



**MEETING MINUTES
SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION/RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE TRAINING – 6:00 – 7:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING – 7:10 PM
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021**

In response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), Soquel Creek Water District's April 20, 2021 Board Meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Recorded Meetings: Recorded meetings can be viewed anytime on the District's [website](#).

The District's Sexual Harassment Prevention/Respectful Workplace Training (Part 2/2) was held prior to the start of the regular meeting from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

President Lather called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm via Zoom.

0. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

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

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
Alyssa Abbey, Staff Analyst

Others Present:

Spencer Waterman, Water Systems Consulting (WSC)

1. CLOSED SESSION

- 1.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9(d)(1)
Steinbruner vs. Soquel Creek Water District et al., Santa Cruz County Superior Court Case Nos. 19AP00031 19AP00030 19CV00181; CA Sixth District Court of Appeals Case No. H048738
Steinbruner vs. California Coastal Commission, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CPF- 20517119
Steinbruner vs. Soquel Creek Water District et al., Santa Cruz County Superior Court Case No. 21CV00537

- 1.2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)
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San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CGC-16-554039, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4435
(Soquel Creek Water District v. The Chemical Company, et al.)
- 1.3 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: US ex rel. Hendrix v. J-M Manufacturing Co., Inc., CD California District Ct., Case No: 5:06-cv-0055-GW-PJW

At 7:16 pm, President Lather announced that the Board will meet in closed session to discuss Items 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION – 7:16 pm

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 7:53 pm

President Lather adjourned the closed session and returned to open session at 7:53 pm.

President Lather reported that the Board discussed Items 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 in closed session. District Counsel Nelson stated that no reportable action was taken.

2. PUBLIC HEARING - None

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

None removed.

Director Daniels requested additional information on the following two items on the consent agenda:

- LAFCO annexation and Sphere of Influence amendment (Consent Agenda Item 4.3). Mr. Duncan explained that there may be an upcoming agenda item requesting that the Board consider annexing some areas in La Selva Beach to make the boundary more contiguous.
- Surplus Property Sale Authorization (Consent Agenda Item 4.6). Mr. Duncan explained that staff recommends surplus of the District's office furniture identified in this item as it is not in good condition. He noted that the office trailer will be furnished with office furniture that is in good condition, although the desks being purchased are used.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Director Daniels; Second: Vice-President LaHue; To approve Consent Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes
4.1.1 April 6, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes
Action: Approved
- 4.2 Production Reports
Action: Approved
- 4.3 Management Update
Action: Approved

- 4.4 Water Resources Management and Infrastructure Committee Meeting Summary
Action: Approved
- 4.5 Public Outreach Committee Meeting Summary
Action: Approved
- 4.6 Report of Disposal of Surplus Items with No Resale Value and Surplus Property Sale Authorization
Action: Approved

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

Written communications addressed to the Board are available [online](#).

Director Daniels reported the following:

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a free, virtual seminar next week, titled “Enhanced Aquifer Recharge: Influence of Stormwater on Groundwater Quality and Aquifer Recharge.” Mr. Duncan confirmed that he will share the registration information with the Board.
- Southern Nevada Water Authority is considering adopting an ordinance prohibiting decorative turf/“unused turf” in Las Vegas Valley due to the water shortage. He discussed the possibility for incorporating this idea into a future rate structure.

Director Jaffe discussed an article in the San Francisco Chronicle, explaining that the Marin Municipal Water District is considering adopting drought restrictions. He emphasized the importance of the District’s Pure Water Soquel Project, which ensures that our community has a supplemental, drought-proof supply of water.

Director Christensen stated that she is participating in the WaterReuse virtual conference, and the presentations are valuable and informative.

6. **REPORTS**

6.1 District Counsel – Oral Report

District Counsel Nelson discussed several legislative proposals regarding the Brown Act modifications developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He confirmed that he will continue to monitor the situation.

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

7.1 Conditional and Unconditional Will Serve Letters – *None*

7.2 Draft Water Supply Reliability and Water Shortage Contingency Plan Sections of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan

Ms. Flock introduced Item 7.2, explaining that the purpose of this item is to give the Board an opportunity to provide feedback on Section 7 (*Water Supply Reliability and Drought Risk Assessment*) and Section 8 (*Water Shortage Contingency Plan*) of the draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), prior to presentation of the full draft for public and Board input.

Ms. Flock introduced Spencer Waterman of Water Systems Consulting (WSC), who is available to help answer Board questions.

Ms. Flock provided a presentation, which is available on the District’s [website](#).

Board discussion ensued, and staff responded to a variety of questions on the following:

- The Representative Monitoring Points (RMPs) for seawater intrusion.
- The relationship between rainfall and groundwater recharge.
- The relationship between the UWMP and the sustainable management criteria and the critical sustainability indicators of seawater intrusion established in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

In response to a question posed by Director Jaffe, Mr. Duncan acknowledged that the statement on Page 48 will be updated to include the following language (or something with the same intent): “groundwater from the SCMC Basin ~~currently~~ reliably provides 100% of SqCWD’s water supply.”

There was consensus among the Board to direct staff to schedule a presentation from Cameron Tana or Georgina King on the annual report of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

Staff confirmed that the complete draft UWMP will be brought to the Board at a public hearing on May 18th, and then will be brought for final adoption in June, prior to the submission deadline of July 1, 2021. Staff anticipates sharing the draft UWMP with the Board and public on May 4th, which is two weeks prior to the public hearing, to allow adequate time for review.

Directors stated that they are looking forward to reviewing the full draft UWMP soon and thanked staff for their efforts. Directors recognized that Pure Water Soquel is anticipated to come online in 2023 and will be used to recharge the groundwater basin, so it is likely that an evaluation of the criteria in the UWMP will be needed at that time.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Lather adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

SUBMITTED:



Emma Olin, Board Clerk

APPROVED:



Rachél Lather, President