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Section 1.01 Mission Statement

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“Our mission is to provide our customers and all future generations with reliable, safe and high quality water at an equitable price; to create and maintain outstanding customer service; to manage and protect the environmental health of the aquifers and watersheds; and to ensure the fiscal vitality of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District”.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District on June 2, 2000.

The mission of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District will be accomplished through the implementation of the following objectives:

1. STAFFING: Provide an efficient and adequate staff of employees and consultants, dedicated to the District mission and responsive to the Board. Provide staff and consultants with proper resources.
2. COMMUNICATIONS: Establish and maintain an environment that encourages the open exchange of ideas and information between Board members, staff and the public that is positive, honest, concise, understandable, responsive and cost-efficient.
3. EDUCATION: Develop and maintain comprehension and competence regarding issues that come before the Board of Directors and staff. Ensure the District's customers are informed regarding the benefits of safe operations, proper claims procedures, District operations and conservation.

Section 1.02 Purpose and Scope

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It is the intent of the Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District to maintain a manual of policies. Contained therein shall be a comprehensive listing of the Board's current policies, being the rules and regulations enacted by the Board. The manual of policies will serve as a resource for Directors, staff and members of the public in determining the manner in which the District business is to be conducted.

If any policy or portion of a policy contained with the manual of policies is in conflict with rules, regulations or legislation having authority over SLVWD, said rules, regulations or legislation shall prevail.

Section 1.03 Authority of the Board

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The Board of Directors is the unit of authority for the District. Apart from their normal function as a part of this unit, individual Directors may not commit the District to any policy, act or expenditure unless duly authorized by the Board of Directors.

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1. All Board Members must be a registered voters of the District (Government Code Section 61040).

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2. The Board of Directors shall act only at regular, regularly adjourned, or special meetings, as provided by State Law.

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3. Individual Directors shall have no power to act for the San Lorenzo Valley Water District, or the Board of Directors, or to direct District staff, except as authorized by the Board of Directors.

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4. Until a quorum is present there can be no meeting of the Board of Directors. The presence of a minimum of 3 Board members is required to constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors.

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5. The Board employs the District Manager and evaluates the District Manager's performance annually. (Government Code Section 61050).

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6. The District Manager shall recommend programs to implement district policy to the Board at public meetings unless instructed by the Board to report to a committee. The District Manager shall carry out the programs approved by the Board without modification (Government Code Section 61051).

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7. The Board defines the responsibilities of the District Manager and delegates authority. The Board monitors progress and redirects the District Manager, if necessary (Government Code Section 61051).

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8. The Board approves the District's organizational structure and employment positions (Government Code Section 61060).

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9. The Board hires the District's legal counsel and auditor (Government Code Section 61060).

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10. The Board adopts the District's budget (Government Code Section 61110).

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11. The Board approves acquisition and/or purchase of real property (Government Code Section 61060).

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12. The Board sets rates, fees and charges for District services.

13. The Board establishes the compensation limits for Directors.

Section 1.04 Code of Ethics and Conduct

The Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District is obligated to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of California. Board Members will comply with applicable laws regulating their conduct, including conflict of interest, financial disclosure and open government meeting laws. Board Members are committed to providing excellence in legislative leadership that results in providing the highest quality services to its constituents. The Board of Directors is expected to maintain the highest ethical standards, to follow District policies and regulations, and to abide by all applicable local, state and federal laws. Board of Directors conduct should enhance the integrity and goals of the District. (Article 20, Section 3 of the California Constitution and Part 3 of Division 11 of the Water Code),

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1. Pursuant to California Government Code section 53234 et seq. or as amended, all Directors shall receive two (2) hours of training in general ethics principles and ethics laws relevant to public service within one (1) year of election or appointment to the Board of Directors, and at least once every two (2) years thereafter. All ethics training shall be provided by entities whose curriculum has been approved by the California Attorney General and the Fair Political Practices Commission. The District Manager and any other employee(s) of the District designated by the Board of Directors shall also receive the ethics training specified herein. The District shall maintain records indicating the name of the entity that provided the training and the dates ethics training was completed. Records shall be maintained for a period of at least five (5) years after the date on which the training was received. These records are public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

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2. Board Members, in the performance of their official duties and responsibilities, will not harass any person or discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, medical condition or disability. A Board Member will not grant any special consideration, treatment or advantage to any person or group beyond that which is available to every other person or group in similar circumstances.

3. A Board Member shall not have a financial interest in a contract with the District, or be a purchaser at a sale by the District or a vendor at a purchase made by the District, unless the Board Members' participation was authorized under

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¶ 1. The dignity, style, values and opinions of each Director shall be respected.¶

¶ 2. Responsiveness and attentive listening in communications is encouraged.¶

¶ 3. The needs of the District's constituents shall be the priority of the Board of Directors.¶

¶ 4. The primary responsibility of the Board of Directors is the formulation and evaluation of policy. Routine matters concerning the operational aspects of the District are to be delegated to staff members of the District.¶

¶ 5. Directors should commit themselves to emphasizing the positive.¶

¶ 6. Directors should commit themselves to focusing on issues and not personalities. The presentation of the opinions of other should be encouraged.¶

¶ 7. Differing viewpoints are healthy in the decision-making process. Individual Directors have the right to disagree with ideas and opinions, but without being disagreeable. Once the Board of Directors takes action, Directors should commit to supporting said action and not to creating barriers to the implementation of said action.¶

¶ 8. Directors should practice the following procedures:¶

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Government Code Sections 1091 or 1091.5, or other provisions of the law. A Board Member will not participate in discussion, deliberation or vote on a matter before the Board of Directors or in any way attempt to use his or her official position to influence a decision of the Board, if he or she has a prohibited interest with respect to the matter, as defined in the Political Reform Act, Government Code Sections 81000, and following, relating to financial conflicts of interest.

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If a Board Member believes that he or she may be disqualified from participation in the discussion, deliberations or vote on a particular matter due to a conflict of interest, the following procedure will be followed:

- (a) if the Board Member becomes aware of the potential conflict of interest before the Board meeting at which the matter will be discussed or acted on, the Board Member will notify the District Manager or the potential conflict of interest, so that a determination can be made whether it is a disqualifying conflict of interest;
- (b) if it is not possible for the Board Member to discuss the potential conflict with the District Manager before the meeting, or if the Board Member does not become aware of the potential conflict until during the meeting, the Board Member will immediately disclose the potential conflict during the Board meeting, so that there can be a determination that there is a disqualifying conflict of interest; and
- (c) upon a determination that there is a disqualifying conflict of interest the Board Member will leave the room until after the discussion, vote and any other disposition of the matter is concluded.

(Government Code Section 87105)

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4. A Board Member will not recommend the employment of a relative by the District. A Board member will not recommend the employment of a relative to any person known by the Board Member to be bidding for or negotiating a contract with the District.

5. A Board Member who knowingly asks for, accepts or agrees to receive any gift, reward or promise thereof for doing an official act, except as may authorized by law, may be guilty of a misdemeanor under Penal Code Section 70 (Government Code Sections 1090 and Penal Code Sections 68 and 70).

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6. Board Members are prohibited from soliciting political contributions from District employees or officers at District facilities or during District work hours.

7. A Board Member will not use the District's seal, trademark, stationery or other indicia of the District's identity, or facsimile thereof, in any solicitation for political contributions contrary to state or federal law.

Section 1.05 Governing Laws

The Board of Directors shall comply with and shall be guided by applicable provisions of Federal laws; State laws, including the Water Code, Government Code, Section 1090 of the Government Code, Elections Code and Public Resources Code; this Policy Manual, and the rules and regulations of the District as established by the motions, resolutions and ordinances enacted by the Board of Directors. Motions, resolutions and ordinances may be enacted by the Board in accordance with Water Code section 30523 or as amended.

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The powers and duties of the Board of Directors include governance, executive and quasi-judicial functions. These relate to the Board's own operations as a governing body and to all functions of the District.

1. Governance Functions: To fulfill its responsibility, the Board is committed to establishing policies to govern District activities. The Board of Directors shall consider and approve or disapprove matters submitted to it by a Director, staff or the public. The Board of Directors shall prescribe rules for its own governance which are consistent with its "enabling code" or by Federal or State Laws and regulations.

2. Executive Functions: The Board of Directors is authorized to delegate any of its powers and duties to an officer or employee of the District. The Board of Directors; however, retains ultimate responsibility over the performance of those powers or duties so delegated.

3. Quasi-Judicial Functions: The Board of Directors desires that public complaints be resolved at the lowest possible administrative level. The procedure for resolving public complaints shall be as follows:

(a) The individual with a complaint shall first discuss the matter with the District Manager. If this individual registering the complaint is not satisfied with the disposition of the complaint by the District Manager, said complaint may be filed with the Board of Directors.

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(b) The Board of Directors may consider the matter at a subsequent regular meeting or call a special meeting. The Board of Directors will expeditiously resolve the matter.

(c) This policy in no way prohibits or intend to deter a member of the public from appearing before the Board of Directors to present a verbal complaint or statement in regard to actions of the Board of Directors, District programs or services, or impending considerations for the Board of Directors.

Section 1.06 Election of Officers

There shall be two (2) officers: a president and a vice president, who shall be members of the District Board of Directors. Election of officers shall be held at the December Board of Directors meeting of each calendar year. Officers will serve for a one (1) year term. (Government Code Section 61043).
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Section 1.07 Board of Directors Meetings

1. REGULAR TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS: Regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held, on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm; at the District Operations Building, 13057 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, CA, unless otherwise specified by action of the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Board of Directors, as that term or its successor terms are defined within the meaning of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code section 54950 et seq.), may be duly authorized and held as deemed necessary by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors. Notice and location of special meetings shall be as prescribed by law. Emergency meetings of the Board of Directors, as that term or its successor terms are defined within the meaning of the Ralph M. Brown Act, may be duly authorized and held as deemed necessary only by a majority of the Board of Directors. Notice and location of emergency meetings shall be as prescribed by law.
2. PUBLIC NATURE OF MEETINGS: All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to the public, except when the Board is convened in Closed Session as authorized under provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code section 54950 et seq.).
3. QUORUM AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS: The presence of three (3) or more Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of District business. No ordinance, resolution or motion shall be passed by the Board of Directors without a majority vote of the Board, unless otherwise required or prescribed by State law. (See for example, Government Code section 54954.2)
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1. POWERS: The Board of Directors is responsible for the establishment of policy and general control of the District. This broad authority shall be exercised in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. The Board of Directors may execute any powers delegated by law to the District, and shall discharge any duty imposed by law upon the District. The enabling codes established by the California State Legislature empowers the Board of Directors to have broad authority and flexibility in carrying out financial programs and activities which meet its individual needs, provided these programs or activities are not in conflict with, inconsistent with, or preempted by law.¶

2. DUTIES: The primary duties of the Board of Directors are as follows:¶

- (a) Take action at legal meeting.¶
 - (b) Establish and periodically review written policies for District operation and administration.¶
 - (c) Be responsible for all District finances.¶
- (1) Approve the fiscal budget.¶
 - (2) Monitor the budget spending.¶
 - (d) Set rates, fees and charges for District services.¶
 - (e) Personnel¶
 - (1) Hire and discharge the District Manager and Legal Counsel.¶
 - (2) Annually evaluate the District Manager and Legal Counsel.¶

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4. **BOARD ACTION:** The Board of Directors shall act only by ordinance, resolution, or motion. Except where action is taken by the unanimous vote of all Directors present and voting, the ayes and noes shall be taken upon the passage of all ordinances, resolutions or motions and shall be entered in the minutes. An ordinance does not require two readings at separate meetings unless otherwise prescribed by law. Unless otherwise provided by its own terms, all ordinances, resolutions and motions shall become effective upon adoption. Any member of the Board of Directors, including the President, can make a motion. Motions require seconds. The President may vote on all motions unless disqualified or abstaining. The President shall not call for a vote on any motion until sufficient time has been allowed to permit any and all members of the Board of Directors to speak. Complex motions should generally be prepared in writing and read aloud to the members of the Board of Directors at the time the motion is made. If a motion is not in writing, and if it is necessary for full understanding of the matter before the Board of Directors, the President shall restate the question prior to the vote. Common motions may be stated in abbreviated form, and will be put into complete form in the minutes. Until the President states the question, the maker may modify their motion or withdraw it completely. However, after the President has stated the question, the motion may be changed only by a motion to amend which is passed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The President of the Board may at any time, during debate or otherwise, declare a recess. Declaration of a recess shall not be subject to any motions.

5. **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES:** Unless otherwise inconsistent with any provision stated herein, Parliamentary Procedure for Board of Directors meetings shall be based upon the current edition of **Sturgis Standard Code** of Parliamentary Procedure. No action of the Board of Directors shall be deemed invalid for the reason that said action was not in conformance with Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure.

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6. **ROUTINE BUSINESS:** Matters of routine business such as approval of the minutes and approval of minor matters may be expedited by assuming unanimous consent of the members of the Board of Directors and having the President state that without objection the matter will stand approved. Should any Director object to such unanimous consent, the President shall then call for a vote.

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7. **ORDERLY DISCUSSION:** In order to promote discussion of the issues before the Board of Directors, each Director shall be recognized by the chair before speaking. Notwithstanding any provision of this Policy, however, each Director shall have a right to be heard within reason on any issue before the Board of Directors. Each Director may seek information or comment by the staff on any question.

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8. **CLOSED SESSION:** Except as provided by law, all proceedings in Closed Sessions shall remain confidential.

9. MEETING AGENDAS: The District Manager, in consultation with the Board President, shall be responsible for the preparation of a written agenda for each regular meeting and/or special meeting of the Board of Directors as those terms or its successor terms are defined by the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code section 54950 et seq.). The District Manager and the Board President shall meet, annually, in January of each calendar year to identify recurring items of business which should be placed on written agendas at appropriate times during the coming year. The District Manager, in consultation with the President, shall be responsible for the preparation of a written agenda for each regular meeting and/or special meeting of "other legislative bodies," of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District, as those terms or its successor terms are defined by the Ralph M. Brown Act. Any Director may request that an item be placed on the agenda for a regular meeting of the Board of Directors. The District Secretary shall be responsible for the posting of the appropriate notice and agenda for all meetings of the Board of Directors and/or "other legislative bodies."

A copy of the agenda for each regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be forwarded to each Board member, at least three (3) days in advance of each regular meeting, together with copies of all applicable supporting documentation; minutes to be approved; staff report; and other available documents pertinent to the meeting. Directors shall review agenda materials before each meeting. Individual directors may confer directly with the District Manager to request additional information on the agenda items.

10. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Additions to the Agenda, if any, shall be made in accordance with California Government Code Section 54954.2 or as amended (Ralph M. Brown Act), which includes, but is not limited to, additions for which the need to take action is declared to have arisen after the agenda was posted, as determined by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. If less than two-thirds of the members are present a unanimous vote of those members present is required.

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11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: The Board of Directors encourages public participation. The Oral Communications portion of the agenda is reserved for citizen communication on matters not otherwise on the agenda. Any person may address the Board of Directors on any subject that lies within the jurisdiction of the District during this portion of the agenda. Unless otherwise altered by the President or presiding officer, individual citizen communication during the Oral Communication portion of the agenda shall not exceed three (3) minutes in length and individuals may only speak once. The Ralph M. Brown Act (Section 54954.3 or as amended) prohibits any action being taken by the Board of Directors on any Oral Communications presented; however, the Board of Directors may request that the matter be placed on a future agenda. Each person addressing the Board of Directors shall be requested to give his or her name and address for the record, and designate the subject matter.

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 ORDER OF BUSINESS: As a practice of normal business the Board President may rearrange this order at any time.¶
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 . (a) . Convene Meeting, Roll Call¶
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 . (b) . Additions and Deletions to Agenda¶
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 . (c) . Oral Communications Related to Closed Session¶
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 . (d) . Adjournment to Closed Session¶
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 . (e) . Reconvene to Open Session at 6:30 pm (time-certain)¶
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 . (f) . Report Actions Taken in Closed Session¶
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 . (g) . Additions and Deletions to Agenda¶
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Citizens may also address the Board of Directors on specific agenda items, when that item has come up on the agenda, including those on the consent agenda, only after first obtaining recognition by the President or presiding officer. Participation by interested citizens on specific agenda items is subject to orderly procedure, including time limits and decorum established under the authority of the President or presiding officer and applicable law.

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All communications by interested citizens, whether during Oral Communications, or other items on the agenda, shall be addressed to the Board of Directors as a single body and not to individual Board members, staff or members of the audience. No person other than the Board of Directors and the person having the floor shall be permitted to enter into discussion, either directly or through a director, without the permission of the President or presiding officer. No member of the public shall approach the Board of Directors table while the Board is in session unless granted permission by the President or presiding officer. Proper decorum must be observed by Directors, staff, speakers and the audience. The President or presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum, discourage personal attacks, and confine debate to the question under discussion. The President or presiding officer, or a majority of the board, may eject from a meeting any person who becomes disorderly, abusive, or disruptive, or who fails or refuses to obey a ruling of the president regarding a matter of order or procedure. The President shall rule out of order any irrelevant, repetitive or disruptive comments. No cell phone operation or audible pager use is allowed in the Board of Directors chambers.

12. CONSENT AGENDA: The purpose of a consent agenda is to minimize the time required for the handling of any non-controversial matters. Consent agenda items are considered to be routine and non-controversial, with documentation provided to the Board of Directors that is adequate and sufficient for approval without inquiry or discussion. Any item on the consent agenda will be moved to the regular agenda upon request from individual Directors or a member of the public. Unless moved to the regular agenda, the consent agenda shall be voted upon as one single item without discussion or debate.

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13. STUDY SESSIONS: Study sessions or workshop meetings are for the purpose of discussing an item(s) that may come before the Board at a later time for official action, to facilitate planning, or discussion of special topics of interest. Study sessions provide a more informal forum for the Board of Directors, staff and the public to engage in open-ended discussion and share information on a particular subject(s). No formal action(s) can be taken at a study session; direction can be given to staff regarding preparation of an agenda item for discussion and possible action at a subsequent meeting. From time to time, study sessions may be duly authorized as deemed necessary by the President or a majority of the Board.

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14. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE: The Written Correspondence portion of the agenda is established to act as a report of written materials received by the Board as a whole, but may also include items requested for inclusion by individual Directors or members of the public. Written Communications which require no official actions by the Board of Directors may be listed only by title and date received, and not presented in its entirety. Written Correspondence not presented in its entirety will be maintained by the District Secretary for a period of two (2) years.

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Section 1.08 Technological Conferencing

Teleconferencing may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of any legislative body of the District. Teleconferencing is defined as a meeting of a legislative body of the District, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. If a legislative body of the District elects to use teleconferencing, it shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Section 54953, or as amended.)

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Section 1.09 President

1. DUTIES: The President shall sit as presiding officer and conduct all meetings of the Board of Directors, shall carry out the resolution and orders of the Board of Directors and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe; including the following:

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(a) Call the meeting to order at the appointed times

(b) Announce the business to come before the Board of Directors in its proper order.

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(c) Enforce the Board of Directors policies and rules with respect to the order of business and the conduct of meetings.

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(d) Recognize persons who desire to speak, and protect the speaker who has the floor from disturbance or interference.

(e) Explain what the effect of a motion would be if it is not clear to every member of the Board of Directors.

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(f) Restrict discussion to the question when a motion is before the Board of Directors.

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(g) Rule on parliamentary procedure.

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(h) Put motions to a vote, and state clearly the results of the vote.

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2. RESPONSIBILITIES: The President shall have all the rights to discuss and vote on any issues before the Board of Directors. The President shall have the following responsibilities:

- (a) Sign all instruments, acts and carry out stated requirements and the will of the Board of Directors
- (b) Consult with the District Manager on the preparation of the Board of Directors agendas. In addition, any Director shall have the right to place any matter on the agenda for any meeting in accordance with the provisions of this policy.
- (c) Appoint and disband all committees, subject Board of Directors approval.
- (d) Call such meetings of the Board of Directors as they may deem necessary, giving notice as prescribed by law.
- (e) Confer with the District Manager and/or District Counsel on matters which may occur between Board of Directors meetings.
- (f) Be responsible for the orderly conduct of all Board of Directors meetings.
- (g) Act as spokesperson of the Board of Directors.
- (h) Coordinate and prepare the Board of Directors annual evaluation of the District Manager and Legal Counsel.
- (i) Other duties as authorized by the Board of Directors.

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Section 1.10 Vice-President

When the President resigns or is absent or disabled, the Vice-President shall perform the President's duties. When the President disqualifies himself/herself from participating in an agenda item, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the presiding officer.

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Section 1.11 Minutes

Minutes of all regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings will be audio recorded. Said audio record shall be subject to inspection in accordance with State Laws, including the California Public Records Act.

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Section 1.12 Committees

The Board shall organize committees that are advisory to the Board with regard to matters within their respective areas of responsibility.

The five District standing committees are as follows: Administrative, Budget & Finance, Engineering, Environmental and Lompico Assessment District Oversight. Each standing committee shall have no power or authority to commit the District or to take any action on behalf of the Board of Directors. Standing Committees shall hold meetings at such times as deemed necessary by consensus of the committee members. Committees are encouraged to meet at least monthly.

Committee meetings shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. In order to promote attendance by Directors at Committee meetings without inadvertently creating a violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act, Directors that

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are not members of a committee may attend as observers, but shall not participate at the Committee's meeting.

Committee appointments will be reviewed by the full Board at the Board of Director's meeting in December of each Calendar Year, or as soon thereafter as practical. Applications to serve as a Public Member will be available at the District's Office or on-line at the District's website (www.slvwd.com). Public Member Applications will be reviewed by the full Board. Each committee member shall be appointed by a simple majority vote of the Board.

Administrative, Budget & Finance, Engineering, Environmental Committees may have no more than two Board Members and no more than one Public Member. During the appointment discussion each Director may present a public member to serve on each committee; Administrative, Budget & Finance, Engineering, Environmental Committees. If more than one public member is presented to serve on an individual committee, the full Board shall vote to determine which public member shall be seated on that committee for the year. The Lompico Assessment District Oversight Committee may have no more than five Public Members. Public members serving on the Lompico Assessment District Oversight Committee shall have a residential mailing address within Assessment District 2016-1.

Members of the committees serve at the pleasure of the Board. Each committee shall designate their own chairperson. For the Administrative, Budget & Finance, Engineering and Environmental Committees the chairperson shall be a member of the Board. Each committee may elect a vice-chairperson. Members of committees, including the chairperson and vice-chairperson shall serve until their successors are appointed. The chairperson of a committee is its presiding officer and shall be responsible for communicating the recommendation of the committee to the Board. In the absence of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson shall perform the duties of the chairperson. The chairperson and vice-chairperson are not deprived of any of the rights and privileges of a committee member by reason of being the presiding officer.

A majority of the members of each committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Only members of the committee are entitled to make, second or vote on any motion or other action of the committee. Each committee member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters considered by the committee. A simple majority vote of the members of the Committee shall designate approval of a motion.

During the first regular meeting after January 1st of each year, each Committee shall review the District's current Strategic Plan and identify Strategic Plan Elements pertaining to said Committee. The Committee's findings regarding such Strategic Plan review shall be reported back to the Board at the next available regular Board Meeting for discussion and to allow the Board to provide direction

back to the committees regarding completion of identified Strategic Plan Elements.

During the first regular meeting after January 1st of each year, each Committee shall prepare a multi-month forward looking calendar of items to be discussed by said Committee. Said calendar shall be no less than a three month look-ahead. Each Committee chairperson shall maintain said look-ahead calendar and submit same to the Board on a monthly basis.

The committee Chairperson shall record summary minutes of each committee meeting. The minutes of each committee meeting and any recommendation of a committee shall include a summary of the information presented.

All committee member absences will be considered by the majority of the committee members to determine whether or not the absence is without cause. Sickness, jury duty, vacation and/or bereavement will be considered excused absences. When three meetings in a row or a total of six meetings in one calendar year are missed the remaining committee members will consider removal of the individual from the committee. The removal must be voted upon and approved by the majority of the committee members with the exception of the committee member in question.

Vacancies shall be reported to the full Board as soon as practically possible. Vacancies shall be filled by simple majority vote of the Board.

Committee Members shall comply with the obligations and responsibilities of office including the obligation to comply with the disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act (Form 700). The reporting categories made applicable to the Directors by San Lorenzo Valley Water District's local conflict of code shall apply to the members of the committee members.

All committee communications must go through the designated committee chairperson.

A committee has jurisdiction to consider and make a recommendation to staff, other committees and to the Board regarding any item of business within the responsibility of the committee. Committee recommendations shall be communicated to the Board. A committee may consider other matters referred to it by the Board.

The Board may refer a recommendation back to any committee for reevaluation whenever the Board deems additional evaluation is required.

Each Standing Committee shall, as a minimum, be responsible for the following:

Administrative Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for matters of internal and external administrative matters including: communications, staffing and staff support; District's data gap grant programs; interagency relations; codes and policies, pending State and Federal legislation; and other administrative programs.

Budget and Finance Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for the review of District finances including: rates, fees, charges and other sources of revenue; budget and reserves; audit; investments; insurance; and other financial matters.

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Engineering Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for the review matters of design, construction, replace and repair of the District facilities and property including: The Capital Improvement Program; Master Plans and other engineering, operational and planning related matters.

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Environmental Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for matters of stewardship of the District's property including: Urban Water Management Plans; Water Conservation Programs; Classis Watershed Education Grants; Watershed Management; Resource Management and other environmental related matter.

Lompico Assessment District Oversight Committee

The Committee shall be responsible to review matters of revenue and expenses directly related to Assessment District 2016-1 projects.

Section 1.13 Meeting Stipends

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Each Director may receive compensation as established by resolution of the Board of Directors. Pursuant to California Water Code section 30507, each Director may receive compensation in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board, or for each day's service rendered as a Director by request or approval of the Board, not to exceed six hundred dollars (\$600.00) in any calendar month. Consistent with California Water Code section 30507, by resolution of the Board of Directors, the District has established the following per day (daily meeting stipend) for each day's attendance at meetings, as defined herein. Such compensation is in addition to any approved reimbursement for meals, lodging, travel and other expenses consistent with the policies stated herein.

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1. To be entitled to a daily meeting stipend of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the event in question must constitute one of the following:

(a) A meeting of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District Board of Directors within the meaning of California Government Code section 54952(a); or

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(b) Any meeting attended or service provided on a given day at the formal request of the District Board of Directors, and for which the Board at a public meeting approved payment of a daily meeting stipend.

2. To be entitled to a daily meeting stipend of twenty five dollars (\$25.00), the event in question must be a meeting of a designated District standing committee within the meaning of California Government Code section 54952(b). Only Directors appointed to the District standing committees shall be entitled to the daily meeting stipend.

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Section 1.14 Training, Education Programs, Conferences and Meetings

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The Board of Directors has determined that the following provisions shall be applicable to Director training, educational programs, conferences and meetings:

1. Directors are encouraged to attend educational conferences and professional meetings when the purposes of such activities are to improve District operation. Directors may attend, on behalf of the District, such training, educational programs, conferences and meetings as have been approved by the Board of Directors.

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(a) It is the policy of the District to encourage Board development and excellence of performance by reimbursing necessary and reasonable expenses incurred for tuition, travel, lodging and meals as a result of training, educational courses, participation with professional organizations, and attendance at local, state and national conferences associated with the interests of the District. District credit cards may be used for registration purposes. Cash advances are not permitted. All reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses shall be pursuant to District policy on expenditure reimbursement as stated herein.

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(b) Attendance by Directors at seminars, workshops, courses, professional organization meetings, and conferences etc. shall be approved by the Board of Directors at a public meeting prior to incurring any authorized reimbursable costs.

- (c) The District Manager or designee is responsible for making arrangements for Directors for conference and registration expenses, and for per diem. Per Diem, when appropriate, shall include reimbursement of expenses for meals, lodging, and travel. All expenses for which reimbursement is requested by Directors, or which are billed to the District by Directors, shall be submitted to the District Manager, together with validated receipts.
- (d) To conserve District resources and keep Directors' reimbursement expenses for training, educational programs, conferences and meetings within community standards for public officials, reimbursement expenditures should adhere to the following guidelines. Expenses to the District for Board of Directors' training, education programs, conferences and meetings should be kept to a minimum by:
 1. Utilizing hotel(s) recommended by the event sponsor in order to obtain discounted rates.
 2. Traveling together whenever feasible and economically beneficial.
 3. Requesting reservations sufficiently in advance, when possible, to obtain discounted air fares and hotel rates.
- (e) Whenever a Director who has not previously attended a particular conference or educational program is available to attend same, that Director shall have preference for attendance over a Director who has previously attended the same program.
- (f) Upon returning from seminars, workshops, conferences, etc., where expenses are reimbursed by the District, Directors will either prepare a written report for distribution to the Board, or make a verbal report during the next regular meeting of the Board. The report shall detail what was learned at the session(s) that will be of benefit to the District. Materials from the session(s) may be delivered to the District office to be included in the District library for the future use of other Directors and staff.
- (g) Nothing in this policy shall permit the conduct of business in violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act when more than three (3) Directors attend the same event.

Section 1.15 Personnel Polices

1. PERSONNEL SYSTEM RULES AND REGULATIONS: San Lorenzo Valley Water District is committed to the provision of an orderly, equitable and uniform personnel system. The Board of Directors by resolution shall establish written rules and regulations for the administration of the personnel system. Personnel system rules and regulations shall be reviewed at the Board of Directors meeting in December of each calendar year or as soon thereafter as reasonable.

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The purpose of this policy is to prescribe the manner in which members of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District Board of Directors may be reimbursed for expenditures related to approved District business. The District shall adhere to California Government Code sections 53232 through 53232.4 or as amended when dealing with issues of expenditure reimbursements for Directors. This policy shall apply to all members of the Board of Directors, and is intended to result in no personal gain or loss to a Director.¶

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Directors may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenditure(s) relative to reasonable and necessary costs associated with appropriate District business. The Board of Directors must provide approval for said District business at a public meeting prior to incurring any authorized reimbursement costs. Directors are eligible to receive reimbursements for travel, meals, lodging, and other reasonable and necessary expenses associated with approved District business. Reimbursement rates shall coincide with guidelines established herein, or rates set by Internal Revenue Service Publication 1542 or its successor publication(s), whichever are greater.¶

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2. **SEXUAL HARASSMENT:** The San Lorenzo Valley Water District is committed to creating and maintaining a work environment free of objectionable and disrespectful conduct and/or communication of a sexual nature and prohibits sexual harassment by all employees and the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors by resolution shall establish a written policy and procedure manual relative to sexual harassment. The District's sexual harassment policy shall be reviewed at the Board of Directors meeting in December of each calendar year or as soon thereafter as reasonable.

Conduct which creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment will not be tolerated. Verbal behavior, physical behavior, gestures and other non-verbal behavior which create said environment will not be tolerated. Any employee or member of the public who feel that they have been or are being harassed by a Director is strongly encouraged to immediately report such incident to the District Manager without fear of reprisal regardless of the outcome of the complaint. The District Manager shall assign the investigation of the alleged misconduct to an outside party such as an attorney or law firm experienced in such matters. The District Manager shall notify the President of the Board of Directors of said alleged misconduct. Thereafter, the President, at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, shall report the facts and nature of the allegations to the entire Board of Directors.

If the Director charged with sexual harassment is the President of the Board of Directors, the District Manager shall report the fact and nature of the allegation(s) to the entire Board of Directors at its next meeting.

If an allegation of sexual harassment against a Director is investigated and found to be supported, the Board of Directors reserves the right to take such remedial action as is appropriate under all of the circumstances, including, if warranted, initiating an action for recall of such Director. The Directors agree that an accusation of sexual harassment against any one of them must be investigated. It is further agreed that such an investigation is not an invasion of their right of privacy.

3. **NONDISCRIMINATION:** The District shall not unlawfully discriminate against qualified employees or job applicants on the basis of age, sex, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, veteran status, or status with regard to public assistance. Equal opportunity shall be provided to all qualified employees and applicants in every aspect of personnel policy and practice.

All employees are expected to carry out the responsibilities in a manner that is free from discriminatory statements or conduct.

4. **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION-AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:**
Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, employers have a duty to

reasonably accommodate employees and job applicants with known disabilities. This accommodation is not required for individuals who are not otherwise qualified for the job nor is accommodation generally required until the person with the disability requests it. The following optional regulation includes procedures recommended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for use when determining what accommodation to make.

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Requests for reasonable accommodation may first be considered informally by the site administrator. If an accommodation cannot be made at the site because it would impose undue hardship or because of a lack of funds, the site administrator shall ask that the request be submitted in writing to the General Manager. The site administrator shall provide the employee or applicant with any assistance he/she may need in order to submit this request.

The duty to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability is limited to those accommodations which do not impose an undue hardship upon the district.

Undue hardship is determined on a case-by case basis and includes any action that is unduly costly, extensive, substantial, disruptive, or that fundamentally alters the nature or operation of the agency. The burden of proving undue hardship rests with the agency, and what may be an undue hardship for one agency may not be an undue hardship for another, depending on factors such as cost and agency size. Even if cost does pose an undue hardship, the disabled person should have the opportunity to pay for the portion of the cost that constitutes an undue hardship, or to personally provide the accommodation.

Section 1.16 Resignations

Resignations by Directors shall be in writing, state the effective date and be submitted to the President of the Board of Directors and District Secretary. In the event the President of the Board of Directors resigns, the resignation shall be submitted to the Vice-President of the Board of Directors and the District Secretary.

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¶ Pursuant to provision of California Government Code section 81,000 et seq., commonly known as the Political Reform Act, the District shall adopt and maintain a Conflict of Interest Code. The Conflict of Interest Code and, any amendments thereto shall be adopted by resolution of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall review the adopted Conflict of Interest Code on a bi-annual basis. At a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting in September of each even-numbered year, the Board of Directors shall review its Conflict of Interest Code and, if amendments are needed, shall submit said amendments to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors in accordance with applicable deadlines. If no amendments are needed, the Board of Directors shall submit a written statement saying that its Conflict of Interest Code is still accurate.¶
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Section 1.17 Vacancies

Directors are expected to carry out their responsibilities to the best of their abilities. In order to accomplish this goal, Directors should be present for scheduled meeting or events whenever possible. In accordance with California Government Code section 1770 a Director position vacancy will occur whenever "he or she ceases to discharge the duties of his or her office for the period of three consecutive months, except when prevented by sickness", or when absent from the Board of Directors without the permission of the majority of the Board of Directors.

If such vacancy occurs, the Board of Directors will take action in accordance with California Government Code section 1770.

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In order to accomplish this in an orderly and consistent manner, when a vacancy of an elected Director occurs, the District Board of Directors, after discussion and consideration, shall when deemed appropriate, instruct staff to:

1. Place a public notice advising that a vacancy has occurred in accordance with applicable provisions of law; and
2. Said notice shall advise prospective candidates of the steps to take to apply for appointment; and
3. The District's Board of Directors shall establish the closing date for the receipt of applications; and
4. Applicants shall submit the following, by the date specified in the notice:
 - a) a letter of interest, and
 - b) a resume, with particular emphasis on the applicant's knowledge of special districts, and
5. Applicant(s) shall be interviewed at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the District's Board of Directors following the date of closure for applications; and
6. The District's Board of Directors shall make the appointment without undue delay, but need not act at the same meeting.

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Section 1.18 Inconsistent, Incompatible and Conflicting Employment or Activities

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Pursuant to the provision of the California Government Code section 1126, the Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District has determined that it would be inconsistent and incompatible for a Board member to be a paid employee of the District. Therefore, based on this decision, a member of the Board of Directors shall not be a paid District employee.

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San Lorenzo Valley Water District is committed to the establishment of formal policies relative to the prudent investment of the District's unexpended cash. The Board of Directors by resolution shall establish written guidelines for the investment of all San Lorenzo Valley Water District funds or funds in the custody of the District, in a manner which conforms to all State and local statutes governing the investment of public funds. Said guidelines shall provide for an optimal combination of safety, liquidity and yield. The District's Investment Policy and, any amendments thereto, shall be adopted by resolution of the Board of Directors. The Investment Policy shall be reviewed at the Board of Directors meeting in December of each calendar year or as soon thereafter as reasonable.¶

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Section 1.19 Directors' Legal Liabilities

The District shall defend and indemnify Directors from any claim, liability or demand that arises out of a Director's performance of his or her duties or responsibilities as a Director or Officer of the District.

Section 1.20 Annual Disclosure of Reimbursements

The District shall annually disclose any reimbursements paid by the San Lorenzo Valley Water District of at least one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each individual charge for services or products received. The Board of Directors shall review said reimbursement information for the preceding fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting in September of each calendar year, or as soon thereafter as is reasonable.

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Section 1.21 General Provisions

Any of the within policies not required by law may be altered, amended, or repealed by a majority of the Board at a duly authorized meeting.

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Section 1.22 Annual Review

This Board of Directors Policy Manual shall be reviewed annually by District Counsel and ratified by Resolution of the Board of Directors at the Board of Directors meeting in December of each calendar year or as soon thereafter as reasonable.

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