



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT
MINUTES
September 2, 2021**

Thursday, September 2, 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
Jayme Ackemann, Director
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.

5. Reconvene to Open Session at 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
Jayme Ackemann, Director
Bob Fultz, Director
Mark Smolley, Director

Staff Present:

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

Kendra Reed, Acting Director of Finance & Business Services
Josh Wolff, Engineering Manager
Carly Blanchard, Environmental Programs Manager

8. **Additions and Deletions:** None

9. **Oral Communications:** None

10. **Directors Reports:** None

11. **Old Business:**

- a. PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC RESPONSE
C. Blanchard introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the path forward for this item. It was decided that sending letters to PG&E is not a good use of our time.

12. **New Business:**

- a. PANORAMA FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 CONTRACT
C. Blanchard introduced and explained this item.

R. Rogers added that the District has just learned that we have received another \$400,000 grant for fuel reduction. Bringing the total to \$650,000 in grants for fuel reduction.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the budget for this work, the grant writer's participation, local maintenance work, and press release of this information.

B. Fultz made a motion to direct the District Manager to enter into a contract with Panorama Environmental Inc. to continue post-fire response, fire planning, grant writing, and oversight of fuel reduction/reforestation implementation for fiscal year 21-22.

M. Smolley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED

AYES: G. Mahood, L. Henry, J. Ackemann, B. Fultz, M. Smolley
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

- b. RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CHANGES
K. Reed introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the property tax funding of the RAP, there are many more people in the PG&E Care Program than apply for the SLVWD RAP, and cellular rent vs. property taxes,

Alina Layng made a public comment that she is in support of the program changes.

L. Henry made a motion to approve and accept the revise Rate Assistance Policy.

M. Smolley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED

AYES: G. Mahood, L. Henry, J. Ackemann, B. Fultz, M. Smolley
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

c. OPEN EMPLOYEE MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING FOR NEGOTIATIONS

G. Nicholls introduce and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the appointment of the District Manager and District Counsel to negotiate employment contracts, budget for employment contracts, and we are doing this now.

L. Henry made a motion to appoint the District Manager and District Counsel as the District's designated representatives regarding negotiations of the Memorandums of Understanding with the District's Classified Employees Union and the Management, Supervisory, and Confidential Employees bargaining unit.

M. Smolley seconded the motion.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding what is on the table, and the notice deadline.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED

AYES: G. Mahood, L. Henry, J. Ackemann, B. Fultz, M. Smolley
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

13. Consent Agenda:

a. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 7.15.21

B. Fultz requested that this item be pulled from the agenda for discussion. He requested changes and the Board agreed to change the Item 11c CA Highway 9 Bridges Project, B. Fultz commented that maybe bidders need additional insight into our bid submission expectations.

Alina Layng made a comment that she didn't understand why we have to continually change summary minutes.

- b. SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 7.21.21
- c. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 8.5.21
- d. ANNUAL EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT

14. **District Reports:**

Discussion by Board and staff regarding:

- Environmental - Grant writer evaluation, Bracken Brae & Forest Springs consolidation, PG&E mitigation of 5 acres of broom removal
- Engineering - Lyon Pipeline & Quail Hollow Pipeline
- B & F - budget numbers don't match, follow up was requested, application for state funds sent in
- Operations - Fall Creek to North System
- General Info - the staff member that was hit by a car is back to work

15. **Adjournment 8:01 p.m.**