



**MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
AGENDA  
August 19, 2020**

**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.

**MINUTES - Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**

**1. Convene Meeting 5:04 p.m.**

Roll Call: Dir. Farris was not available. Directors Fultz, Henry, Moran and President Swan were all present.

Staff: R. Rogers-District Manager, G. Nicholls-District Counsel and H. Hossack-District Secretary were also present.

**2. New/Emergency Business:**

**a. EXTREME HEAT / WILDFIRE STATE OF EMERGENCY,  
WITH POTENTIAL WATER SHUTOFFS TONIGHT**

R. Rogers introduced this item and made the Board aware of the events which led to this meeting.

- Major lightning and thunder storm
- Several fires were ignited on the Big Basin side of Boulder Creek
- Boulder Creek Fire District and CalFire started evacuation orders for most of Boulder Creek Protection District
- BCFD, Ben Lomond Fire & CalFire summoned the District Manager to a meeting and explained that the State of California has no resources to fight this fire. They can only fight the fire at the town of Boulder Creek.
- They will be staged in the towns of Boulder Creek, Brookdale and Ben Lomond.
- They asked the District to shut off water to isolated areas to preserve water to fight the fire.

We currently have good water storage. Our generators and fleet are relocated to Felton for safety. He asked if the Board understands what this means.

S. Swan questioned if Boulder Creek Fire, Ben Lomond Fire and CalFire are saying they won't fight the fire.

R. Rogers said that Boulder Creek Fire has transferred their authority over to CalFire with the premise that CalFire will protect the town of Boulder Creek.

B. Fultz questioned if he was hearing correctly that they are only going to protect the downtown structures.

R. Rogers said that all he can say is that the CalFire will protect downtown Boulder Creek. They are currently driving around watching for ash and embers.

B. Fultz clarified that every other structure, that is not along highway 9, are subject to sacrifice. How far south does that go on highway 9?

R. Rogers responded that there is a plan to turn everything off from The Mountain Store out. They are evacuating the area now. Tonight we are informing the Board what is happening.

G. Nicholls said that Rick is going to asking for a motion to authorize him to follow the direction from CalFire in any written form. That is the what we are looking for tonight. It's critical that we follow CalFire's directions here. SLVWD is not a fire fighting agency and is not in the position to make these decisions. She read from the Governor's proclamation dated 8.18.20. *All agencies of the State government utilize and employs State personnel and equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Cal OES State Emergency Plan. Also to protect their safety or obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.*

R. Moran said that this sounds like triage.

R. Rogers said yes, by doing this they will save more homes.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the policy of the State.

R. Rogers said that field staff is evacuating their families. We bought in 2 maintenance workers from Scotts Valley Water and we are ready to purchase water from to move into the valley from the intertie. This is a State declared disaster so we will have disaster reimbursement.

R. Moran questioned who will fight the fire in Boulder Creek.

R. Rogers said BCFD and CalFire.

B. Fultz questioned the status of the Lyon Treatment Plant.

R. Rogers said that it is still on. We will shut it off if it looks like the fire is an hour out. Consumption is very low right now because everyone is evacuating.

G. Nicholls read the proposed motion to authorize the District Manager to follow implement, by delegation to staff as necessary, directions from CalFire issued or confirmed in any written form, under its emergency authority.

S. Swan questioned if we know the status of the evacuation.

R. Rogers said that all stores are closed and there are no cars in town. It appears to be mostly evacuated.

B. Fultz said there are still a lot of people in his neighborhood.

S. Swan asked about the evacuation south of Boulder Creek on the west side of highway 9.

R. Rogers said that they have evacuated the complete Boulder Creek Fire Protection District.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the evacuation area.

R. Moran made the motion to adopt G. Nicholls motion.

G. Nicholls re-read the motion to make and approve a motion to authorize the District Manager to follow implement, by delegation to staff as necessary, directions from CalFire issued or confirmed in any written form, under its emergency authority.

R. Moran made that motion. The motion was seconded.

All present voted in favor of the motion. L. Farris was not present.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the District staff and preparedness.

3. Adjournment 5:39 p.m.