



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER  
DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
September 17, 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, September 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.,** via videoconference and teleconference.

**MINUTES**

1. Convene Meeting 5:34 p.m.  
Roll Call: Director Moran, Dir. Henry, Dir. Fultz, Dir. Farris and Pres. Swan were all present.  
Staff: R. Rogers-District Manager, G. Nicholls-Dist. Counsel
2. Additions and Deletions to Closed Session Agenda: None
3. Oral Communications Regarding Items in Closed Session: None
4. Adjournment to Closed Session 5:36 p.m.
  - a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Property: APN 022-601-05, 0 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley, CA  
Agency Negotiator: Rick Rogers, District Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Scotts Valley Water District  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
  - b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
One Case
5. Reconvene to Open Session at 6:34 p.m.  
Roll Call: Dir. Moran, Dir. Henry, Dir. Fultz, Dir. Farris and Pres. Swan were present for Open Session.  
Staff: R. Rogers, G. Nicholls, C. Blanchard-Environmental Planner, S. Hill-Director of Finance and Business Services, J. Furtado-Director of Operations, H. Hossack-Dist. Secretary

President Swan that there was no reportable action.

6. Additions and Deletions to Open Session Agenda: None

7. Oral Communications: None

8. Unfinished Business:

a. CZU WILDFIRE OPERATIONAL UPDATE

R. Rogers introduced this item. He gave an oral presentation on the update. There are 0 customers out of water. There are approx. 462 connections with a Do Not Drink/Do Not Boil notice. The Riverside Grove area is the only place where benzene has been detected. Sampling and flushing is ongoing. Additional damage has been found. A significant amount of trees were required to be removed. The Lyon Tank and the Little Lyon tank were found to have VOC contamination. Temporary repairs are underway.

J. Furtado corrected R. Rogers that there is 1 customer that was not back in water. There is 15,000 gallons of temporary storage at Little Lyon tank. The tanks will need recoating which is due anyway.

R. Rogers said that a Request for Proposal will be going out of the tank coatings. He said that the District has been hiring locals for temporary work and contractors.

S. Swan questioned the capacity of the tanks where the VOCs were detected.

R. Rogers the Lyon tank is 3 million gallons, Little Lyon is 250,000 gallons. It's about 45% of the District's total storage.

S. Swan questioned the time needed to get the 2 tanks back in service.

J. Furtado said that once we get the specs together and the coatings will be 4-5 weeks.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding FEMA coverage, testing, SDRMA, proving damage and repairs.

L. Henry questioned if the inside of the tanks will have to be blasted to remove the coating.

J. Furtado said that first we will pressure wash then sand blasting, vacuum and clear coat.

L. Henry asked about the effect of debris to surface water. How long it will take for the debris to be washed away.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding Felton water restrictions.

L. Farris asked if the the harvesting of trees will offset recovery costs.

R. Rogers said yes, it will.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding tree removal and the Lyon slide.

R. Rogers said that the District and the County are providing bottled water to everyone that needs it.

R. Moran said the he and Dir. Farris volunteered to hand out bottled water and he was reminded of the community meeting place of the watering hole from the history of our culture.

L. Ford said that he was concerned about the landslides.

R. Rogers said that the County is the lead agency with CalFire. The County is extremely concerned about the debris flows that will be coming. There will be a huge outreach program of education regarding the preparation for the debris flows.

L. Ford is also worried about another fire.

C. Blanchard responded that she is working with Panorama to work on post fire but they are still preparing Fire Management Plan for the District.

J. Kathan questioned if reports from CalFire and USGS reports are available to the public.

R. Rogers said that the reports are available and he will get them up on the website.

G. Mahood said that the she encourages the District to post the USGS report to the website. She questioned if we can construct something to catch the debris flow.

R. Rogers said that he will talk to the County which is the lead agency.

Discussion by the Board, staff and public regarding slides.

J. Chucciara questioned the testing results.

R. Rogers said the information will be posted soon.

J. Furtado explained the process.

b. EMERGENCY CONTRACTS STATUS UPDATE

R. Rogers explained that the Emergency Contracts will be brought back to the Board for additional funding. FEMA has approved us for all categories, "a" through "g". Additional funding may be available.

J. Furtado the engineering company we're working with, Sandis, understands what is happening and is being extremely helpful managing and designing systems.

S. Swan questioned if we know the amount that FEMA will be funding.

R. Rogers said that we do not know that at this time.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the FEMA funding.

L. Farris asked if we are nearing the limit of funding for Panorama.

C. Blanchard said that we are coming close to the end of the funding. Panorama is putting together an updated scope of work and it will include additional funding.

R. Moran questioned if FEMA will cover 75% of the costs.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding FEMA coverage.

J. Chucchirara asked if the State and Federal governments have been approached to cover the 25% that FEMA doesn't cover.

R. Rogers said not as yet.

c. CZU WILDFIRE CUSTOMER RELIEF

S. Hill introduced this item. There were a lot of customers had leaks in progress when we evacuated, leaks that customers came home to and then sprinklers that were left on. Other water districts from previous fires have been consulted on how they handled the different situations. She estimates that there will be about \$200,000 in customers that experienced higher than usually amounts of water usage. The Board has already suspended all past due late fees.

R. Rogers said that he contacted other water districts that have been in similar situations. They used the billing from the year before and made a large scale adjustment across the board. He recommended that we do the same.

S. Swan agreed with the Dist. Manager.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding on how to quickly and effectively come up with a plan for this situation keeping education of water use in mind and legal ramifications. Policy for subsequent disasters was also discussed.

G. Mahood asked for clarification from Stephanie regarding the averaging of bills. Would it also apply to customers that didn't leave their water on didn't use water for 2 - 3 weeks?

S. Swan responded that staff was proposing something simple that would be easy to administer, easy to explain and fair. She was advocating for a global solution.

T. To said that her water was used by the fire fighters and her home was saved. She is willing to pay the higher water bill.

S. Swan suggested making a motion for modifying bills.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the specifics of a motion.

S. Swan made a motion to change everybody's August billing to reflect their July billing unless their August billing is less than their July bill then they will get the lower of the 2. Motion was seconded.

B. Fultz asked if the people that lost their homes should be addressed in this motion.

Staff responded that that has already been addressed.

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

#### 9. New Business:

- a. SURPLUS DISTRICT PROPERTY, RESOLUTION NO. 3 (20-21)  
G. Nicholls explained the item. It is coming back to the Board for clarification. This property can be sold directly to Scotts Valley Water District without going out to other agencies as exempt surplus property. Finally, negotiators should be appointed to negotiate with SVWD. She recommends that she and R. Rogers be the negotiators.

R. Moran said that he agrees to sell the property to SVWD.

B. Fultz said that he agrees with Dir. Moran.

No public questions or comments.

L. Henry made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3 (20-21). The motion was seconded.

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

S. Swan made a motion to appoint Dist. Counsel and Dist. Manager as co-negotiators for the disposition of this property. The motion was seconded.

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

10. Consent Agenda:

- a. MINUTES FROM EMERGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 19, 2020
- b. MINUTES FROM EMERGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 21, 2020
- c. MINUTES FROM SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 24, 2020
- d. MINUTES FROM SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 28, 2020
- e. MINUTES FROM SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

B. Fultz thanked the Dist. Secretary for getting out all of the minutes in a timely fashion.

11. District Reports:

*No action will be taken and discussion may be limited at the Chairperson's discretion. The District encourages that questions be submitted in writing ([bod@slvwd.com](mailto:bod@slvwd.com)) on items listed in the District Reports. Questions submitted, if any, will be posted in the next available District Reports, along with a reply.*

- DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORTS  
Receipt and consideration by the Board of Department Status Reports regarding ongoing projects and other activities.
  - Environmental
  - Finance & Business
  - Legal

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

12. Written Communication:

- Email from E. Phillips dated 9.6.20

13. Informational Material:

- SLVWD Rebuilds - Santa Cruz Sentinel 9.10.20

14. Adjournment at 8:07 p.m.