



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER  
DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 1, 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, October 1, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.,** via videoconference and teleconference.

**1. Convene Meeting 6:30 P.M.**

Roll Call: Dir. Farris, Dir. Fultz, Dir. Henry, Dir. Moran, Pres. Swan

Staff: R. Rogers-Dist. Manager, G. Nicholls-Dist. Counsel, N. Gillespie-Water Treatment & System Supervisor, J. Furtado-Director of Operations, H. Hossack-Dist. Secretary.

**2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None**

**3. Oral Communications: None**

**4. Unfinished Business:**

**a. CZU WILDFIRE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT REPORT**

R. Rogers introduced this item. The Sandis Engineering report is available as a link on the agenda. There are just over 300 customers still on the DND/DNB order. The District is moving on replacing the pipes to Big Steel, Lyon, and Little Lyon tanks with ductile iron. HDPE burning pipe has contaminated Lyon & Little Lyon tanks requiring recoating. Big Steel tank is back on line. That is 1.5 million gallons. Also, we are replacing the piping on Foreman Creek.

L. Henry questioned if we can catch the Debris Flow.

R. Rogers responded that the District is working with civil engineers, fire management and the County regarding the slowing of velocity and harden our facilities.

B. Fultz questioned the financial page in the agenda packet. He asked which projects are considered permanent rather than temporary? Where is the money coming from?

R. Rogers responded that those items will be answered in item 4b.

No questions from the public.

b. CZU WILDFIRE EMERGENCY CONTRACTS STATUS UPDATE

R. Rogers introduced this item and recommended that the Board authorize an additional \$1 million for the Lyon facilities, to date the Board has authorized \$550,000. A majority of the funds will be reimbursed by FEMA. Burying the pipe will eliminate the fire from burning the HDPE lines.

S. Swan questioned how much of the money is going into burying the pipes.

R. Rogers said that he doesn't have the costs broken down that way.

B. Fultz questioned the use of HDPE pipe he is concerned about plastic.

J. Furtado responded that everything coming out of the ground is ductile steel.

R. Rogers said that the original intent was to lay temporary pipe. After looking at the soils it was determined that parts of the piping will be permanent.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding permanent vs. temporary piping, funding by FEMA and OES, and insurance.

R. Moran questioned defensible space near District facilities.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding defensible space.

J. Cucchiara questioned if the District is looking into the best permanent solution to replacement of pipes.

R. Rogers responded that there will be a cost/benefit analysis.

B. Thomas said it would be helpful if the District would provide concise communication regarding the controversial HDPE pipeline.

R. Rogers said the reason that HDPE pipe was used was due to environmental concerns.

R. Moran made a motion to authorize the District Manager to amend construction contracts to facilitate damage repairs to the distribution system for the CZU Lightning Fire by \$1,550,000, in addition to the \$500,000 already authorized. The motion was seconded.

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

c. CZU WILDFIRE WATER QUALITY UPDATE

R. Rogers introduced this item and read from the memo. He noted that the District was able to isolate the area before the pipes were destroyed.

N. Gillespie added to the information presented.

R. Moran questioned if all of the water is now being treated at the Kirby Plant and how is that going?

N. Gillespie explained the some of the water is coming from Kirby but most is from wells. Kirby is keeping up so far.

R. Moran asked how we are communicating with the 333 customers with the DMD/DNB order?

N. Gillespie said the customers are calling him with questions. Also, we are using social media.

R. Rogers said that we are also communicating with folks when they come to the District to get bottled water. The Customer Service Staff is responding to customers that call in. Staff is also going door to door in the areas of DND/DNB.

L. Farris questioned the standard practice for water quality testing and finding results above the potable limit.

N. Gillespie we respond on a case by case basis. We take the hydrologic table into concern and sample and resample.

Discussion by the Board and staff regard testing.

J. Cucchiara said that he has never received a response to how often the District is testing.

Discussion by the Board, staff and public regarding testing.

d. CZU WILDFIRE CUSTOMER RELIEF, RESOLUTION NO. 4 (20-21)

R. Rogers introduced this item.

G. Nicholls explained that the Board agreed to charge customers the same amount for August 2020 as they were charged for July 2020, unless the August 2020 is lower. She recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 4 (20-21) with the modification that the word damages should be changed to damaged.

B. Fultz asked why people in the DND/DNB have to pay a bill at all.

S. Swan explained the process to him.

G. Nicholls explained that there are no credits for fixed rate.

L. Henry said that the fixed rate is charged to be a part of the District.

J. Cucchiara questioned if the District has a Rate Assistance Program.

R. Rogers explained that we do and he can find the application on the website.

L. Henry made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4 (20-21) with the modification that the word damages should be changed to damaged.

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

5. New Business:

a. ELECTION ETHICS

R. Rogers introduced this item.

G. Nicholls explained this item and read from the memo.

L. Farris questioned if an incumbent running for the Board can answer questions regarding their platform for the future.

G. Nicholls said that you should make clear that the opinion you give is your own and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Board, or other members of the Board.

L. Henry questioned mass mailings.

G. Nicholls said that it is confusing because most water district candidates don't have these kind of mailings. She would rather be consulted or not.

R. Rogers pointed out that several Board members have been handing out bottled water as volunteers.

G. Nicholls said this is just a reminder not to trip up over these instances of possible violations.

C. Dzendzel pointed out the Valley Churches United is helping people with water bills.

b. COMMITTEES

R. Rogers introduced this item. He suggested that all Committees meetings be canceled in October except the Budget & Finance Committee.

L. Henry said that she understands that the staff is very busy and supports canceling committee meetings in October except for a special B & F meeting.

S. Swan agreed.

B. Fultz suggested that the committees be canceled in November also. He encourages current committee members to re-apply.

R. Moran said he respects the work that the staff is doing.

There were no public comments or questions.

R. Rogers said that if we do need to come back to committees we can make a special meeting.

L. Farris asked if we need a motion to cancel the October committee meetings.

G. Nicholls said a motion is not necessary if the Board is unanimously directing staff to cancel the October committee meetings.

S. Swan polled the Board and all agreed to cancel October committee meetings. He questioned if everyone agrees to send out the recruitment information for 2021 committees.

R. Rogers said he would like direction from Board to start recruitment for committees. He will be bringing back the Facilities Committee later.

H. Hossack suggested that the Board consider keeping the committees from this year and not going out for recruitment.

G. Nicholls said that would be a significant deviation from the Board Policy Manual.

R. Moran said that we should invite the current committee members to reapply and to recruit new members.

B. Fultz, L. Henry and L. Farris agreed with R. Moran.

R. Rogers said he understands that the Board wants to recruit for new members and to encourage current members to reapply.

G. Nicholls said no action is required, recruitment announcements will go out and current members will be encouraged to reapply. The Facilities committee should be revisited at another meeting.

6. Consent Agenda:

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No action was requested.

7. Written Communication:

- Email from S. Kennedy dated 9.18.20

8. Informational Material:

- SLVWD Do Not Drink/Do Not Boil Order Updates - SLV Post 9.16.20

9. Adjournment 8:26 p.m.