

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
SANTA MARGARITA GROUNDWATER BASIN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 24, 2008**

**SCOTTS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD ROOM, 2 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
SCOTTS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

1. CONVENE MEETING

Scotts Valley Water District (SVWD) Director Chris Perri called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Self-introductions followed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING: Jim Rapoza, San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD); Margo Hober, David Hodgins, Bill Kassis, and Chris Perri, SVWD.

OTHERS ATTENDING: John Ricker, Santa Cruz County; Rick Rogers, SLVWD; Charles McNiesh and Bill O'Brien, SVWD; Dale Pollock, Mt. Hermon Association; Pat McCormick, LAFCO; John Fasolas, Felton Flow; Joe Miller; Roger Kern; Mike Maley, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (K/J).

Charles McNiesh advised that Cliff Barrett of the City of Scotts Valley (City) had called to state that he would not be able to attend.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2007, MEETING

Jim Rapoza moved approval of minutes, seconded by Ken Kannegaard. Motion carried by voice vote without opposition.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

4. AGENDA ITEMS:

Item 4.1 Scotts Valley Water District's 2007 Annual Groundwater Management Program Report

Mike Maley presented information from the SVWD annual groundwater report and answered questions. General discussion followed regarding impacts of development in Scotts Valley on groundwater recharge. Charles McNiesh noted that City and SVWD staff had been working cooperatively to enforce and strengthen the City's existing development project requirements regarding preservation of on-site recharge. Chris

Perri advised that SVWD will be adding Woodhill Village and The Vineyards as new recycled water customers.

Item 4.2 South San Lorenzo Valley Watershed Conjunctive Use Study

John Ricker described the state's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) objectives, reviewed the projects to be funded through the \$12.5 million grant award to the Northern Santa Cruz County cooperating agencies, and summarized progress to date on the South San Lorenzo Valley Watershed conjunctive use study. Mr. Ricker reported the project consultant will be K/J, who will work with a technical advisory committee comprised of UCSC faculty and local water managers; K/J will probably start in June and take about a year to complete the study. Mr. Ricker noted other IRWM grant projects of potential interest to this group: abandoned well program, pilot project for retrofitting existing impervious surfaces with recharge features, expansion of the SVWD recycled water distribution system, and update of the existing IRWM plan. Mr. Ricker explained that the current IRWM funding is from Proposition 50; additional IRWM funding may be available through Proposition 84; there have been cooperative discussions among central coast agencies for prioritizing and distributing the Proposition 84 share earmarked for the central coast region.

Item 4.3 Climate Change and Water Resources

Jim Rapoza described a climate change forum to be sponsored by local water agencies the afternoon of May 14 in Santa Cruz, distributed handouts, and advised the purpose is to discuss local impacts of climate change and what water agencies can do in response. John Ricker noted additional sessions may be scheduled to go into climate change issues and potential responses in more detail.

Item 4.4 Recycled Water and Conservation Projects

Charles McNiesh reported that SVWD had received approval from the Department of Public Health to begin recycled water service to The Vineyards development; this new customer, at an estimated use of 20 acre-feet per year, will be one of SVWD's largest recycled water users. Mr. McNiesh reported that SVWD had just received notice from the State Water Resources Control Board of a \$75,000 recycled water planning grant award; K/J will be working with SVWD on this planning project; one objective will be to identify two or more recycled main extensions for construction using the IRWM funding allocated for this purpose. Mr. McNiesh advised that SVWD is continuing to work on possible recycled water service to Pasatiempo Golf Club; interest appears to remain high on the part of the Golf Club.

Bill O'Brien reported on the backflow device installation project at The Vineyards, noting the goal to have The Vineyards on-line with recycled water before the start of the main irrigation season.

Mr. McNiesh stated that SVWD is continuing to emphasize the importance of water conservation; SVWD had once again declared May as water awareness month, had extended its 10% voluntary conservation call from 2007 to 2008, and was broadening

its outreach efforts; one example will be placement of conservation banners on lamp posts along Scotts Valley Drive. Mr. McNiesh also reported that the City will be doubling SVWD's rebates for high efficiency toilets and urinals; SVWD customers will now be eligible for rebates of up to \$400 per high efficiency fixture including the City's contribution.

Rick Rogers stated that SLVWD will be kicking off its drought awareness program on May 1st with a direct mailing; SLVWD will continue to seek 20% water conservation from its customers; SLVWD will also be looking at new toilet and landscape rebates. Mr. Rogers reported that all but three customers in the Mañana Woods annexation were now on water meters.

Chris Perri noted that the third annual Smart Gardening Faire was scheduled for June at Skypark.

Item 4.5 Grant Funding Status

Charles McNiesh reported that SVWD has two pending grant applications – for AB303 funding for Butano aquifer test wells and for intertie funding potentially available through Department of Public Health's water security funding program.

Item 4.6 Basin Management Updates

By mutual agreement, the next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the SVWD Board Room.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chris Perri at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Charles McNiesh

Charles McNiesh
Acting Committee Secretary