



**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES
August 28, 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.

Special (emergency) meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District will be held on **Friday, August 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. Convene Meeting 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Director Farris, Dir. Fultz, Dir. Henry, Dir. Moran and President Swan were all present.

Staff: R. Rogers-District Manager, J. Furtado-Director of Operations, N. Gillespie-Water Treatment and Systems Supervisor, G. Nicholls-Dist. Counsel, C. Blanchard-Environmental Planner, S. Hill-Director of Finance and Business Services, H. Hossack-Dist. Secretary

2. Unfinished Business:

- a. **UPDATE REGARDING STATE OF EMERGENCY: CZU LIGHTNING COMPLEX FIRES WITHIN THE DISTRICT**
R. Rogers introduced this item. He thanked the Board and public for attending on short notice. He said that overall the District's water system is in good shape. Outlying areas of the north area were impacted along with the surface water supply lines to the Lyon Treatment Plant. Approximately 300 customers are without water. Most of these customers will be restored by the end of the week. He described damages to the District.

N. Gillespie described the water quality issues related to the melted HDPE piping. They could release Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) when heated. Also when the system loses pressure it can cause back syphonage which can cause VOCs to be sucked into the water system. We are actively working with the State Water Quality Control Board to the message out with the appropriate notice to protect our customers in the affected areas.

R. Rogers asked if we have any idea how long we will have the Do Not Drink order in place.

N. Gillespie said that in the Tubbs and Camp fires the notices lasted for 8 to 15 months.

R. Rogers said that is one of the reasons we will be removing as much of the damaged HDPE as possible. He continued that notices will be going out shortly letting everyone know what is going on. We have contracted for tree removal, replacement of Foreman Creek raw water supply line and another contractor working on replacing piping for Big Steel, Little Lyon and Lyon Tanks. We have also hired 3 temporary employees to pull pipe and assist Dist. staff. We are working with an engineer for the firm Sandis to work on civil engineering for getting our system back up and running. The Board has already authorized the District Manager to contract for \$200,000 worth of construction work. The District will now need an additional \$341,000 for additional work.

L. Farris questioned the screen testing for VOCs.

N. Gillespie said that the EPA method 524.2 includes 84 compounds.

L. Farris asked how long the State will require the testing.

N. Gillespie responded he doesn't know at this time.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding testing and groundwater contamination.

B. Fultz questioned Foreman Creek supply line and what FEMA will pay for.

R. Rogers said the pipeline will be temporary or we will bury the pipe. He believes that the discussion with FEMA will be what is best for the District so that this doesn't happen again. Every time this happens we try to learn from the it.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the replacement of pipe and with what material.

L. Henry questioned how long the pipes were above ground.

J. Furtado said that 5 Mile Pipeline has been above ground for 23 years and 25 years for other pipes.

R. Rogers noted that the pipes were in excellent shape.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the piping and how the water was lost.

B. Fultz questioned the DND/DNB notice.

J. Furtado explained that the water should not be used for drinking or cooking or anyway you might ingest the water.

Discussion by Board & staff regarding additional funds needed and where it will be used.

S. Swan questioned what part(s) of the District is being tested for VOCs.

N. Gillespie said the Big Steel pressure zone, north. That includes Bear Rd. areas, Hwy. 236, Echo zone, Riverside Grove, the southern boundary is Alba Rd. at Hwy. 9.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding providing potable water, outreach and billing during the disaster.

R. Rogers said that for the most part the large part of the District the water system is strong.

B. Fultz asked about the businesses in the area and how we can assist them.

R. Rogers responded that he has been discussing the situation with the Boulder Creek Business Association.

C. Blanchard said that we believe that the majority of the Ben Lomond Mtn. Watershed property was burned, approx. 1600 acres. We don't know the extent because the fire is still active in that area. CalFire's Watershed Emergency Response Team arrived today and will begin their assessment next week.

R. Moran questioned if Panorama has been helping.

C. Blanchard responded that yes Panorama has been helping with the post fire response.

B. Fultz commented that the fire was stopped at the east side of Hwy. 9 but the entire community is still being impacted.

S. Hill said that we have \$3 million in cash reserve. She is working on getting a bridge loan for the projects. We are trying to stay in touch with our customers as much as possible. Going forward we will exercise our catastrophic event policy for billing.

R. Rogers made mention of the District Counsel. Her assistance has been invaluable.

T. To questioned it the potable water tank downtown will be free and if we can only get 5 gallons.

R. Rogers responded that the water is planned to be free. We don't have the plan all together yet.

J. Furtado has water tenders ready to go.

T. To questioned if there is a PR strategy for the safety of the water. Is there anything the public can do?

R. Rogers said we need the public to conserve water.

B. Thomas said that outreach is important.

L. McKibbin asked about the water in Bear Creek Estates.

R. Rogers said she has water.

C. Finney said that the SLV Post is trying to get information out to the public.

R. Rogers said that returning home is a CalFire decision not the District's. Send information to Carly for review.

Discussion by Board and staff regarding specific locations, map of area with water issues, proof of loss of water for insurance.

G. Nicholls said that information is being developed and we will respond.

G. Nicholls proposed the language for the motion to increase the total not to exceed amount for emergency procurement from \$200,000 by an additional \$350,000 to a total of \$550,000.

B. Fultz made a motion as stated by G. Nicholls. The motion was seconded.

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

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b. UPDATE REGARDING CONTRACTS FOR
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DISTRICT FACILITIES

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3. Adjournment to Closed Session: 5:17 p.m.

G. Nicholls explained that the Board will adjourn to a separate closed session meeting and will return to this meeting to report any actions taken in Closed Session.

a. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES, CZU WILDFIRE

4. Convene to Open Session 6:15 p.m.

5. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

Pres. Swan reported no action to report from Closed Session.

6. Adjournment 6:17 p.m.