



REVISED
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT
MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2020

MISSION STATEMENT: Our Mission is to provide our customers and future generations with reliable, safe and high quality water at an equitable price; to create and maintain outstanding service and community relations; 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.

Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., via videoconference and teleconference.

1. Convene Meeting 6:38 p.m.
Roll Call: R. Moran, B. Fultz, Pres. Swan, L. Farris, L. Henry were present.
Staff: R. Rogers-District Manager, G. Nicholls-District Counsel, C. Blanchard-Environmental Planner, S. Hill-Director of Finance & Business Services, J. Furtado-Director of Operations, D. Langfield-Engineering Manager, H. Hossack-Board Secretary
2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda: None
3. Oral Communications:
J. Mosher said that in reviewing the budget he found that the rate increase is approximately the amount of the loan payment.
Discussion by the Board regarding Mr. Mosher's comments.
4. Unfinished Business:
 - a. SANTA CRUZ COUNTY USE OF GLYPHOSATE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY
R. Rogers introduced and described this item.
R. Moran read a prepared statement. Dir. Moran recommended that the Board direct the District Manager to meet with representatives of the County Parks and the Felton Library to seek a long term agreement for the solution for the use of glyphosate on the Felton Library Nature Discovery Park.
Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the use of glyphosate on Felton Library property.
B. Thomas said that the Valley is not interested in having glyphosate.

J. Mosher as a member of Felton Library Friends this has been an issue of concern and interest. There will be a group digging up blackberries on the property on Saturday.

B. Fultz said it would be great if the County would rethink their policy. Staff was directed to meet with representatives with from the County and the library to make a long term agreement not to use glyphosate.

5. New Business:

a. INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY

C. Blanchard present this item and read from the staff memo.

R. Moran added to the presentation.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the adoption of IPMP.

J. Mosher appreciates this policy. He questioned how we are going to deal with the broom on the sandhills.

B. Thomas said that she appreciates the policy.

R. Moran said the Jodi McGraw and Associates is scheduled to work on the Sandhills Habitation Plan.

EJ Armstrong made a point regarding insurance liability and questioned if this would influence the cost of the insurance.

B. Fultz said the bigger issue might be, if we continue to use known carcinogens, who knows what happens in the future regarding potential risks.

G. Nicholls made a procedural recommendation to adopt the attached draft Integrated Pest Management Policy that is in the Board packet as the final policy and remove the Draft watermark.

R. Moran made a motion to adopt the Draft Integrated Pest Management Policy and remove the Draft watermark. The motion was seconded.

All present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

R. Moran thanked former Director Eric Hammer for his input in getting this policy to the Board in 2016 and getting this process started.

b. CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION - BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

R. Rogers introduced this item and read the staff memo.

Discussion by the Board regarding a choice for the election.

B. Fultz made a motion to vote for Vincent Ferrante for the 2021/23 CSDA Board member. The motion was seconded.

T. To questioned if there is a reason why the Board doesn't interview these people or get more information before voting.

S. Swan explained that historically the Board has voted based on the information provided by CSDA.

Discussion by the Board regarding the choice of Vincent Ferrante.

All present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

c. CALFIRE CALIFORNIA FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CFIP)
REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORIZATION

R. Rogers introduced this item.

C. Blanchard described this item.

R. Moran said he supports R. Rogers as the Dist. Representative.

G. Nicholls made a recommendation to the resolution to add signatory.

L. Henry made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24 (19-20).

B. Fultz questioned if that means that anything related to this program would not come back to the Board.

G. Nicholls explained that the Board could give the Dist. Manager this authority and ask that the Board review them before they are signed.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding Board input into agreements, name or title, information items to Environmental Committee.

Motion was seconded.

All present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

d. BOARD POLICY MANUAL UPDATE

G. Nicholls presented this item. Government code section 54 957.5 governs materials that are made available to the Board of Directors and that material must also be made available to the public. Prior to Zoom meetings the District would bring hardcopies of information to the meetings. With Zoom meetings there is no good way to distribute materials at the meeting. She proposed that any material to be shared at the meeting being provided to the District Secretary by noon the day before the Board meeting so that it can be posted on the website.

Discussion by Board and staff regarding the change to the Board Policy Manual. This item will be taken to the Admin Committee.

e. PUBLIC RELATIONS PRESENTATION

R. Rogers introduced this item and read from the staff memo.

M. Bracco with Chatterbox gave her presentation.

Questions from the Board regarding the process of the survey.

M. Bracco continued her presentation.

S. Swan questioned the timeline for the marketing plan.

M. Bracco responded that in the next 60 days she will have a detailed marketing plan and timeline.

B. Fultz said he was impressed with the amount of information she was able to gather.

M. Bracco she pointed out that Chatterbox has been working with the District getting out press releases, putting together an ad and getting information out to the community, as well as the survey.

T. To said that each address would have the same IP address. She also had a comment about the Board Policy Manual, she doesn't think the Board should be getting information at the last minute.

6. Consent Agenda:

- a. MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 21, 2020.

7. Written Communication: None

8. Informational Material: None

9. Adjournment 8:22 p.m.