



**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES
August 24, 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.

Emergency meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District held on **Monday, August 24, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. Convene Meeting 3:05 p.m.

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

Staff: R. Rogers-District Manager, J. Furtado-Director of Operations, S. Hill-Director of Finance & Business Services, G. Nicholls-District Counsel, H. Hossack-District Secretary

2. New Business:

a. UPDATE REGARDING STATE OF EMERGENCY: CZU AUGUST LIGHTNING COMPLEX FIRES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

R. Rogers gave an update regarding the CZU August fires. He noted that 100% of the District has been evacuated. We have been working with other agencies in the area to keep fire flow water to the highway 9 corridor. Facilities are still being assessed by staff. Staff is manually maintaining the system with a fire department escort in the North Boulder Creek area. The State Water Board has been working with the District on a Do Not Drink/Do Not Boil notice from Brookdale north to the end of the District. Staff has been finding that a considerable number of customers have left sprinklers on when they evacuated and they are draining the system. When found on sprinklers are being turned off. Emergency contractors are working on the pipeline.

J. Furtado listed the damaged District property:

- Plumbing going to south tanks is burnt
- Blackstone plumbing is burnt
- Alta Via 4" cross-country line is burnt
- Eckley Tank plumbing is burnt
- Eckley booster plumbing and electrical is burnt

- Big Steel plumbing is burnt
- Lyon Tank plumbing is burnt
- Forman in tank plumbing is burnt

S. Hill reiterated that staff is turning off meters where they see sprinklers on. People have been calling in to the District know that they left sprinklers on so the staff can go shut it off. She is working with FEMA and USDA loan experts. Cash reconciliation this morning showed \$2-3 million on hand for repairs. Customer service is standing by for assistance.

R. Rogers noted that Santa Cruz, Soquel and Scotts Valley Water Districts have reached out multiple times to assist.

S. Swan questioned if we know what capacity we have available.

R. Rogers said that we have 3.5 - 4 million gallons of water stored. Just north Boulder Creek is depleted or empty.

B. Fultz questioned if the \$2-3 million would cover capital as well as reserves.

S. Hill said yes, it is available for whatever we need the funds for.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the status of the water supply and neighboring water systems.

B. Thomas asked about the Forest Lakes and other small systems.

R. Rogers said that they are regulated by the County.

Unidentified woman questioned plans for the future of hardening the system.

R. Rogers responded that will be addressed as soon as the fire is over. Right now we are just trying to get everybody back in water.

J. Duncan questioned the heat damaged pipe and water in Felton.

R. Rogers said that Felton has water.

J. Furtado said that there are no outages south of Ben Lomond.

B. Fultz asked for clarification of water supply to the north system.

J. Furtado said the District is pumping water through the potable water system to Boulder Creek.

b. WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY, RESOLUTION NO. 2 (20-21)

G. Nicholls presented this item to the Board. She read the resolution. The recommendation is for the Board to approved the proposed resolution to declare a temporary water shortage emergency and authorize and direct the Dist. Manager and District staff to take emergency action to stop non-essential water use within the District.

G. Nicholls read the resolution.

L. Henry made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution No. 2 (20-21). The motion was seconded.

Dir. Fultz, Dir. Henry, Dir. Moran and Pres. Swan voted in favor of the motion. Dir. Farris was absent. Motion passed.

R. Moran saw R. Rogers interview with KSBW and thought it was excellent. The interview is on the SLVWD FaceBook page.

L. Henry agreed.

G. Nicholls introduced the Draft Press Release and read the document. The "Boil Water" notice will be updated to, Do Not Drink/Do Not Boil.

S. Swan suggested that we add, the San Lorenzo Valley Water District extends its sympathies to all of residents of the San Lorenzo Valley extended community that have experienced any loss due to this devastating disaster. And we would like to express our gratitude to all of the First Responders and the community members that have done so much to save lives, homes and property.

L. Henry suggested that the Boil Water notice have an explanation.

R. Rogers said that there is going to be a change to the section. It will be Do Not Drink/Do Not Boil notice, as per the State. There will be a campaign to get the word out, along with an explanation. This notice is for Brookdale north only.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the DND/DNB notice and outreach.

S. Swan thanked R. Rogers and staff for all the work they are doing.

R. Rogers said he just got word that another one of the District employees has lost their home to the fire.

3. Adjournment 3:46 p.m.