

SANTA MARGARITA GROUNDWATER AGENCY

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 30, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Scotts Valley Water District
Santa Margarita Community Room
2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, California

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Chris Perri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Santa Margarita Community Room, 2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, California.

Board of Directors

Present:

County of Santa Cruz:	Director Bruce McPherson and Director John Leopold
Mt. Hermon Association, Inc:	Director Dale Pollock
San Lorenzo Valley Water District:	Director Chuck Baughman and Director Gene Ratcliff
Scotts Valley Water District:	Director Chris Perri and Director Ruth Stiles
Well Owner Representative:	Director Angela Franklin and Director Nick Vrolyk,

Alternates Present

City of Santa Cruz:	Director Rosemary Menard
City of Scotts Valley:	Director Donna Lind
Scotts Valley Water District:	Director Danny Reber

Absent:

County of Santa Cruz	John Ricker
City of Santa Cruz	Director Doug Engfer
San Lorenzo Valley Water District	Director Eric Hammer
Mt. Hermon Association, Inc:	Director Bryan Hayes

Staff

Robert Bosso, Interim General Counsel
Brian Lee, District Manager San Lorenzo Valley Water District
Piret Harmon, General Manager Scotts Valley Water District

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Sierra Ryan, Water Resource Planner, County of Santa Cruz

1. Oral Communications

There were no oral communications.

2. Administrative Business

2.1 Approval of June 14, 2017, meeting minutes

MOTION: Leopold / McPherson to approve the June 14, 2017, minutes as submitted.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. General Business

3.1 Board of Directors Appointments

John Leopold reported on the July 31, 2017, Private Well Owners Self Selection Meeting. He was very impressed with the applicants and their humility during the selection process.

ACTION: Acknowledge the following appointments for Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board of Directors:

Scotts Valley Water District	Chris Perri, Ruth Stiles Danny Reber (alternate)
San Lorenzo Valley Water District	Chuck Baughman, Gene Ratcliffe Eric Hammer (alternate)
County of Santa Cruz	John Leopold, Bruce McPherson John Ricker (alternate)
Mount Hermon Association	Dale Pollock Bryan Hayes (alternate)
City of Scotts Valley	Donna Lind Jack Dilles (alternate)
City of Santa Cruz	Doug Engfer Rosemary Menard (alternate)
Private Well Owners/Small Systems	Angela Franklin, Nick Vrolyk Eden Cassidy (alternate)

3.2 Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Bylaws

Piret Harmon reported that the joint powers agreement (JPA), article 11 states that bylaws will be adopted within six months of the first Board meeting. Draft bylaws are being presented for discussion and direction to staff.

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The Board discussed article 1 parent agency; article 5.1 board committee make up; 6.2 Treasurer and the length of term for private well owner / small system Directors.

ACTION: The draft bylaws will return with edits as discussed at the next Board meeting.

3.3 Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA or Agency) Procedural Items

Piret Harmon provided the staff report.

Public comments were made by Bruce Holloway, Becky Steinbrenner, and Sean Wharton.

The Board discussed at length the parent agency and the use of its infrastructure for contracting and procurement; use of an agency legal counsel such as County Counsel for general legal services and a specialist for groundwater and SGMA related issues; San Lorenzo Valley/Scotts Valley equity between agencies and availability of staff to perform the necessary work.

MOTION: Leopold / Lind to appoint Angela Franklin as Board Secretary. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: Baughman / Ratcliff to appoint Stephanie Hill as Treasurer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: McPherson / Ratcliff to designate the Scotts Valley Water District as principal office. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ACTION: The Board directed staff to review the options for legal services discussed and provide a recommendation for consideration at the next meeting.

ACTION: The Board set Wednesday, October 25, 2017, and December 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Santa Margarita Community Room, 2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley as future meeting dates.

All Directors and Alternates are required to complete a Local Ethics Training Course and provide agency staff with a copy of the Certificate of Completion.

4.4 Conflict of Interest Code

Public comments were made by Bruce Holloway.

The Board discussed the agency boundaries and that the State has taken formal action to designate and approve the Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin.

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MOTION: Leopold / McPherson to adopt the Conflict of Interest Code (Code) of the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (Agency) as presented and direct staff to transmit the Code to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors for approval. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3.4 FY 2018 Budget

Piret Harmon provided the staff report.

The Board discussed grant monies, past expenditures and that the contributing member agencies have approved these amounts.

MOTION: Leopold / McPherson to adopt Fiscal Year 2018 (FY 2018) budget. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Staff Reports

Sierra Ryan reported that the State will be announcing a new round of grant funding for groundwater sustainability agencies up to \$1,000,000 with an equal match. Staff will be preparing the necessary grant submission documents and will be asking the Board to adopt an authorizing Resolution at its next meeting in order to meet the 60-day deadline.

5. Future Agenda Items


- Groundwater Sustainability Plan Grant Application
- Bylaws
- Sub-committees

6. Adjournment

MOTION: Leopold / Stiles to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

The next Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Santa Margarita Community Room, located downstairs at the Scotts Valley Water District, 2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, California.

APPROVED BY:

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Chris Perri, Chair

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Angela Franklin, Board Secretary

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Date