

**SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

AGENDA 6:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION

Capitola City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, California

MISSION

We are a public agency dedicated to providing a safe, high-quality, reliable, and sustainable water supply to meet our community's present and future needs in an environmentally sensitive and economically responsible manner.

BOARD MEETING PROCEDURES

The Board President serves as the chairperson to guide Board Meetings following agenda order listed below:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Public Hearing
3. Board Members' Opportunity to Remove Items from Consent Agenda
4. Consent Agenda
5. Oral and Written Communications
6. Reports
7. Administrative Business
8. Closed Session
9. Adjournment

Note that the agenda order is subject to change.

MEETING INFORMATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

Meeting materials are available on the District's website:

<https://www.soquelcreekwater.org/AgendaCenter> Agendas, board packets, written correspondence (if any), and presentations (if any), are available by clicking on the meeting date and associated links.

Meetings are open to the public and thoughtful oral comments are encouraged. Please see the [District's Oral and Written Communications Guidelines](#) for additional information.

Board Meetings are broadcast live and recorded on Community Television's YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@CTVsantacruz/live>). Meetings are also broadcast live on Charter Channel 8, and recordings are televised on Thursday at 8am and Sunday at 6pm (Comcast Channel 25 and Charter Channel 71), following the meeting. In addition, meeting recordings are posted on the District's website (<https://www.soquelcreekwater.org/AgendaCenter>) following the meeting at the earliest opportunity.

The meeting room is an accessible facility. Should special assistance be required to participate in the meeting, please contact the District's Board Clerk at 831-475-8500 x126.

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC HEARING – None

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA (Pg. 4)

Consent Agenda items include routine business that do not call for discussion. One vote is taken for all Consent Agenda items. Only a Board Member may request that the Board President remove items from Consent to Regular agenda for discussion. A public member may request that a Board Member pull an item from the Consent Agenda prior to the start of the meeting. It is requested that public members provide an explanation with requests to remove Consent Agenda Items – this helps the Board determine if an item should remain on consent or be pulled for discussion. Any Consent Agenda items that are removed for discussion will be considered at the end of Administrative Business. For Consent Agenda items not removed for discussion, public members may provide comment for up to two (2) minutes, or the length of time established by the Board President, at the beginning of the Consent Agenda.

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.1.1 September 24, 2024 – Regular Meeting Minutes

4.1.2 October 15, 2024 – Regular Meeting Minutes

4.2 Finance Status Report

4.2.1 September 2024

4.2.2 October 2024

4.3 Production Reports

4.4 Management Update

4.5 Special Board Assignments Status Report

4.6 Approval to Award a Professional Service Agreement to Eurofins Eaton Analytical, LLC. for the Provision of Laboratory Services for Pure Water Soquel

5. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (Pg. 338)

Oral Communications provides the opportunity for public members to speak on any item of interest (for items not on the Agenda), within the jurisdiction of the District. Public members may provide comments for up to three (3) minutes, or the length of time established by the Board President. Individuals may speak only once during Oral Communications. This also provides an opportunity for Board Members to make announcements.

6. REPORTS – None

7. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS (Pg. 339)

7.1 Conditional and Unconditional Will Serves – None

7.2 Receive Your Future is Our Business Intern Presentation

7.3 Receive Water Capacity Study and Consider Adoption of Resolution 24-15 Adopting Water Capacity Charges

7.4 Review Water Consumption Fiscal Year-to-Date and Evaluate January 1, 2025, Rate Increase

7.5 Approve Change to the Methodology to Determine Meter Size and Water Capacity Fees for Accessory Dwelling Units Subject to the District's Separate Metering Requirements

8. CLOSED SESSION

The Board may conduct a Closed Session on particular agendas as necessary. Closed Sessions are not open to the public; however, there is an opportunity for public members to address the Board on specific closed session agenda items prior to the Board convening in closed session. Matters discussed during Closed Session include existing and pending litigation, personnel matters and real property negotiations. Actions

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taken by the Board during Closed Session will be announced during open session following the adjournment of the closed session.

- 8.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9(d)(1) Steinbruner v. Soquel Creek Water District, et al. Santa Cruz County Superior Court Case No. 21CV01517, CA Sixth District Court of Appeal Case No. H051997; Steinbruner v. Soquel Creek Water District, et al. Santa Cruz County Superior Court Case No. 24CV00907; Steinbruner v. Soquel Creek Water District, et al. Santa Cruz County Superior Court Case No. 24CV01651; Steinbruner v. Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, et al. San Luis Obispo County Superior Court Case No. 24CV0394
- 8.2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9(d)(1) Soquel Creek Water District v. All Persons Interested, Santa Cruz County Superior Court Case No. 24CV00566
- 8.3 Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (2 cases)
- 8.4 Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9(d)(1) Service Employees International Union Local 521 v. Soquel Creek Water District, PERB, Case No. SF-CE-2197-M
- 8.5 Conference With Labor Negotiators
Agency designated representative(s): Melanie Mow Schumacher
Employee Organization: Management Employee Group

9. ADJOURNMENT