



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER  
DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 2022**

**Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**, via videoconference and teleconference.

**1. Convene Meeting 5:30 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: 5:31 p.m.**

**5. Re-Convene Meeting  
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  
Carly Blanchard, Environmental Programs Manager & Admin Analyst

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

7. **Additions and Deletions:** None

8. **Oral Communications:** None

9. **President's Report:**

President Mahood reported that at the last meeting of the SMGWA the Board accepted, with unanimity, the response to the Grand Jury Report. Also, Carly presented for the District the projects that we would like to take the lead on, and our contribution to a grant proposal for the conjunctive use plan. Carly did a nice job presenting and answering questions.

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. CONJUNCTIVE USE PROJECT DESCRIPTION  
C. Blanchard introduced this item.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- The Enviro Committee reviewed the impact statement and their revisions are reflected in the document
- Support the ability to move water to & from anywhere in our District
- Significant public comments were explained, included permitting agencies and the City of Santa Cruz (no resistance from "public")
- The project description needs more information/clarification
- Executive summary or outreach would be helpful
- Drought resilience should be highlighted
- Requirements for the flow are not touched
- Restate benefits to fisheries, and other good things we are doing

C. Dzendzel made a public comment regarding when the public should be more frugal with water to help the fish. Duration of effluent through soil to water (years to a year depending on geology). We are alerting customers to switching over to wells though social media. Asking our customers to conserve is not recommended, we already have very low usage and asking customers to conserve more could be detrimental to public health.

J. Mosher made a public comment in support of the District but would like more customer education regarding irrigation. Badger meters with Eye-on-Water is a useful tool.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- Further discussion on an Executive Summary
- Emergency water to neighbors will not change
- Conservation messaging

- Shortest route from Loch Lomond to Kirby Treatment Plant, bore or trench
- Pre-1914 water rights listed as “existing”. Suggested the word “existing” be removed.

It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with the submission of the report with the minor changes discussed. If anyone has other conceptual changes to submit them to Gina or Carly in the next 2 weeks.

## 11. New Business:

- a. SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM  
C. Blanchard introduced this item.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- Fire hardening-replacement with steel tanks
- Burying pipelines
- High priority projects
- Possible Conflict of Interest-G. Nicholls explained
- Polyurethane and Polyethylene different
- Steel Tank Maintenance grant money
- Lompico Pipeline burying
- Budgeted in the biennial budget
- Operating margin

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the District Manager to sign on behalf of the District the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program MOU with the County of Santa Cruz.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. POLITICAL ACTIVITY DURING ELECTION SEASON  
G. Nicholls introduced this item. These are the Best Practices.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- Possible Brown Act violations/managing the perception
- Mass mailing
- Campaigning happens outside of the Board meetings

## 12. Consent Agenda: Approved

- a. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES JULY 21, 2022

13. **District Reports:** None

14. **Written Communication:**

- Email from J. M. Brown, Supervisor McPherson's Office - 7.27.22  
R. Rogers said that since this letter J. M. Brown has come into the office to discuss this item. The County is trying to add the Bear Creek Estates Waste Water project to the County's project. The District is still seeking support.

15. **Adjournment** 7:47 p.m.