

APPROVED

**SOMIS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 19
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2025, MEETING**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Mishler-Chair,
Keith Huss, Debra Tosh

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Hayden Scott McIntyre, Tyler Cobb

COMMITTEE VACANCY:

STAFF: Jeff Palmer, Assistant Director PWA
Art Aseo, Deputy Director
Paul Chan, Director, Water & Sanitation
Jean Fontayne, Staff Services Manager
Homer Arrendondo, Senior Engineering Mgr.
Vimie Alvarez, Senior Accountant
Gilberto Minero, Staff Services Mgr.
Elsa Hernandez, Accountant II-zoom

GUESTS: Lynette Buchanan-Roth
Kathy Janowski
Cheryl Schooland

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1. CALL TO ORDER 3:31 PM

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2025, MEETING
Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Michael Mishler.
Vote: Nay 0, Yea 3. Minutes adopted.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debra Tosh gave her background information to all the members and guests, introducing herself as the newest CAC Member. She served on this CAC Board previously for 6 years. She left in 2008 and wanted to come back. Debra ran a business with her husband for 50 years. She lives at Balcom Canyon in Somis. Welcome Debra.

Paul Chan introduced himself as the new Director of Water & Sanitation. He is in his fifth week. He has been all around the world with the Navy and in Ventura for three years. Paul ran the Warfare Facility at Point Mugu in his last job.

Cheryl Schooland Borchard is our guest, and she lives in Somis

Kathy Janowski served on the CAC and the new Board of Supervisor came in and replaced some of the CAC Members.

Lynette Buchanan-Roth was one of the past Chair CAC Members.

Kathy Janowski asked about David Hutter and where he was. Gilberto told her that

David passed away and Hayden Scott McIntyre (who did not make it today) is the newest CAC Member.

4. DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION ITEMS-Provides the opportunity for the Director to present items that are not within the subject matter of the District Staff Report

A. WATER RATE PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

Last night, a booster pump went down at Well 4. We will have to rely on other Wells and the cost will be about 50K to repair.

An overview of the Wells was discussed. Water usage and where it comes from and goes. Cost of inflation. The proposal is a 15% rate increase. We are going after every Grant we can to complete infrastructure projects. If we don't do the rate increase in a year, we will be structurally bankrupt.

B. CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW

C. O&M UPDATE

- Water sales were up in August. Unexpected problem with Well 2
- Calleguas production is 18%, Well 2 and 4 came back online late July.
- Allocation, We had 550 AF that we did not pump.
- Main line leaks and Customer complaints

5. DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. LAS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER

B. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT/ METROPOLITAN WATER

C. BOARD LETTER TRACKER – AN UPDATE ON VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEMS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT

- 12/16/2025 Water Rates Increase

D. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Somis school district had one student that won the art contest w/Metropolitan Water District.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned at 5:06 PM

The next meeting is January 15, 2025.