



**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES
November 13, 2019**

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.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., SLVWD Boardroom, 13057 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, CA.

1. Convene Meeting

Roll Call: Farris, Fultz, Henry, Moran were present. Dir. Swan was absent but expected to arrive later.

Staff: R. Rogers, H. Hossack

2. Additions and Deletions to Closed Session Agenda: None

3. Oral Communications Regarding Items in Closed Session:

4. Adjournment to Closed Session 5:31 pm

- a. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Government Code Section 54957
Title: District Manager

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

7. Roll Call (Open Session): Farris, Fultz, Henry, Moran were present. Swan was absent.

A motion was made by B. Fultz to excuse S. Swan. Motion was seconded.

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

Staff: R. Rogers, J. Furtado, D. Langfield, S. Hill, H. Hossack

6. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session: None

8. Additions and Deletions to Open Session Agenda: None

9. Oral Communications:

An unidentified woman asked for more notice for meetings.

10. New Business:

STRATEGIC PLAN - PLANNING SESSION presented by Greg Larson with Management Partners. (The first part of the presentation was not recorded due to technical difficulties.)

B. Fultz said that the Admin Committee recommended that the facilitator focus on 4 meetings and the editing would be done by Directors Farris and Fultz.

L. Farris questioned who does G. Larson think is the primary stakeholder for the process and the plan.

G. Larson responded to L. Farris' question that the Board needs to be in the driver's seat for both the process and the product.

Discussion by the Board and facilitator regarding the process and timeframe.

R. Rogers asked for more information regarding the on line survey.

G. Larson described the survey as a way for everyone to participate even if they can't come to the meetings.

L. Henry asked if this is a good time to start this process.

G. Larson perhaps the second week in December would be a good time to start with Board and staff interviews.

L. Ford-Felton, questioned if G. Larson has been hired as the facilitator.

G. Larson said only for this session.

L. Ford would like to know more about the data collection and analyses.

G. Larson explained the process.

N. Macy-Boulder Creek, noted that every person on the Board is new this year. She said she is happy about community involvement in the process.

Discussion by the Board and facilitator regarding Board experience with Strategic Planning.

P. Gelblum- Boulder Creek, questioned how frequently do public agencies change the Strategic Plan.

G. Larson responded, every 5 to 6 years.

P. Gelblum questioned why change the Plan now.

G. Larson speculated that needs, conditions and focuses change.

D. Loewen-Lompico, said she looked at other plans and their length varies. It needs to be a workable document.

G. Larson respond that one person sees a strategy where someone else sees a goal.

J. Martin-Felton, asked about the timing of the community forum she requested that it not be before January 2020.

G. Larson said there are 3 levels of strategic plans. He will determine what this Board wants as far as involvement.

Cynthia-Felton, said that the budget determines what we can afford to do.

G. Larson said as a utility the District is mandated to do 5-year rate studies.

S. Hill explained the rate studies cannot be for longer than 5 years.

M. Wilson-Ben Lomond, questioned if the Board is pushing to streamline the process, is there a process that you as the facilitator won't buy in to.

G. Larson responded that he won't do anything unethical or hide data.

M. Shurgell, Felton- he said that the Board came up with a mission statement that reinvents the Water District. That was either bold and visionary or a radical departure from the status quo that risks alienating the community values.

G. Larson responded that this is a delegate body where the Board has to make the decisions. His role is to get as much community input as possible.

Robin, Felton- asked if the Board would ever make a decision without public input.

Discussion by Board and public regarding public input.

C. Baughman, Boulder Creek, said that he likes the idea of bringing 2 proposals to the Board.

P. Gelblum asked for clarification from G. Larson.

G. Larson explained what is meant by Environmental Scan, it's scanning the environment of relevant data.

P. Gelblum continued that he would encourage the Board ask should they even do this. He also questioned what is the purpose of this meeting.

Discussion by the Board, staff and facilitator regarding the purpose for the meeting and moving forward with the Strategic Plan.

M. Shurgle asked if the public would be given the opportunity to address the Board on this issue.

L. Farris noted that it is clear that public engagement should be put off until January.

G. Larson said that the community survey and the community forum would have similar information so that the community can choose how they want to participate.

B. Fultz said that depends on whether the Board decides to spend the money.

L. Henry said that the Board represents the entire the District, not just the people that voted for them. She personally, would like the Board members to be interviewed.

R. Moran said that he hears that there needs to be buy in from staff and public.

B. Fultz said that the folks here tonight don't represent the entire community.

L. Farris said that his concern is not the cost of implementing a Strategic Plan, his concern is that the Board implements a Strategic Plan that the Board develops.

R. Rogers asked if G. Larson if he has enough input.

G. Larson has a sense of the Board to put together a proposal.

Discussion by staff and facilitator regarding survey.

D. Loewen pointed out that the 2016 Strategic Plan had only one public meeting.

M. Wilson said there is a lot of diversity in the community. He said he heard intentionality of the voters that he doesn't think is supported. He thought the Board committed to being more effective stewards of the public interest than the last Board. He doesn't think that means that there has to be large scale change.

P. Gelblum he agreed with Mr. Wilson. The proposed changes are contrary to what you promised during the election. Second, it concerns him that Dir. Fultz said that people that supported him in the election may not come out to public meetings and that doesn't matter to him.

J. Martin said that the second week in January would be better than the first week in January for a public meeting.

Cynthia said that she thinks there is consensus in community that they care about the environment. Will the survey have room for open ended comments?

G. Larson said, very few. The open ended is difficult to extrapolate the data.

M. Shurgell questioned why hasn't this process been noticed.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding how to proceed. Consensus being that if the Board decides to go forward, the interviews with Board and staff can start in December. Public meetings will begin in January. Proposals from G. Larson will be available at the December 5th BoD meeting.

11. Adjournment 8:47 p.m.