



BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER  
DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
JULY 20, 2023

Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., SLVWD Conference Room, 12788 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, and via videoconference and teleconference.

1. Convene Meeting/Roll Call: 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Jaime Ackemann, Director - running late but will attend

Staff Present:

Rick Rogers, District Manager  
Barbara Brenner, District Counsel  
Holly Hossack, District Secretary  
Scott Mattoch, Network Specialist

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/Roll Call: 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Rick Rogers, District Manager  
Barbara Brenner, District Counsel

Holly Hossack, District Secretary  
Scott Mattoch, Network Specialist  
Kendra Reed, Director of Finance and Business Services\*  
Carly Blanchard, Environmental Programs Manager and Admin Analyst\*  
James Furtado, Director of Operations\*

6. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session: None

7. Additions and Deletions: None

8. Oral Communications:

J. Jameson, Felton, expressed his sorrow at the loss of Josh Wolffe. He was a great asset to the District.

9. Unfinished Business: None

10. New Business:

- a. DELINQUENT WATER CHARGES TO BE PLACED ON THE COUNTY TAX ROLL

K. Reed introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board regarding:

- The percentage of outstanding invoices more than 30 days past due
- Why we can't capture more; timing, changing date, internal procedures
- Response to notices
- County success for collection - teetering (paid April, December, June)
- Past due as of 12.31.2022 are on this list
- Are any of these CZU related? No, Basic Waiver Program
- Simplifies process for staff
- Large amounts in one year

A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 1 (23-24) approving the delinquent water charges that shall be submitted to the County of Santa Cruz for collection on the property tax roll, and authorizes the District to enter into an indemnity agreement and to provide additional information required by the County.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. BRACKEN BRAE AND FOREST SPRINGS PUMP STATION EASEMENT

R. Rogers introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board regarding:

- Vehicle access
- Acoustic engineering-report to the E & E Committee
- Flat, constructible terrain

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the District Manager the purchase of a 1,265 sq. ft. easement from Heartmath LLC in the amount of \$10,000 on the APN 082-031-18 for the purpose of construction of a pump house to supply water to the Bracken Brae and Forest Springs Mutuals water companies.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. DISTRICT MANAGER - EVALUATION

R. Rogers introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board regarding:

- 5% COLA has already been awarded
- The DM should receive the 5% merit increase
- DM has given 60-day notice to retire-agreed to stay on until replaced
- Next GM will look at the top of the pay scale and make the position more attractive

A motion was made and seconded for the Board to establish the District Manager's annual compensation merit increase of 5% to be effective retroactively to October 19, 2022.

Discussion continued:

- 9-month notice to retire

AYES: Smolley, Hill, Ackemann, Mahood

NO: Fultz

The motion passes.

The District Manager thanked the Board and employees.

d. DISTRICT MANAGER - TRANSITION

R. Rogers introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board regarding:

- The new GM may not want the carry-over/contingency plan
- Consultant/advisory
- CalPERS allows retiree to return for Special Projects
- CalPERS retirement could take 3 months or less

B. Holloway, Boulder Creek, noted DM Rogers long tenure with the District and his institutional knowledge. It's good to have a knowledgeable consultant.

N. Launder-Berridge, Bracken Brae, she said that she supports Rick for the Bracken Brae consolidation and FEMA consultation special projects.

11. Consent Agenda: Approved

- a. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE MEMO TEMPLATE FOR AGENDA PACKETS
- b. SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES 6.21.23

12. District Reports:

DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORTS

- o Environmental - Loch Lomond feasibility study RFP-working with the City of Santa Cruz
- o Finance-drought rate being triggered by low usage
- o Legal-bandwidth was the fault of DM not Counsel
- o Operations-surface water

B. Holloway, Boulder Creek, noted that Fall Creek water is going to the North System.

C. Blanchard explained that we are operating in a state of emergency. Letters were sent to the State Water Control Board regarding the place of use change petition. We are meeting all bypass requirements.

J. Jameson, referenced the Felton Heights tank and questioned the site options.

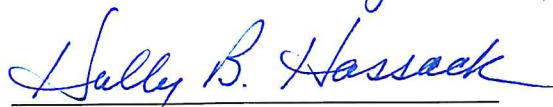
R. Rogers said that we are focused on a site away from other homes and are working on geotechnical & environmental issues.

13. Written Communication: None

14. Informational Material: None

15. Adjournment: 7:39 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 17, 2023



Holly B. Hossack, District Secretary