



**MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

In response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), Soquel Creek Water District's September 6, 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 6:00 pm via Zoom.

0. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Dr. Thomas LaHue, President
Carla Christensen, Vice-President
Dr. Bruce Daniels, *Arrived at 6:01 pm*
Dr. Bruce Jaffe, *Arrived at 6:01 pm*
Rachél Lather

District Counsel

Joshua Nelson, District Counsel

Staff Members Present:

Ron Duncan, General Manager
Taj Dufour, Engineering Manager
Leslie Strohm, Finance Manager
Traci Hart, Human Resources Manager
Nate Gillespie, Operations & Maintenance Manager
Emma Western, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

Others Present:

2 members of the public
Joe Serrano, Santa Cruz County Local Agency Formation Commission

1. CLOSED SESSION

- 1.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9(d)(1)
Steinbruner vs. California Coastal Commission, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CPF-20517119; CA First District Court of Appeals Case Nos. A163079, A163199
Steinbruner v. Soquel Creek Water District, et al. Santa Cruz County Superior Court Case No. 21CV01517
Steinbruner v. Soquel Creek Water District, et al. Santa Cruz County Superior Court Case No. 21CV02699; CA Sixth District Court of Appeals Case No. H050093
- 1.2 Conference With Labor Negotiators
Agency designated representative(s): Traci Hart
Employee Organization: Management Group

At 6:01 pm, President LaHue announced that the Board will meet in closed session to discuss Items 1.1 and 1.2.

One public comment was heard prior to the start of closed session.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:03 pm

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 6:35 pm

President LaHue adjourned the closed session and returned to open session at 6:35 pm.

President LaHue reported that the Board discussed Items 1.1 and 1.2 in closed session. No reportable action was taken.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – None

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

None removed.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

One public comment was heard.

Mr. Duncan requested that the Board consider approving Consent Agenda Item 4.7 – Approve the General Manager and the Special Projects-Communications Manager to Attend the Brightline “Building Resilient Organizations” Conference on October 27 and 28, in Seattle, Washington – with no specified dates. He explained that the conference has been postponed with no future dates specified.

President LaHue suggested that staff review Consent Item 4.4 – Special Board Assignments Status Report – and modify dates and highlight changes, if appropriate.

MOTION: Director Daniels; Second: Director Lather; To approve Consent Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9. Director Jaffe abstained from Item 4.1.1. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.1.1 August 16, 2022 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Action: Approved

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

Action: Approved

4.3 Board Planning Calendar

Action: Approved

4.4 Special Board Assignments Status Report

Action: Approved

4.5 Informational – Biennial Review of the District’s Conflict of Interest Code

Action: Approved

4.6 Small Claims Report for August 2022
Action: Approved

4.7 Approve the General Manager and the Special Projects-Communications Manager to Attend the Brightline “Building Resilient Organizations” Conference on October 27 and 28, in Seattle, Washington
Action: Approved with no dates specified

4.8 Approve Scope of Work for Pure Water Soquel (PWS) Monitoring Well Background Sampling, CWO 20-3000
Action: Approved

4.9 Approve Transfer from Operating Contingency Reserves to fund SC-3AAA (Escalona Dr.) Monitoring Well, CWO 21-0241
Action: Approved

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

Written communications addressed to the Board are available on the District’s website:
<https://www.soquelcreekwater.org/AgendaCenter>

One public comment was heard.

Vice-President Christensen responded to public comment.

6. **REPORTS** – *None*

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS** – *None*

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

President LaHue adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

SUBMITTED:



Emma Western, Board Clerk

APPROVED:



Dr. Tom LaHue, President