

Soquel Creek Water District
Policy on Order and Decorum at District Meetings

In order to preserve order and decorum necessary to conduct District business, all persons present at District Board Meetings shall adhere to the following rules:

OBTAINING THE FLOOR:

Every member of the public and every Board Member desiring to speak shall address the presiding officer, and upon recognition by the presiding officer, shall confine comments to the question under discussion. All shall abide by the following rules of civil debate.

- 1) We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another.
- 2) All comments will be directed to the issue at hand.
- 3) Personal attacks shall be avoided.

BEHAVIOR:

During District meetings, all persons shall preserve order and decorum. Any person making personal, impertinent, profane or slanderous remarks, or displaying unruly or inappropriate behavior may be barred by the presiding officer from further attendance at said meeting unless permission for continued attendance is granted by a majority vote of the Board.

ENFORCEMENT:

The presiding officer shall ask any person in the audience who uses boisterous or profane language, or language tending to bring the Board or any Board Member into contempt, or exhibits unacceptable behavior to keep quiet and take a seat. If said person interrupts and refuses to keep quiet or take a seat when ordered to do so by the presiding officer or otherwise disrupts the proceedings of the meeting, that person shall be asked to leave the meeting.

If that person disrupting the meeting refuses to comply with the presiding officer's request to desist from said behavior or leave the meeting, the presiding officer at his/her discretion may:

- 1) recess, continue or adjourn the meeting;
- 2) order that 911 be called for assistance;
- 3) order that board members and staff leave to a secure location until assistance arrives.

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