 2017.
3. The Environmental Working Group (EWG) recently released an update to its National Tap Water Database that indicates more than 250 chemicals and 160 unregulated contaminants have been detected at "unsafe" levels in drinking water in communities nationwide. This information misleads the public about the safety of its drinking water as it compares the water quality data from nearly 50,000 utilities against public health goals (PHG) for contaminants rather than legally regulated maximum contaminant levels (MCL).

An MCL is the maximum amount of a contaminant that can be present while still ensuring that the water is safe to drink. MCLs take into account the feasibility of removing the contaminant so that water agencies can continue to deliver a consistently safe water supply at a reasonable cost.

A PHG is the amount of a contaminant that poses zero risk to public health. In many cases, it is not possible to remove or reduce a contaminant to the level represented by the PHG because the technology may not yet exist or may be so costly that it would make tap water unaffordable.

4. ACWA JPIA announced health insurance rate increases for 2018: medical from 4.5% (Anthem CDHP) to 8.26%; dental, vision, life, disability and EAP – no change.
5. Brian Lockwood was selected as the new General Manager at the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency. His predecessor, Mary Bannister, retired at the end of 2016 after 17 years of service. Prior to becoming the General Manager, Brian served as the District's Interim General Manager and as Senior Water Resources Hydrologist.
6. Water Recycling and Reuse:
 - a. I attended the International Water Association WateReuse Conference in Long Beach July 23-26. Main focus areas: innovative treatment trains, source control, and public outreach with representatives from 31 countries.
 - b. David McNair, Troy Adams (City Waste Water Treatment Facility) and I attended WateReuse Central Coast Chapter meeting in Monterey on August 3. Central Coast Chapter will be hosting 2018 WateReuse California Annual Conference in Monterey on March 25-27, 2018.
 - c. WateReuse Northern California Chapter will be meeting in Palo Alto on August 18. Agenda (attached) includes presentations from Soquel Creek Water District and Pure Water Monterey. If directors are interested, contact staff to register.
7. I will be attending California Utilities Executive Management Association (CUEMA) Leadership Summit in Carlsbad on September 6-8.