



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

Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., SLVWD Conference Room, 12788 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, and via videoconference and teleconference. Open Session begins at 6:30 p.m.

1. Convene Meeting: 5:31 pm  
Roll Call

Board Members Present:

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

Jayme Ackemann, Director, was absent and excused.

Staff Present:

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

It was noted that District Counsel was attending virtually.

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 pm
5. Re-Convene Meeting 6:30 pm  
Roll Call

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Staff Present:

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6. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session: None
7. Additions and Deletions: None
8. Oral Communications: None
9. President's Report: Nothing to report
10. Unfinished Business: None
11. New Business:

- a. VEGETATION & FUELS MANAGEMENT CONTRACT AWARD  
C. Blanchard introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- The contract was reviewed by the E & E Committee and they concurred with staff
- Fire Safe Grant-not confirmed yet
- Contracted work is budgeted as well as seeking grant money
- This work is ongoing-the 1<sup>st</sup> round is the heaviest lift
- Who will be doing this work? Bid outside workers.
- More grants available, we continue to pursue outside money
- Cal Fire will contract the work for the grant

A motion was made and seconded to direct the District Manager to enter into a contract with Powers Forestry in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the purpose of Fire/Vegetation Management Maintenance in fiscal years 2022/23 & 2023/24.

All present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

- b. BIENNIAL DRAFT BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2023-2025  
K. Reed introduced and presented the Draft Budget for FY 2023-25.  
[https://www.slvwd.com/sites/g/files/vyhlif1176/f/agendas/2023.04.20\\_budget\\_presentation.pdf](https://www.slvwd.com/sites/g/files/vyhlif1176/f/agendas/2023.04.20_budget_presentation.pdf)

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- Changes are expected due to labor negotiations, rate study, FEMA payments, consumption, SMGWA costs, etc.
- Fire surcharge

- Operating margin
- Debt coverage ratio
- Number of customers/we are already serving Forest Springs
- Average of consumption historically
- Retirements - salary changes
- Cost of Living versus actual/historical
- Professional services (current budget)
- CZU Fire recovery - policy change of 3 year waiver
- FEMA reimbursements timeline
- Cash Flow statement in budget

M. Dolson said that the audio is much improved but could be better.

12. **Consent Agenda:** Pulled for discussion. Dir. Fultz said that he wanted the minutes revised to reflect more of what he said. The District Secretary said that she was unable to hear the recorded meeting of 4.6.23. Directors Mahood and Fultz will bring information to be added to the minutes and brought back to the next Board of Directors meeting.

J. Mosher said that he doesn't want anything added to what he said in the 4.6.23 minutes.

13. **District Reports:**

- **DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT**
  - Congressman Panetta has submitted his funding request for community projects for the 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional Dist. to the House Appropriations Committee. One of the projects was for \$1.8 million for the Forest Springs/Bracken Brae water storage tank.
  - Today the RFQ for District Manager Recruitment was released.
- **DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT**
  - Environmental-grant awards, HCP schedule, water conservation stage, Green Business requirements
  - Finance & Business-late fees
  - Operations-well water is being used due to turbidity
  - Engineering-elimination of Eckley, Alta Via progress, Peavine progress, Felton Heights tank in discussion, Redwood Park pipeline to be completed in July

14. **Written Communication:** No action taken

15. **Informational Material:** None

District Manager thanked the Kendra and the management team for their work on the budget.

16. Adjournment: 7:41 pm

Minutes approved: May 4, 2023

Holly B. Hossack  
Holly B. Hossack, District Secretary