



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER  
DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 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 15, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.,** via videoconference and teleconference.

**1. Convene Meeting 5:30 p.m.**

Roll Call: Director Fultz, Director Henry, Director Moran and President Swan were all present. Director Farris was absent.

Staff: R. Rogers-District Manager, G. Nicholls-District Counsel, H. Hossack-District Secretary

**2. Additions and Deletions to Closed Session Agenda: None**

**3. Oral Communications Regarding Items in Closed Session: None**

**4. Adjournment to Closed Session: 5:31 p.m. (District Counsel noted that Director Farris was present for the Closed Session.)**

a. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Government Code Section 54957  
Title: District Manager

b. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Property: APN 022-601-05, commonly known as Manana Woods Well and Water Treatment Facility  
Agency negotiator: Rick Rogers, District Manager and Gina Nicholls, District Counsel  
Negotiating party: Scotts Valley Water District  
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANITICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2),(3)  
One Case

5. Convene to Open Session at 6:34 p.m.
6. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session: President Swan announced that there were no reportable actions.
7. Additions and Deletions to Open Session Agenda: None
8. Oral Communications: None
9. Unfinished Business:
  - a. CZU WILDFIRE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT REPORT  
R. Rogers introduced this item and shared the damage assessment report from Sandis Engineering.  
  
J. Furtado said that the crew is working to get Big Lyon back into service.  
  
R. Rogers said that the District and consultants are trying to determine the best way to replace piping.  
  
B. Fultz questioned the replacement piping and the cooking of underground pipes.  
  
R. Rogers said that fire should not impact the pipes.  
  
Discussion by staff and Board regarding buried pipes.  
  
R. Moran questioned what is happening to the hazardous material once it is removed.  
  
J. Furtado responded with the process for disposal.  
  
L. Henry questioned how ductile iron pipes are connected.  
  
J. Furtado said that the pipes have gaskets but they are buried and it is believed that the buried gaskets are not effected by fire.  
  
T. To asked if iron pipes rust.  
  
R. Rogers said the pipes are lined and wrapped.  
  
T. To asked if the pipes will survive earthquakes.  
  
R. Rogers said during the 1989 earthquake there was no damage or leaks to the ductile piping.

Roll Call: Dir. Farris, Dir. Fultz, Dir. Henry, Dir. Moran, Pres. Swan were all present and were present when the Board reconvened at 6:3 p.m.

Staff: R. Rogers, J. Furtado-Director of Operations, N. Nicholls, N. Gillespie-Water Treatment & Systems Supervisor, C. Blanchard-Environmental Planner, H. Hossack

b. CZU WILDFIRE WATER QUALITY UPDATE  
Rogers introduced this item and read the memo.

N. Gillespie said that he had nothing to add but was available to answer questions.

S. Swan questioned what sort of communication has been going on with the affected residents regarding the lifting of the DND/DNB order.

N. Gillespie responded that the District put out a notification to the affected customers with the process the District goes through to lift the order. Step one is background data. Step two is removal of all service laterals. Step three is water sampling of the affected zone. Then the District will present our case for removal of the water notice. This is all contingent on favorable lab results.

R. Rogers noted that the District is getting ready to update the website with additional mapping to show where the zones are. Then there will be a long-term VOC monitoring plan.

N. Gillespie at a minimum the VOC monitoring will continue until December of 2022.

J. Furtado noted that all Riverside Grove connections have been disconnected from all of the burnt homes and testing was done. We are now waiting for test results. Connections are being disconnected in the West Park area now and should be done this week. The District is on track to lift the order on October 28, 2020.

S. Swan questioned the format for the communication to the public.

N. Gillespie responded that the communication was posted on the website and on Facebook.

R. Moran questioned if the laterals that were removed went to burnt houses.

J. Furtado said that the laterals that were removed went to destroyed homes. Each resident received a letter regarding new service laterals inviting them to work with the District to get their new meters set.

R. Rogers added that the customer will not be charged the monthly charge until they start using water.

R. Moran asked how many homes were burnt.

S. Hill responded that approximately 120 homes were lost.

B. Fultz questioned if the 330 in the Do Not Zone includes the homes that were burned.

J. Furtado said that it doesn't include all of the homes that were burned. In some cases the whole mainline system was replaced resulting in early lifting of DND/DNB to homes that were burned.

B. Fultz is trying to determine how many customers are off line due to damage to homes and how many are off line due to the Do No notice.

R. Rogers said the numbers will be easy to put together. However, he is not sure if all of the homes have been repopulated.

B. Fultz said that there is a financial impact to the District for the DND/DNB notice by limiting water.

J. Furtado noted that some customers that repopulated 2 months ago and are still in the DND/DNB.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding DND/DNB customers and pressure zones.

T. To said that the mail is not getting to addresses in fire affected areas in a timely manner.

J. Furtado responded that while the crews were working in the field they would hand letters to customers.

T. To said it would be nice to have compensation for water that is not potable.

10. New Business:

a. BOTTLED WATER AND WATER FILLING STATION

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

B. Fultz questioned if the end of the year is long enough for the filling station or should the District make it more permanent.

R. Rogers said that there has been a lack of communication with with other water providers. We don't know where they stand in getting back into water service.

J. Furtado noted that the County said that the other water providers aren't communicating with them either.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding bottled water and filling station.

S. Swan announced that he has sold his home and moved out of state. He will loose qualifications to serve on the Board and will be resigning.

11. Consent Agenda:

- a. MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2020
- b. ANNUAL EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURE REPORT  
(19-20)

Nothing was questioned by the Board in the Consent Agenda.

12. District Reports:

DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Receipt and consideration by the Board of Department Status Reports regarding ongoing projects and other activities.

- o Environmental
- o Operations
- o Finance
- o Legal

- COMMITTEE REPORTS

- o Future Committee Agenda Items
- o Committee Meeting Notes/Minutes
  - SMGWA Meeting Summary - 9.24.20

- DIRECTORS REPORTS

- o Director's Communication
- o Future Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Items

L. Farris questioned Environmental and Finance status reports.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding status reports.

13. Written Communication:

- Email from L. Prather dated 9.28.20
- Petitions from N. Naccari received 10.2.20

14. Informational Material: None

15. Adjournment 7:40 p.m.