



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., SLVWD Conference Room, 12788 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, One Concord Center, 2300 Clayton Rd., Suite 1150, Concord, CA and via videoconference and teleconference.

**1. Convene Meeting
Roll Call**

Board Members Present:

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

*attended remotely

Staff Present:

Doug White, District Counsel*
Holly Hossack, District Secretary
Scott Mattoch, Network Specialist
Carly Blanchard, Acting General Manager/Environmental Programs Manager

*attended remotely

- 2. Changes 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: 6:30 p.m.
Roll Call**

Board Members Present:

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

*attended remotely

Staff Present:

Barbara Brenner, District Counsel*

Holly Hossack, District Secretary

Scott Mattoch, Network Specialist

Rick Rogers, District Manager

Garrett Roffe, District Engineer

Carly Blanchard, Environmental Programs Manager & Admin Analyst

James Furtado, Director of Operations

*attended remotely

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

7. **Changes to the Agenda:**

Item 10c will be first on the agenda to accommodate Director Ackemann having a work related conflict and will have to leave.

8. **Oral Communications:**

J. Mosher, Friends of San Lorenzo Water, addressed the Board.

M. Dolson addressed the Board.

L. Ford addressed the Board.

10. **New Business:**

c. PROPOSITION 218 OUTREACH

C. Blanchard introduced and explained this item.

J Ackemann, Admin Committee Chair, added that the Committee concluded that the District's time & money would be better spent on outreach directing the public to the December 7, 2023, BoD meeting where rates for the Prop 218 process will be authorized.

Discussion by the Board regarding:

- Clarification of date for increase authorization meeting
- Public Hearing(s)-more discussion with workshop setting
- Flyer/sales material
- Dissenting opinions

J. Mosher, Felton, addressed the Board

M. Dolson, Admin Committee member, addressed the Board.

Discussion by the Board regarding:

- December 7 BoD meeting staff memo and Raftelis presentation
- December 29 the Prop 218 notices are mailed - February 15 is the Public Hearing on the Prop 218
- The number of customers in each category in each season/graph form

A motion was made and seconded to accept the staff report concerning Prop 218 outreach with the modifications to the schedule.

The motion passed with 3 members of the Board voting in favor of the motion and Directors Fultz and Ackemann voting no.

A motion was made and seconded that we will come back to the Board with a plan for a public outreach workshop to be held between December 29, 2023, and February 15, 2024, a format to be defined at the next Admin Committee meeting and at a date to be determined.

The motion passed with 4 members of the Board voting in favor of the motion and Director Fultz voting no.

9. Unfinished Business:

- a. ALTA VIA DRIVE MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT - CHANGE ORDERS
G. Roffe introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board regarding:

- Memo was well written
- Cost of pipe went up/should have been brought to the Board earlier
- Clarify future contracts price changes
- Santa Cruz County's culvert repair
- Utility search for pre-existing pipes
- Contractor complaints from public

A motion was made and seconded to direct the Acting General Manager to amend the existing contract with Anderson Pacific Engineering Construction in an amount not to exceed \$93,742.69 for the requested change orders #1, #2, & #3.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. ALTA VIA DRIVE MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT - MONAN WAY SOLDIER PILE WALL

G. Roffe introduced and asked for questions on this item.

Discussion by the Board regarding:

- This is a private road in poor condition
- The District did not do anything to cause this issue

- There are 7 water meters passed the dead end road (not all of the meters are in use at this time)
- Competitive bids
- Anticipated cost \$16,500 - \$22,000 in addition to the contract for paving
- Is this considered a gift of public funds - enough of a benefit to the District
- The CZU Fire is a consideration
- Not the District's responsibility
- Our pipe is already installed; we cannot pave beyond the road failure unless we build a wall
- Road pavement is in poor condition
- The contractor will not pave without the wall
- The wall will protect our water main
- Before the fire it was above grade pipe
- Abandonment of the installed pipe
- Alternate fixes

Director Ackemann left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to direct the Acting General Manager to amend the existing contract with Anderson Pacific Engineering Construction in an amount not to exceed \$198,900 for the construction of the Monan Way Soldier Pile Retaining Wall.

E. Martin, Boulder Creek, addressed the Board.

The motion did not pass, Directors Smolley, Hill, and Mahood voted no.

10. **New Business:**

- a. RECENT INTERACTIONS WITH BIG BASIN WATER COMPANY
Pres. Smolley introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board regarding:

- Rates our costs plus overhead must be charged
- Contract is needed, similar to contract w/ Scotts Valley Water District-strict payment terms
- Emergency only
- Staff issue or Board issue
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A motion was made to direct the Acting/Interim General Manager to meet with the Budget & Finance committee to discuss a Compensation Agreement for *as requested* support services to the Big Basin Water Company.

E. Martin, Boulder Creek, addressed the Board.

Discussion by the Board regarding:

- The Interim General Manager will need time to catch up
- Big Basin Water Company needs to bring a proposal to the District
- The BBWC receiver has reached out to the District

The motion passed, 3 Directors voted yes, Director Fultz voted no, Director Ackemann was absent.

b. LOMPICO CANYON EMERGENCY EVACUATION ROUTE PROJECT

G. Roffe introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board regarding:

- This agreement was taken to the E & E Committee; it was recommended that language be added to the easement to ban the use of glyphosate on District property.
- Bring this easement back to the December 7 BoD with the amended language
- The location of the easement was discussed

11. **Consent Agenda:** Approved

- a. ANNUAL DISCLOSURE REPORT OF CAPACITY CHARGES FY 2022-23
- b. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 10.5.23
- c. SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 10.16.23
- d. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 10.19.23

12. **District Reports:**

DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORTS

- Engineering - Fall Creek Fish Ladder, Felton Heights Tank, & Hwy. 9 Caltrans emergency were discussed
- Environmental - RFP for Loch Lomond Feasibility Study was discussed, no responses were received

A. Layng addressed the Board.

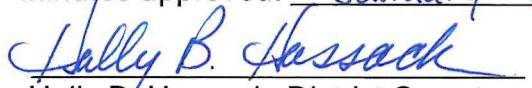
13. **Written Communication:** None

14. **Informational Material:**

- Response to Media Request on SLVWD & Big Basin Water Company

15. **Adjournment:** 8:28 p.m.

Minutes approved: January 4, 2024


Holly B. Hossack, District Secretary

