



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

Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., via videoconference and teleconference.

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

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

2. Additions and Deletions to Closed Session Agenda:
R. Rogers requested that 4a Public Employee's Annual Performance Evaluation be removed from the agenda.
3. Oral Communications Regarding Items in Closed Session: None
4. Adjournment to Closed Session: 5:32 p.m.
5. Re-Convene Meeting 6:30 p.m.
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Staff Present:

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Holly Hossack, District Secretary

Carly Blanchard, Enviro Programs Manger & Admin Analyst
James Furtado, Director of Operations
Josh Wolff, Engineering Manager

6. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session: Nothing to report

7. Additions and Deletions: None

8. Oral Communications:

J. Mosher questioned the replacement of the Cross-Country Pipeline.
Staff said it will be coming to a future meeting.

9. President's Report: None

10. Unfinished Business:

a. BIG BASIN WATER COMPANY

G. Nicholls introduced and explained this item as a co-negotiator with the District Manager regarding this item. She stated that they have not been able to identify a path forward for consolidation that protects the current SLVWD customers from absorbing the costs of consolidation.

Staff recommendation is that the Board by motion direct the District Manager and staff to suspend efforts to evaluate a potential consolidation with the Big Basin Water Company.

R. Rogers added that this will also sunset the District's emergency and other support that we have been giving Big Basin.

M. Smolley recognized that the Board received a letter from County Supervisor McPherson recognizing that SLVWD and the County has put in considerable effort into this issue. The State has not Come forward with any solutions to the issue. As the Board representative he has participated in discussions with both the County and State but the State has not been able to come up with a viable path forward financially that they would provide to the District for consolidation.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- Efforts for Bracken Brae and Forest Springs consolidation will continue with a funding path for the efforts
- The District Manager recommended that the potable water station will remain open as long as Big Basin has a boil water order - very little expense to the District
- No commitment from the State
- Past consolidations came with taking on financial commitments by the other water companies and not the District
- Outreach and engagement available to Big Basin Water Company

J. Mosher agreed that citizens of valley would like to help Big Basin Water. The District has done everything possible to try to move this forward and it is sad that the State has not made enough of an effort.

A motion was made and seconded to direct the District Manager and staff to suspend efforts to evaluate a potential consolidation with the Big Basin Water Company.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. FALL CREEK FISH LADDER REHABILITATION PROJECT- AWARD OF CONTRACT

J. Wolff introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- Solicitation of bids
- Compressed timeframe of 6/15 - 9/15 for construction by Dept. of Fish & Wildlife kept others from bidding
- Grant funding for this project is \$1 million
- Impressive project list by Syblon Reid with fish ladder experience
- Contractor requested 10 hour days and some Saturdays to get this project done in time-PR work will be needed

A motion was made and seconded to direct the District Manager to enter into a contract with Syblon Reid Construction for the construction of the Fall Creek Fish Ladder Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$2,365,720.

The motion passed unanimously.

11. **New Business:**

a. POLICY FOR THE RETURN TO IN-PERSON BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

G. Nicholls introduced and explained this item. The Admin Committee has reviewed this item and recommends that the District move forward with the pre-COVID Brown Act rules for remote meetings.

R. Rogers described the plan for in-person meetings at the SLVWD Boardroom, 12788 Highway 9, Boulder Creek.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- The District Secretary was directed to prepare a checklist with information needed if planning an offsite meeting
- The public must be allowed access to remotely participate
- Significant issues - loss of power, loss of broadband - reconvene at another time
- Admin Committee came up with a sensible policy

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the hybrid remote meeting policy attached to the memo and to update the Board Policy Manual at an upcoming meeting.

A. Layng, E & E Committee member, questioned if there will be COVID safety measures at the in-person meetings.

R. Rogers said that there will be a larger room size to keep separation, 2 doors for ventilation, disinfection will be used, and masks will be worn.

M. Dolson, Admin Committee member, questioned if a committee member can be part of a quorum while attending a committee meeting from their home within the District's boundaries.

G. Nicholls responded that Brown Act does allow for multiple locations within the District's boundaries for the quorum. The presumption is that Board and Committee members will attend in-person.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- Policy should be as written
- This can be changed in the future if needed
- Staff flexibility
- The alternative locations must be open to the public

The motion passed unanimously.

b. ELECTION FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT REGULAR MEMBER ON SANTA CRUZ LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

R. Rogers introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- Vote and designee to sign the ballot

A motion was made and seconded to vote for Rachel Lather and to designate the District Secretary to sign and mail-in the ballot.

The motion passed unanimously.

12. Consent Agenda: Approved

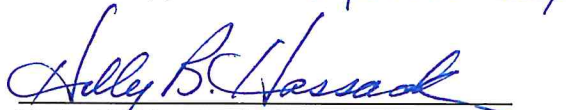
13. District Reports:

- DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT
 - Devon Jackson was hired as the Environmental Planner
 - Jesse Guiver was promoted to Water Quality & Treatment Manager

- DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORTS
 - Engineering
 - any news on Felton Heights tank
 - Huckleberry Island Main
 - Stewart main break
 - Environmental
 - Tank replacement drought relief
 - Sandhills Conservation Plan
 - Operations
 - Production & sales comparison on the same page/graph
 - Flushing begins in March

14. Adjournment: 7:39 p.m.

Minutes approved: March 16, 2023


Holly B. Hossack, District Secretary