



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT
MINUTES
April 15, 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 15, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., via videoconference and teleconference.

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: None

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: 6:30 p.m.

6. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session: None

7. Re-convene Meeting/Roll Call

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
C. Blanchard, Environmental Planner
J. Furtado, Director of Operations
J. Wolff, Engineering Manager
S. Hill, Director of Finance and Business Services

8. **Additions and Deletions:** None

9. **Oral Communications:** None

10. **New Business:** None

11. **Unfinished Business:**

a. BOARD POLICY MANUAL

G. Nicholls introduced this item and said that it was the 4th time it has been brought to the Board. The Board has performed a transparent and thorough process to arrive at this point.

G. Mahood said that it is her goal to complete the Board Policy Manual this evening. She requested that the Board members hold “wordsmithing” until January 2022 review. She requested that each Board member state any substantive changes. The Board members will then be polled on the proposed change. Any revision that receives the majority positive vote will be listed as a revision to the resolution.

Each of the Directors read the substantive changes they would like to see made to the document. The Board was then polled as to whether they agreed with the changes.

No public comments.

M. Smolley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17 (20-21) adopting the Board Policy Manual with the revisions that the Board voted on and approved.

G. Nicholls read the revised motion with revisions:

To adopt the Resolution in the Board packet to approve and adopt the Board Policy Manual with the following changes that the Board directed be made in the course of the discussion tonight:

1. To change the deadline for public member applications to on or about November 26th.
2. Each Director's right to place items on a subsequent Board agenda is subject to scheduling by the District Manager in consultation with the Board President.
3. The limit on contact with District Counsel was changed from ¼ of an hour to ½ an hour.
4. If a question is answered in real time, the Board President will ask if the question has been answered and if not, allow a short follow-up request for clarification.

L. Henry seconded the motion.

B. Fultz said that there have been substantive changes made. District Counsel did a great job.

District Secretary noted the Resolution No. 17 (20-21)

ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED

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| AYES: | All |
| NOES: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | None |

12. Consent Agenda:

- a. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 3.11.21
- b. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 3.18.21
- c. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 4.1.21

B. Fultz requested that 3.18.21 meeting minutes be removed from Consent because he was not present. He also wants to remove the 4.1.21 meeting minutes because he has an edit he would like to add.

The Board approved the minutes of 3.11.21.

The Board voted on the acceptance of the 3.18.21 meeting minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED

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| AYES: | G. Mahood, L. Henry, M. Smolley |
| NOES: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | B. Fultz (absent from the meeting) |

B. Fultz said Item 11a Unfinished Business on 4.1.21 meeting minutes he would like to add to the minutes: *Director Fultz expressed concern about the continued increase in the operating expenses.*

B. Fultz made a motion to accept the minutes of 4.1.21 as modified. G. Mahood seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED

AYES: G. Mahood, B. Fultz, M. Smolley

NOES: L. Henry

ABSTAIN:

13. District Reports:

DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORTS

M. Smolley noted that L. Sanders said that he would like to see a statement in writing from each Committee regarding the Consolidation. M. Smolley said that he believes the aspects are being appropriately addressed.

B. Fultz said that he would like to recognize S. Hill's modification of past due accounts. He also questioned J. Furtado about Felton numbers on page 150. J. Furtado responded that the high numbers are due to using pumping water into the North System under an emergency declaration.

C. Dzendzel made a public comment.

- DIRECTORS REPORTS

- Director's Communication

- G. Mahood noted that R. Lund resigned from the Budget & Finance Committee.

14. Adjournment 8:34 p.m.