



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER  
DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
April 1, 2021**

**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, April 1, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.,** via videoconference and teleconference.

*Agenda documents are available on the District website at [www.slvwd.com](http://www.slvwd.com).*

**1. Convene Meeting/Roll Call 5:30 p.m.**

Board Members Present:

Gail Mahood, President  
Lois Henry, Vice President  
Bob Fultz, Director  
Mark Smolley, Director

Staff Present:

Rick Rogers, District Manager  
Gina Nicholls, District Counsel  
Holly Hossack, District Secretary

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

**3. Oral Communications Regarding Items in Closed Session:**

**4. Adjournment to Closed Session: 5:31 p.m.**

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION  
*County of Santa Cruz v. San Lorenzo Valley Water District*, Santa Cruz Superior Court Case No. 21CV00188 (re: Bear Creek Road)  
Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(1)

**5. Convene to Open Session at 6:30 p.m.**

**6. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session: None**

**7. Roll Call (Open Session)**

Board Members Present:

Gail Mahood, President  
Lois Henry, Vice President  
Bob Fultz, Director  
Mark Smolley, Director

Staff Present:

Rick Rogers, District Manager  
Gina Nicholls, District Counsel  
Holly Hossack, District Secretary  
Stephanie Hill, Director of Finance & Business Services  
James Furtado, Director of Operations  
Carly Blanchard, Environmental Planner  
Josh Wolf, Engineering Manager

**8. Additions and Deletions: None**

**9. Oral Communications:**

J. Mosher made a public comment.

**10. New Business:**

a. BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION / BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VACANCY

G. Nicholls presented this item to the Board. She explained that Tina To had resigned from the Board leaving a vacancy and the process for appointing a new Board member to the empty seat, holding a special election, or doing nothing.

The Board and staff discussed and clarified the options for filling the vacant seat. Questions regarding Brown Act rules for contacting applicants were asked.

M. Smolley made a motion to proceed in filling the vacancy on the Board by appointment. Applicants to be interviewed during the May 6, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. The appointment would serve until the seat is filled by election in the general election, November 2022. Director Henry seconded the motion.

R. Moran, L. Ford, N. Macy, K. Holl, J. Mosher and A. Layng made public comments.

VOICE VOTE:	MOTION PASSED
AYES:	All
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

**11. Unfinished Business:**

a. DRAFT - HIGH LEVEL BUDGET PRESENTATION

S. Hill introduced and presented this item. She said that the Budget & Finance has seen this information. This is just a portion of the whole budget. She pointed out highlights from the presentation.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding rate increases in utilities, forecasting for natural disasters (PG&E shut-offs), chemicals costs, etc. Special projects, for example rate study and going digital are projects that are planned. Staffing numbers were questioned. *Director Fultz expressed concern about the continued increase in the operating expenses.*

b. LETTER TO PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC

C. Blanchard presented the history of the letter and the revised PG&E letter to the Board.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the letter.

M. Smolley made a motion to approve for the Board to approve the distribution of the letter to the recommended recipients and to approve the Board President to sign on behalf of the District. Director Fultz seconded.

A. Layng and N. Macy made public comments.

VOICE VOTE:	MOTION PASSED
AYES:	All
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

**12. Consent Agenda:**

a. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 3.4.21

B. Fultz made changes to his statements on the 3.4.21 meeting minutes.

Discussion by the Board regarding changes to the minutes.

B. Fultz made a motion to adopt the minutes as revised from 3.4.21. G. Mahood seconded.

VOICE VOTE:	MOTION PASSED
AYES:	Mahood, Fultz, Smolley
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Henry

**13. District Reports:**

- DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

- Operations

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the questions not answers during a Board meeting, pipeline abandonment, meter replacement status, and Fall Creek.

B. Thomas and C. Dzendzel made public comments.

Discussion by the Board regarding SMGWA oral report.

**Adjournment 7:58 pm**