



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
June 2, 2022

Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., via videoconference and teleconference.

1. Convene Meeting 5:31 p.m.
Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Gail Mahood, President
Jayme Ackemann, Vice President
Bob Fultz, Director
Jeff Hill, Director
Mark Smolley, Director

Staff Present:

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

2. Additions and Deletions to Closed Session Agenda: None

3. Oral Communications Regarding Items in Closed Session: None

4. Adjournment to Closed Session 5:32 p.m.

5. Re-Convene Meeting 6:33 p.m.
Roll Call

Board Members Present:

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Jayme Ackemann, Vice President
Bob Fultz, Director
Jeff Hill, Director
Mark Smolley, Director

Staff Present:

Rick Rogers, District Manager
Holly Hossack, District Secretary
Gina Nicholls, District Counsel
James Furtado, Director of Operations
Josh Wolff, Engineering Manager

6. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session: None
7. Additions and Deletions: None
8. Oral Communications: None
9. President's Report: None
10. New Business:

- a. 2021-22 GRAND JURY REPORT
G. Nicholls introduced this item.

Discussion by the Board, each Board member was given in opportunity to make a statement, ask a question, or other comment to the report:

- M. Smolley said that R1 doesn't list the District and therefore we should not respond to that portion. He said he thought an Ad Hoc Committee with 2 Board members should write a response and bring it to the Board for approval.
 - J. Ackemann agrees with the 2 Board member Ad Hoc committee. She thinks that the timeline for response is unreasonable. She noted that the CZU Fire Recovery wasn't addressed in the report.
 - B. Fultz questioned who the Grand Jury spoke with from our District to gather their facts. Concerned about end goal of where this report is headed with the control of SLVWD resources. He also agrees that an Ad Hoc committee with 2 Board members and Counsel and staff should write the responses and bring it back to the full Board.
 - J. Hill agreed with the Ad Hoc committee. Considered deadlines and time objectives to be unrealistic. He said if there is one thing the District can do to improve resilience against drought its to get the CZU fire damage rebuilt.
 - G. Mahood agreed with J. Hill and added that it is equally important to help the small mutuals that were damaged in the fire. She also noted of importance is the unconjunctive use of our water rights. She said she is disappointed in the report because it didn't recognize the activity already underway by our District and SMGWA. She believes this document is aimed at securing drought supply for Santa Cruz. We have our own problems and are working to comply. She questions if this report needs an extensive response and argues for a minimalist response to the report.
- J. Mosher, Felton, read a response from Brian Largay, from the Water Advisory Commission, he found the document to be a superficial overview of a complex topic. J. Mosher thinks the Board should give minimal attention to this report.

L. Ford, Felton, agreed with J. Mosher & B. Largay and said that the deadlines are unrealistic.

G. Nicholls said that the Grand Jury has very strong prohibitions against disclosing the identity of anybody who provided testimony to the Grand Jury or the content of the testimony or what the Grand Jury asked the individuals interviewed.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the Grand Jury report and response:

- The letter from B. Largay was requested to be sent to the Board.
- How will the sub-committee handle questions about the recommendations
- Another way to handle the response would be to have staff prepare a draft and bring it to the Board
- In the past an Ad Hoc Committee with 2 Directors and staff assisted and supported with drafts going to the Board
- This is an opportunity to state what the District is doing for water resiliency
- The expiration of this Grand Jury was questioned
- This is not the place for the District to expound on its good work, keep our responses as brief as possible, yes or no is acceptable

A motion was made and seconded that the District Manager and staff, along with a sub-committee of Directors Ackemann & Mahood, prepare an appropriate response to the Grand Jury report and bring it to the first meeting in July for review by the Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

11. Unfinished Business:

a. NEW STAFF POSITION - CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR

J. Wolff introduced this item.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- The E & E Committee reviewed and recommended the position with a vote of 3 in favor, 1 abstained
- Funds for the position coming from Capital funds or Operating expenses
- Specialized consultant inspectors will still be needed in special circumstances and how will they be charged to us - hourly
- What happens when there is no work for a Construction Inspector - termination of the position by the Board
- Supply chain issues and delay in projects - delaying the hiring of the position but want to move ahead
- Increase in head count

A motion was made and seconded to approve the salary schedule and to direct the District Manager to fill the position of Construction Inspector.

The motion passed unanimously.

12. Consent Agenda: approved as a whole

- a. REVISED BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES 4.21.22
- b. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES 5.19.22

13. District Reports:

DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT

- Consolidations Update
- Electronic Timecard Implementation
- C. Blanchard promoted to the Project Manager position

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- What happens if the State doesn't approve the consolidations
- Going paperless

14. Written Communication:

- Email to Board from A. Layng 5.17.22
- Email to Board from M. Martinez 5.19.22

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- Terms of office for the open positions on the Board in November 2022 not under the control of the District

15. Adjournment 7:35 p.m.

June 16, 2022
Date Approved

Holly B. Hossack
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