



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD MEETING – 10:00 AM
SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022**

In response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), Soquel Creek Water District's April 2, 2022 Board Meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Recorded Meetings: Recorded meetings are available on the District's website:
<https://www.soquelcreekwater.org/AgendaCenter>

President LaHue called the meeting to order at 10:00 am via Zoom.

0. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Dr. Thomas LaHue, President
Carla Christensen, Vice-President
Dr. Bruce Daniels, *Absent*
Dr. Bruce Jaffe
Rachél Lather

District Counsel

Joshua Nelson, District Counsel

Staff Members Present:

Ron Duncan, General Manager
Shelley Flock, Conservation and Customer Service Field Manager
Taj Dufour, Engineering Manager
Leslie Strohm, Finance Manager
Traci Hart, Human Resources Manager
Christine Mead, Operations & Maintenance Manager
Melanie Mow Schumacher, Special Projects-Communications Manager
Emma Olin, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk
Rebecca Rubin, Public Outreach Coordinator
Denver Grant, Water Sampling Technician
Alyssa Abbey, Staff Analyst

Others Present:

1 member of the public
Mark Millan, Data Instincts

1. CLOSED SESSION – *None*

2. PUBLIC HEARING – *None*

3. BOARD MEMBERS' OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

President LaHue removed Consent Agenda Item 4.3.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: Director Jaffe; Second: Vice-President Christensen; To approve Consent Agenda Item 4.2. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Director Daniels absent.

4.1 Approval of Minutes – *None*

4.2 Extend Resolution 21-21 and Re-Authorize Virtual Public Meetings in Accordance with AB 361
Action: Approved

4.3 District’s ‘*What’s On Tap*’ January –April 2022 Newsletter – Volume 24, No. 1
Action: Removed from Consent; Discussed; Board Direction Provided

President LaHue stated that he has no major comments, but he provided the following edits/suggestions:

- We Have Embarked on Our Strategic Plan Update!: Include the District’s existing mission statement in article and emphasize the importance of continuous improvement.
- Did You Know We Are a Not-For-Profit?: Consider modifying the duplicative language within Administrative Services.
- Pure Water Soquel Construction Update: Add language regarding federal and state funding for project; move the blue information box to the beginning of the section.
- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Update: Simplify/clarify this section.
- Have you Signed up for WaterSmart Yet?: Remove “just” from the first sentence.

5. **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** (*items not on the Agenda*)

Written communications addressed to the Board are available on the District’s website:
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Vice-President Christensen shared that City of Santa Cruz Water Director, Rosemary Menard, wrote a Letter to the Editor, titled “Santa Cruz water use already at rationed level,” which was published in the Santa Cruz Sentinel on March 30, 2022.

6. **REPORTS** – *None*

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

7.1 Board Workshop – Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Duncan stated that purpose of this Board Workshop is to review and modify (if appropriate), the District’s existing Mission Statement, Values, and Primary Organizational Goals. The Board Workshop included: an introduction, public comment, two informational presentations, and Board discussion.

One public comment was heard.

Mr. Duncan presented the environmental scan.

Mr. Duncan, Ms. Olin, and Ms. Hart presented the external and internal input.

The presentations are available on the District's website:
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Directors brainstormed emerging themes based on the information presented and discussed how these themes may influence the District's Mission Statement, Values, and Primary Organizational Goals.

There was no change to the District's Mission Statement; however, the Board directed staff to update the District's Values and Primary Organizational Goals based on the feedback provided and present the proposed revisions for the Board's consideration at a future Board Meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

President LaHue adjourned the meeting at 12:13 pm.

SUBMITTED:



Emma Olin, Board Clerk

APPROVED:



Dr. Tom LaHue, President