



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 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, November 4, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., via videoconference and teleconference.

1. 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

2. Additions and Deletions to Closed Session Agenda: None

3. Oral Communications Regarding Items in Closed Session: None

4. Adjournment to Closed Session: 5:32 p.m.
to address any scheduled item prior to adjourning to closed session.

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
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 and Business Services
James Furtado, Director of Operations
Josh Wolf, Engineering Manager
Carly Blanchard, Environmental Programs Manager

8. Additions and Deletions: None

9. Oral Communications:

L. Ford thanked the Board, staff and committee members for their work in a challenging 2021 and for surviving another fire season.

10. President's Report: None

11. Old Business:

a. WATER MASTER PLAN REPORT

J. Wolff introduce this item and Tony Akel, with Akel Engineering.

T. Akel with Akel Engineering presented the Water Master Plan.

[PowerPoint Presentation \(slvwd.com\)](https://www.slvwd.com)

Discussion by the Board, staff, and presenter regarding the presentation, November 10th Water Master Plan meeting, State requirements of the plan, 1.5 factor for the maximum and peak hours, costs of the Capital Improvement Program, use of the modeling tool, the motion for accepting this item, and expenses & finances defensibility use of this tool.

J. Mosher questioned if the model allows for estimating potential savings based on conservation.

T. Akel explained that the trends for water conservation are used in the modeling.

N. Berridge questioned the sizing and material of the pipes for safety and fireflow.

Discussion by the Board, staff and presenter regarding fireflow policies options.

G. Mahood made a motion that the Board accept the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan as prepared by Akel Engineering

B. Fultz seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED

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

- b. REMOTE MEETING AUTHORIZATION UNDER AB 361
G. Nicholls introduced this item to the Board.

G. Mahood made a motion that the Board re-adopt and ratify Resolution #4 (21-22) to continue in effect for another 30 days.

L. Henry seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED

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

12. New Business:

- a. POSSIBLE CONSOLIDATION WITH BIG BASIN WATER COMPANY
R. Rogers introduced this item and explained the reason for bringing this item to the Board.

Supervisor B. McPherson said that he appreciates the Board and R. Rogers for bringing this item to the Board. He also said that the County will provide resources for consolidation.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding; recovery effort for the entire valley, costs of upgrading Big Basin not being put on the existing rate payers, outside funding, health and safety issues, need for another treatment plant, support for neighbors, rate study inclusion of possible consolidation, messaging to the community, acknowledgement of the Moore's, research availability of grants from the State and Feds, understanding of Big Basin the costs of this process, Big Basin is a privately owned company, Big Basin upfront costs, regulatory aspects/citations, annexation plan, upfront funds are needed, and financial protection of the District.

G. Mahood said that public comments will be limited to 2 minutes per person.

M. Lee said that he thinks the Board should go forward with approval.

J. Hill, Scotts Valley, B & F Committee, said that he thinks that Big Basin should be plugged into the Water Master Plan.

N. Macy, Boulder Creek, Valley Women's Club, said that she supports this process.

J. Jennings, Big Basin Water Customer, is concerned about the costs of annexation.

Mike, lost his home in the CZU fire and wants to know if he will be hit by both increased water storage costs and consolidation costs.

A. Thryft, Big Basin Water Customer, questioned if consolidation is the only option. She said that she would like to help with the process.

C. DeSoto, Big Basin Water Customer, concerned about the lack of communication.

D. Hughes, Big Basin Water Customer, questioned if SLVWD will need Big Basin customer support for this process.

R. Rogers noted that Moores support the consolidation. There will have to be a LAFCO process which will take about 18 months.

B. Holloway, Ben Lomond, said that the Supervisor is an adversary because the County is suing the District. New water service costs \$20,000/house. He would like to see State financial support.

J. Mosher supports helping our neighbors but he is concerned about Big Basin resident's support of consolidation.

A. Breeze questioned the cost of consolidation per customer.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the costs to consolidate and Big Basin Water not authorized for FEMA funds because it is a private/for profit company.

M. Smolley made a motion to direct the District to proceed with exploration of the possibility of consolidation with Big Basin Water and San Lorenzo Valley Water District including authorization incur legal and grant writing expenses within the amount of the District Manager's purchasing authority.

B. Fultz seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED

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

b. PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC MITIGATION AGREEMENT

C. Blanchard introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board & staff regarding; the Environmental Committee supports this project, the broom removal process, and recognition of PG&E for entering into this project.

R. Moran, Ben Lomond, said that he fully supports this project and is happy that no herbicides will be used.

L. Henry made a motion to authorize the District Manager to enter into an agreement with P G & E on behalf of the District for riparian habitat mitigation in the Olympia Watershed.

J. Ackemann seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED

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

c. DRAFT CONJUNCTIVE USE PLAN

C. Blanchard introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board & staff regarding; a more limited strategic plan & scope, use of water from any source to any destination more efficiently, District Counsel recommended that there be a more gradual plan and more limited scope of work by preparing an EIR, and amend the process with a more limited budget with Rincon.

G. Mahood said that she thinks the 2 step process is correct and the Board should direct the District Manager to enter into a contract with Rincon within the limits of his purchasing ability on the order of \$30,000.

M. Smolley would like to further amend what we are looking for. We will need to hire a contract biologist which is not part of Rincon's proposal.

M. Smolley made a motion to direct District staff to proceed with the environmental review of the Conjunctive Use Plan by preparing an EIR.

L. Henry seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED

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

M. Smolley made a motion to have staff solicit a proposal for the additional biological analysis that need to be done to support this EIR going forward.

G. Mahood seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED

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

M. Smolley made a motion to direct staff to enter into a contract with Rincon within the amount of the District Manager's purchasing authority. The contract should include outlining the proposed projects and alternatives for presentation to the Environmental Committee with the goal of arriving at a list of projects that will be discussed in the EIR.

B. Fultz seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED

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

d. MULTIPLE VARIANCE RENEWALS FOR 2021/2022

R. Rogers introduced this item.

G. Mahood made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve Multiple User Variance for the 30 property owners listed in the attached memo.

B. Fultz seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED

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

e. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES
RECRUITMENT

R. Rogers introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding possible inhouse promotion, workload of Director of Finance, contingent search or will they get their fee if they find someone or not.

B. Fultz made a motion to authorize the District Manager to procure the services of an executive search firm to fill the position of Director of Finance and Business Services not to exceed \$35,000 on a contingency basis.

M. Smolley seconded.

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 10.21.21

14. District Reports:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Future Committee Agenda Items
- Committee Meeting Notes/Minutes
 - Engineering 10.19.21
 - Budget & Finance 10.20.21
 - LADOC 10.20.21

15. Written Communication: None

16. Adjournment: 9:02 p.m.