



**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER  
DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
July 8, 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, July 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**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  
C. Blanchard, Environmental Programs Manager

**2. Additions and Deletions: None**

**3. Oral Communications: None**

**4. New Business:**

**a. RESPONSE TO CITY OF SANTA CRUZ PETITION FOR CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT**

R. Rogers said that R. Menard, District Manager of the City of Santa Cruz Water, will be attending this meeting tonight but is not expecting to speak.

G. Nicholls introduced this item and explained the conjunctive use between valley water users and EIR Water Rights Petitions.

R. Rogers said that the water districts will sit down for a face to face with both districts.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the moving the Big Tree Gauge location, concerns about by pass flow, Loch Lomond rights, petition amendments from the City, and fish and the effect on water flow.

M. Lee made a public comment that the EIR is grossly incompetent.

J. Mosher made a public comment that an analysis of the EIR would be helpful.

Discussion by the Board, staff, and public regarding a summary/interpretation of the EIR and growth.

b. SANTA MARGARITA GROUNDWATER AGENCY UPDATE

G. Mahood turned over the meeting facilitation to Vice President Henry.

G. Mahood gave an update on the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding injecting vs. in lieu, resting wells, and Loch Lomond water right.

C. Dzendzel asked if a recording of the presentation will be available. She commented that the ASR projects are essentially just part of the City of Santa Cruz. She would like to see the cost of a new treatment plant.

R. Rogers responded that there are funds in the second year of our budget for a treatment plant.

J. Mosher made a public comment questioning the City of Santa Cruz's involvement in this process and recharge is the best solution.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding the in lieu first and see how that works 5 or 10 years down the road and recharging aquifer.

A. Zilber thanked G. Mahood for her presentation. Data is needed to get through this.

M. Lee also appreciated the presentation. This is all related to the EIR that none of the Board has read.

J. Ackemann questioned how decisions are made with SMGWA.

G. Mahood said that there is not any urgency in changing the decision making in SMGWA. Santa Cruz is driving the decisions and thinks we should have more to say.

Discussion by the Board regarding governance and injection wells.

M. Lee said the cost of participation should be lowered for SMGWA.

C. Dzendzel asked if anyone has considered that smaller mutual and other small water companies will want to participate in SMGWA.

5. Adjournment 8:25 p.m.