



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: September 3, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	POSTING
City of Scotts Valley 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (831) 440-5600	City Council Chambers 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 OR Zoom Video Conference https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83295730901	The agenda was posted on Agenda posted on 8-29-2025 at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Public Works Building, and on the Internet at: www.scottsvalley.gov
CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM		

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Derek Timm, Mayor Allan Timms, Vice Mayor Steve Clark, Council Member Krista Jett, Council Member Donna Lind, Council Member	CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mali LaGoe, City Manager Kirsten Powell, City Attorney Steve Walpole, Police Chief Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk
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SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Mayor's Proclamation honoring Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services and declaring September 2025 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Timm presented this proclamation and Heidi Boynton, Executive Director of Jacob's Heart, accepted the proclamation.

2. O'Neill Sea Odyssey presentation

Tracey Weiss, Executive Director of O'Neill Sea Odyssey, gave a presentation highlighting how the organization serves Scotts Valley students. Ms. Weiss thanked the Council for the longstanding partnership between the O'Neill Sea Odyssey and the City of Scotts Valley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Clark, in his capacity as a Commissioner for the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), attended a Commissioner's briefing on the Santa Cruz branch rail-trail line freight carrier contracts. He also attended an ad hoc committee meeting regarding encroachments. CM Clark announced that the next RTC meeting is tomorrow, 9/4, in Watsonville.

CM Clark attended the Art, Wine, and Beer Festival debrief meeting and noted the overwhelming praise for the City staff.

CM Jett announced that the Youth Action Network has had a change in leadership and is taking a brief pause from meetings. Consequently, she will be focusing on the Pathways to Possibilities program, which is the Scotts Valley program for high school students.

CM Lind attended a Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) Board of Directors meeting and noted that new Scotts Valley routes are available through the fall service launch, including a new route from Santa Cruz to Scotts Valley Drive and school service to Vine Hill Elementary and Scotts Valley High School.

CM Lind, along with CM Clark, met with the METRO's Executive Director Corey Aldridge regarding a potential tax measure for the 2026 election.

CM Lind attended the Art, Wine, and Beer Festival debrief meeting.

Mayor Timm, along with City Manager LaGoe, met with representatives from Governor Newsom's office where they were able to share the City's priorities, as well as concerns. He noted that there is a proclamation on the Consent Agenda declaring September 9, 2025, as the 175th anniversary of statehood for California.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Court Resurfacing Project: The tennis and pickleball resurfacing project is well underway and is going well.

Pavement Improvement Project: This project is moving forward, and great progress is being made. This will continue for at least another month.

Cadillac Drive Communications Tower: The City has police communication equipment on the Cadillac Drive tower, and a new generator will be installed as a collaborative effort between the Police Department and the Public Works Department.

Multicultural Fair: The Multicultural Fair is this Saturday, September 6, at Skypark from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Inaugural Glenwood 5K: Registration is open for the first annual Glenwood 5K to be held on October 11 on the Glenwood East trails.

Traffic Enforcement Grant: The Police Department has been awarded a \$100K traffic enforcement grant. Congratulations to the Police Department for receiving this grant for the second year in a row from the California Department of Traffic Safety. The funds will be used to enforce DUI checkpoints, overtime for staff, other services related to traffic safety, and a new motorcycle. The grant period is from October 2025 through the summer of 2026.

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Meeting: City Manager LaGoe, Director Hill and Director Onchi met with PG&E representatives to discuss their safety programs, how they are hardening their infrastructure to prevent wildfires, communication and coordination, and encroachment permits. They also discussed the City's PG&E bills and options for getting better rates, particularly for the Wastewater Treatment Plan which is the City's highest energy user.

New Senior Administrative Analyst: City Manager LaGoe introduced and welcomed the City's new Senior Administrative Analyst in the Public Works Department, Mindy Esquada. We are excited to have Mindy join us since she has extensive experience in both Public Works and Emergency Management.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Matthew Hakimi, a Scotts Valley resident, suggested that the pickleball courts be moved to the Town Center property, instead of the current development plans.

Bob Lissner requested assistance in preparing a grant deed to resolve an ownership issue involving Nadia Court.

CM Lind announced that the Santa Cruz Fire Memorial Stair Climb will be held at Seacliff State Beach on September 11 at 8:00 AM.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Timms/Lind

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Timm, Timms, Clark, Jett, Lind)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council minutes of 08-06-2025 (amended) and City Council minutes of 08-20-2025
2. Approve check register dated 08-14-2025 through 08-29-2025
3. Consideration of Sanitary Sewer Connection Request: APN 067-561-07, Miraflores Road
4. Mayor's Proclamation for September 9, 2025, as California's 175th anniversary of statehood

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Timms

To approve the Regular Agenda with no alterations.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Timm, Timms, Clark, Jett, Lind)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Resolution Granting Consent to Santa Cruz County to Form the Santa Cruz Mountains Wine Improvement District

Keiki McKay, Executive Director of the Santa Cruz Mountains Winegrowers Association, gave a presentation and answered questions. Two letters of support were included in the agenda packet.

Phil Cruz, the co-owner of Pelican Ranch Winery, spoke in favor of the formation of the Santa Cruz Mountains Wine Improvement District (SCMWID).

Matthew Hakimi, a Scotts Valley resident, spoke against the formation of the SCMWID.

Mary Lindsay, who handles the marketing and sales for Muns Vineyard and is also on the board of the Santa Cruz Mountains Winegrowers Association, spoke in favor of the formation of the SCMWID.

M/S: Lind/Clark

To adopt Resolution No. 2070 granting consent to the County of Santa Cruz to form the Santa Cruz Mountains Wine Improvement District.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Timm, Timms, Clark, Jett, Lind)

2. Future Council Agenda Items

Vice Mayor Timms announced his resignation from the Scotts Valley City Council and noted that he would tender the formal written resignation to the City Clerk on September 4, 2025.

Mayor Timm requested a future agenda item to discuss and approve the process for filling a City Council Member vacancy. A consensus was achieved by the majority of the Council Members to add this as a future agenda item.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened to closed session at 7:15 PM to discuss the following items:

CLOSED SESSION SUBJECT(S)

1. Conference with legal counsel regarding liability claim
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9
Name of Case: Stribling Claim
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Public Works Director
2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9
Number of Cases: 1 Case
Name of Case: Service Employees International Union Local 521 v. City of Scotts Valley, Unfair Practice Case No. SF-CE-2172-M
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Administrative Services Director

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

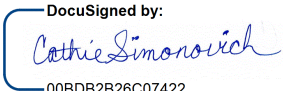
The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:42 PM.

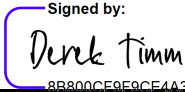
REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Powell reported the Council voted unanimously to accept the claim filed on behalf of the Striblings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7: 43 PM.

Attest: 
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Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: 
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Derek Timm, Mayor