



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER  
DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 2, 2021**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Our Mission is to provide our customers and future generations with reliable, safe and high quality water at an equitable price; to create and maintain outstanding service and community relations; to manage and protect the environmental health of the aquifers and watersheds; and to ensure the fiscal vitality of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District.

**Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.,** via videoconference and teleconference.

**1. Convene Meeting/Roll Call**

Board Members Present:

Gail Mahood, President  
Lois Henry, Vice President  
Jayme Ackemann, Director  
Bob Fultz, Director  
Mark Smolley, Director

Staff Present:

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

**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. Convene to Open Session at 6:30 p.m.**

**6. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session**

The Board voted unanimously to give a satisfactory assessment of the performance of the District Manager for the FY 2020-2021.

**7. Re-Convene Meeting/Roll Call**

Board Members Present:

Gail Mahood, President  
Lois Henry, Vice President

Jayme Ackemann, Director  
Bob Fultz, Director  
Mark Smolley, Director

Staff Present:

Rick Rogers, District Manager  
Gina Nicholls, District Counsel  
Holly Hossack, District Secretary  
Kendra Reed, Acting Director of Finance  
James Furtado, Director of Operations  
Josh Wolff, Engineering Manager  
Carly Blanchard, Environmental Programs Manager

8. **Additions and Deletions:** None

9. **Oral Communications:** None

10. **President's Report**

President Mahood reported that at the 11.17.21 meeting of the Santa Margarita Groundwater Association the group voted unanimously to accept the final draft of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. A major milestone for the SMGWA and the District.

11. **Old Business:** None

12. **New Business:**

a. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

R. Rogers introduced this item.

G. Mahood said that she would entertain nominations for the President position.

M. Smolley nominated G. Mahood to continue as president.

L. Henry seconded the nomination.

Discussion by the Board regarding the nomination.

J. Mosher, Felton, supported the nomination of G. Mahood.

E. Fresco, supported the nomination of G. Mahood.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED**

AYES: G. Mahood, J. Ackemann, M. Smolley, L. Henry

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: B. Fultz

G. Mahood said that she would like to say that these are extraordinary times and she thinks that she is just getting comfortable in the President position. She would like to continue with everything as it is with L. Henry as the Vice President and the committee members to all stay the same with the exception of the SMGWA. She would like for she and J. Ackemann to be the representatives with M. Smolley as the alternate. She nominated L. Henry for Vice President.

M. Smolley seconded the nomination of L. Henry.

Discussion by the Board regarding G. Mahood's recommendations.

C. Dzendzel supported Pres. Mahood's suggestions.

J. Mosher agreed with C. Dzendzel.

E. Fresco questioned if there has ever been 4 Board positions up for re-election. (Research after the meeting confirmed that in 1941, at formation of the District, there were 5 open Board positions and in 1945 there were 5 open Board positions but after that there were either 2 or 3 open positions.)

**ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED**

AYES: G. Mahood, L. Henry, J. Ackemann, M. Smolley

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: B. Fultz

**b. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

G. Mahood reiterated that she suggests that all appointments stay the same except for representation on SMGWA. B. Fultz and J. Ackemann will serve on the Administration Committee, L. Henry and G. Mahood on Budget and Finance Committee, M. Smolley and L. Henry on Engineering Committee, M. Smolley and B. Fultz on the Environmental Committee, L. Henry will be the liaison to the LADOC, J. Ackemann and G. Mahood will be the representatives to the SMGWA with M. Smolley serving as the alternate.

G. Mahood made a motion to appoint committee members as just described.

L. Henry seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED**

AYES: G. Mahood, L. Henry, J. Ackemann, B. Fultz, M. Smolley

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

c. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR PUBLIC APPLICANTS

G. Mahood introduced this item. She made a motion for public members to standing committees be as follows:

A. DeJesus, M. Dolson, M. Martinez to Admin Comm - 5 members

J. Hill, O. Kalinowska to B & F Comm - 4 members

K. Lande, M. Murphy to Engineering Comm - 4 members

A. Layng to Enviro Comm - 3 members

N. Hageman, M. LoBalbo, J. Newton, T. Norton to LADOC-4 members

J. Ackemann seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED**

AYES: G. Mahood, L. Henry, J. Ackemann, B. Fultz, M. Smolley

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

d. LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND (LAIF) SIGNATURE  
CHANGE RESOLUTION

R. Rogers introduced this item.

G. Mahood made a motion to adopt to the resolution (No. 7 (21-22)) that updates the signature authority to include Rick Rogers and Kendra Reed for the Local Agency Investment Fund.

B. Fultz seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED**

AYES: G. Mahood, L. Henry, J. Ackemann, B. Fultz, M. Smolley

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

e. DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT & RETALIATION POLICY 2022

R. Rogers introduced this item.

M. Smolley made a motion to approve the Discrimination, Harassment & Retaliation Policy for 2022 and approve the resolution (No. 8 (21-22)).

B. Fultz seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED**

AYES: G. Mahood, L. Henry, J. Ackemann, B. Fultz, M. Smolley

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

f. REVENUE RATE STABILIZATION

K. Reed introduced this item and explained the requirements for the Revenue Rate Stabilization, expense reduction measures and the recommendation from staff to the Board to stop the Revenue Rate Stabilization and approve the Dist. Manager's proposed expense reduction measures.

L. Henry, chair of the Budget & Finance Committee explained that the committee recommends that the Board accept the District Manager's proposed expense reduction measures.

G. Mahood was glad to hear the Dist. Manager's proposed reduction measures. She noted that this is a regional issue. She clarified the recision process of the rate stabilization.

M. Smolley questioned if the open positions are canceled and possible meter replacement grants.

J. Ackemann appreciated that this is not the time for a rate stabilization rate increase. She questioned the reasons for the loss of usage.

B. Fultz questioned the Rate Stabilization time limit and future possibility of it coming up again. The amount of sales lost to the CZU fire was discussed. He also questioned the expectation of filling the open positions and operating expenses. He questioned operating vs. revenue.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding money from the state for delinquent water bills due to pandemic, delinquent bills on the property tax roll, and the revenue neutral aspect. The funds will be dispersed to the District no later than Jan. 31, 2022.

Discussion by the Board on the direction to the District Manager to not implement the Rate Stabilization and to bring back a mid year budget adjustment. Is this a modification to the budget?

G. Mahood made a motion to direct the District Manager not to implement the Rate Stabilization rates at this time.

B. Fultz seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSED**

AYES: G. Mahood, L. Henry, J. Ackemann, B. Fultz, M. Smolley  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

13. **Consent Agenda:** Approved.

**14. District Reports:**

Discussion by Board and staff regarding CZU costs broken out, pay off of loan, conjunctive use update, and the State Health Inspection.

**15. Adjournment:** 8:11 p.m.