AGENDA

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
In-Person and Remote Access
Date: November 19, 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	Agenda posted on 11-14-2025 at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Public Works Building, and on the Internet at: www.scottsvalley.gov

ELECTED OFFICIALS	CITY STAFF MEMBERS
Derek Timm, Mayor Donna Lind, Vice Mayor Steve Clark, Council Member Krista Jett, Council Member Greg Wimp, Council Member	Mali LaGoe, City Manager Kirsten Powell, City Attorney Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA PACKET MATERIALS

Notice regarding City Council Meetings:
The City Council meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066, and via Zoom Webinar remote access.

Agenda and Agenda Packet Materials:
The City Council agenda and the complete agenda packet are available for review by 5:00 PM the Friday before the Wednesday meeting on the Internet at the City's website: www.scottsvalley.gov and in the lobby of City Hall at 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, CA. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.5, materials related to an agenda item, submitted after distribution of the agenda packet, are available for public inspection in the lobby of City Hall during normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 8am-12 pm and 1-5 pm. In accordance with AB 1344, such documents will be posted on the City's website at www.scottsvalley.gov.

Public Participation:
The meeting will be available on Zoom and livestreamed to the City of Scotts Valley's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/@cityofscottsvalley
For those wishing to participate via Zoom you can join the following ways:
Zoom Webinar meeting link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83295730901
Or dial one of these numbers: (669) 900-9128 or (669) 444-9171
Webinar ID: 832 9573 0901

Whether attendance is in-person or remote, you will be given opportunities to provide public comment at the appropriate times throughout the meeting. The time limit is up to 3 minutes for an individual, or 5 minutes for someone who is representing a group of three or more, at the discretion of the Mayor. Please note that this is not a question-and-answer time, but simply a time to provide comments to the Council. At the appropriate times during the meeting for public comment, on items not on the agenda, and on specific agenda items, the Mayor will announce that public comment will be accepted.

How to comment via in-person attendance:
Please proceed to the public comment podium when the Mayor opens the item for public comment.

How to comment via Zoom Webinar:
Use the webinar attendee option to “raise hand” when the Mayor opens the item for public comment. The Clerk will unmute you when it is your turn. If you have joined via Zoom phone call, dial *9 or your phone to “raise your hand”, and the Clerk will unmute you when it is your turn.

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Mayor's Proclamation for Consultant Steve Toler

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council members are appointed to committees which are either City committees or committees dealing with other jurisdictions. This portion of the agenda allows the committee member to present oral or written reports to the Council regarding their committee assignments. It also allows the Council to make comments and give the committee member direction, as required.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

This is the opportunity for individuals attending in person to make oral comments to the Council on any items within the purview of the Council, which are NOT part of the Agenda. No action on the item may be taken, but the Council may request the matter be placed on a future agenda. Written public comment may be emailed to the City Clerk by 5:00 PM on the day of the meeting at csimonovich@scottsvalley.gov.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

Council can remove or add items to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is comprised of items which are intended to be non-controversial and are approved without discussion. Persons wishing to speak on any item may request the item be moved to the Regular Agenda by raising their hand to be recognized by the Mayor. An item will only be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda if a City Council Member requests it to be moved and a majority of the Council agrees.

1. Approve City Council minutes of 11-05-2025
2. Approve check register dated 11-01-2025 through 11-14-2025
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2073 delegating authority to the City Manager for the management and approval of Administrative Policies
4. Investment Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2025
5. Adopt Resolution No. 2074 approving (1) Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Police Lieutenant position

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

Council can remove or add items to the Regular Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

Persons wishing to speak on any item may do so by raising their hand to be recognized by the Mayor.

1. Consideration of a Master Governance and Service Agreement related to the Regional Interoperable Next-Generation Radio System (RING)
2. Future Council Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT

ADA NOTICE

The City of Scotts Valley does not discriminate against persons with disabilities. The City Council Chambers is an accessible facility. If you wish to attend a City Council meeting and require assistance such as sign language, a translator, or other special assistance or devices in order to attend and participate at the meeting, please call the City Clerk's office at (831) 440-5600 five to seven days in advance of the meeting to make arrangements for assistance. If you require the agenda of a City Council meeting be available in an alternative format consistent with a specific disability, please call the City Clerk’s Office. The California State Relay Service (TTY/VCO/HCO to Voice: English 1-800-735-2929, Spanish 1-800-855-3000; or, Voice to TTY/VCO/HCO: English 1-800-735-2922, Spanish 1-800-855-3000), provides Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf and Disabled and will provide a link between the TDD caller and users of telephone equipment.

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROCEDURE COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE IN APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION:

1. Move the Resolution number for approval.
2. Second the motion.
3. Vote by body, a roll call vote is not required.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROCEDURE COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE IN INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Move the Ordinance number for introduction (or adoption).
2. Move the Ordinance be introduced by title only and waive the reading of the text.
3. Read the Ordinance title.
4. Second the motion.
5. Vote by body, a roll call vote is not required.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROCEDURE COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE IN PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Unless otherwise determined by the presiding officer of the meeting:

1. Three minutes allowed per individual to speak.
2. Five minutes allowed per individual representing a group of three or more.

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MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: November 5, 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 10-31-2025 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:	CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
Derek Timm, Mayor Donna Lind, Vice Mayor Steve Clark, Council Member Krista Jett, Council Member Greg Wimp, Council Member	Mali LaGoe, City Manager Kirsten Powell, City Attorney Jayson Rutherford, Interim Police Chief Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Mayor's Proclamation honoring Chief Steve Walpole

Mayor Timm presented the proclamation to Chief Walpole to honor his years of service to the community and to wish him well in his retirement.

2. Second Harvest Food Bank Presentation

Erika Padilla-Chavez, Chief Executive Officer of the Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County, gave an informational presentation on the organization's mission and the current impacts of the federal government shutdown as they relate to food security.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Clark will attend a meeting of the Regional Transportation Commission on November 6 where they will finalize the consolidated grants program, and he noted that Scotts Valley is in line for $500K for the Granite Creek overcrossing project. Also on the agenda will be decisions regarding the management of future transportation projects.

CM Clark attended the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP) conference in Monterey, along with Community Development Director Bateman. Topics included Proposition 50, housing, and transportation — including air mobility. He noted that a common theme was that businesses are struggling with workforce issues.

CM Clark met with a developer in his capacity as a member of the City Facilities Subcommittee to discuss potential options for City facilities.

CM Clark attended the local Master Plan for Aging workgroup where they heard from partner agencies and service providers on how the master plan is being executed.

CM Jett attended a Town Center Subcommittee meeting where they discussed the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Town Center project. She noted that both the draft EIR and the proposed Town Center Specific Plan are on the City's website. The EIR comment period will close on November 24.

VM Lind was a judge at the Bus Rodeo for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO). METRO is dealing with noise complaints at the hydro fueling station, but on a positive note METRO received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association. Similar to other legislative bodies, METRO is discussing the implementation of SB 707, which makes significant changes to the Brown Act.

VM Lind attended a meeting of the Children's Network where they discussed the Children's Bill of Rights, how to support the children in the county, and they received a presentation from Cabrillo College on access to quality education.

VM Lind attended the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency meeting. CM Wimp also attended and will give the report.

VM Lind attended the City Selection Committee meeting where CM Wimp was voted in as the ex officio member of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and he was also appointed as the representative to the Santa Cruz County Consolidated Oversight Board.

VM Lind represented the City of Scotts Valley at the 50-year anniversary celebration for the Stroke and Disability Learning Center at Cabrillo College.

VM Lind attended the Mountain Affair event, which supports Mountain Community Resources.

VM Lind is on the Tree Lighting Festival committee. This event will be on December 6, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, at the Community Center.

CM Wimp was sworn in as a Board Member of the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency. They received a report on the dry season last year (60% of normal precipitation), and they received an update on the intertie project (Santa Cruz to Scotts Valley) which is on track for completion in the second quarter of 2026.

CM Wimp was sworn in as the representative to the Santa Cruz Integrated Waste Management Local Taskforce.

Mayor Timm attended the Town Center Subcommittee meeting, and he thanked staff for their work meeting with the neighboring property owners and also for achieving the relevant Housing Element timelines in a very short period of time.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

International City and County Managers Association (ICMA) Annual Conference: City Manager LaGoe attended this conference in Tampa, Florida last week, where there were almost 6,000 attendees worldwide. She noted that it was very informative and always fascinating to hear how other cities operate.

Trick or Treat Halloween Treasure Hunt: The City's Police Department and Recreation Division participated in the treasure hunt. City Manager LaGoe thanked Greg Wimp, in his capacity as a community member and a Chamber member, for his part in organizing this fun event.

Countywide Gun Buyback Event: The Police Department participated in this gun buyback event where 80 guns were recovered.

eBike Safety Classes: The Police Department held an eBike safety class recently at Scotts Valley Middle School and two more classes are scheduled next week at Scotts Valley High School.

November 20 Planning Commission Meeting: The Planning Commission will have an informational presentation on the draft Town Center Specific Plan and the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on November 20 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Skypark Big Kid Playground Replacement: Construction began this week, and the playground will be closed until Thanksgiving, or possibly longer due to weather.

Al Shugart Dog Park Design: The design will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Monday, November 10 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers. This is the opportunity to see the design and provide input.

Payment Management Project: There are only a couple of punch list items left and then this project will be complete. This is a tremendous accomplishment to get 13 lane-miles of streets repaved in Scotts Valley. Staff are now focused on completing the Scotts Valley Drive improvements next year.

Wastewater Master Plan: The City is working with our consultant, Kennedy-Jenks, on this plan and it is expected to take approximately 18 months.

Fall Festival and Bake-Off: The annual Fall Festival and Bake-Off is scheduled for Saturday, November 8 and all are encouraged to participate.

Countywide Interoperable Radio Project: The Master Governance and Service Agreement for this massive infrastructure project will be presented to Council for approval at the next meeting.

Leadership Santa Cruz County: Scotts Valley is hosting Local Government Day for Leadership Santa Cruz County this Friday, November 7. Mayor Timm will kick off the event and City Manager LaGoe will present Local Government 101 along with Nicole Coburn, the County Administrator.

Report Road Hazards: With the wet weather already upon us, please report potholes and other road hazards to our Public Works Department at pwmaint@scottsvalley.gov.

Reminders:

- City offices closed on Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day
- Follow the City on social media
- Sign up for the City's newsletter

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Three students from Scotts Valley High School spoke regarding the Pathways to Possibilities program at the high school and expressed their hope that they can form a partnership with the City in the future.

Sookie Ramos, Community Impact Coordinator for United Way, confirmed that the regular meeting time for Pathways to Possibilities is Mondays at 4:00 PM at Scotts Valley High School.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Clark
To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Timm, Lind, Clark, Jett, Wimp)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council minutes of 10-15-2025

2. Approve check register dated 10-11-2025 through 10-31-2025

3. Adoption of Ordinance No. 102.18, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Scotts Valley amending Title 15, Chapter 15.04 by amending Sections 15.04.060 and 15.04.120 to adopt the California Code of Regulations Title 24, 2025 Building Standards Codes and Other Codes and repealing 15.04.070 of the Scotts Valley Municipal Code

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Jett
To approve the Regular Agenda with no alterations.
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Timm, Lind, Clark, Jett, Wimp)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion regarding City support for food security due to federal program impacts of the federal government shutdown

City Manager LaGoe presented this item and provided the following additional information received after the publication of the agenda:

- Attendees at holiday meals at the Scotts Valley Senior Center: approximately 40-80 people, with 25+ people at regular meals
- CalFRESH recipients (individuals) in Scotts Valley: 510 individuals
- Valley Churches United serves 873 households, which includes 1243 adults, 704 children, 322 seniors, and 23 disabled people
- PG&E CARE program households in Scotts Valley: 172
- Overall, 4-5% of City residents

Public Comment:

- Danny Reber, Executive Director at Valley Churches United (VCU) reviewed the history of VCU and their partnership with the City of Scotts Valley.
- Paul McClellan, Gateway Church, indicated that they serve about 60 families at their *Fridays at Five* program. They are looking for ways to continue to support their current attendees, plan for more, and potentially distribute gift cards as a way to solve their storage issue. He thanked the Second Harvest Food Bank for their support.

The Council received this information and discussed options for the City to provide support.

M/S: Clark/Wimp
To provide up to $10K from the General Fund with a 50-50 split to Valley Churches United and the Second Harvest Food Bank, to provide resources on the City website, and to engage in food drive activities.
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Timm, Lind, Clark, Jett, Wimp)

2. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened to closed session at 7:49 PM to discuss the following item:

CLOSED SESSION SUBJECT(S)

1. Conference with legal counsel regarding real property negotiations
   Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8
   Location: 2 lots between 201 and 241 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley; APNs 022-601-05 and 022-601-13
   Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 8:12 PM.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Timm noted that there was no report from the closed session meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Approved: ____________________________
Derek Timm, Mayor

Attest: _______________________________
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Check Number	Check Date	Vendor Name	Net Check Amount	Check Status	Check Type
		Cash Account: 999-10100-000-000-000000			
135022	11/07/25	ADOBE ANIMAL HOSPITAL SOQUEL	114.31	O	Regular
135023	11/07/25	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1,595.60	O	Regular
135024	11/07/25	AQUATIC INFORMATICS INC.	3,841.49	O	Regular
135025	11/07/25	ASSOCIATED SERVICES CO.	35.58	O	Regular
135026	11/07/25	BADGE FRAME, INC.	36.00	O	Regular
135027	11/07/25	BENJAMIN NOBLE	2,928.75	O	Regular
135028	11/07/25	BKF ENGINEERS	273.00	O	Regular
135029	11/07/25	COMCAST	976.49	O	Payment Manager
135030	11/07/25	COMCAST	1,050.55	O	Regular
135031	11/07/25	CONSIBIO INC	4,361.92	O	Regular
135032	11/07/25	CSG CONSULTANTS, INC	17,081.50	O	Regular
135033	11/07/25	CYNTHIA S HART	1,222.06	O	Regular
135034	11/07/25	DARRYL PANG	375.00	O	Regular
135035	11/07/25	DAVID J. POWERS & ASSOC	35,319.00	O	Regular
135036	11/07/25	DUNCAN AUTO TECH	2,653.00	O	Payment Manager
135037	11/07/25	ENTENMANN-ROVIN CO	89.91	O	Regular
135038	11/07/25	ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATIONS	567.50	O	Regular
135039	11/07/25	HOUSEKEYS, INC.	18,750.00	O	Regular
135040	11/07/25	JUSTIN TAYLOR	7,230.10	O	Regular
135041	11/07/25	MCCAMPBELL ANALYTICAL, INC.	284.00	O	Regular
135042	11/07/25	MISSION UNIFORM SERVICE	384.96	O	Payment Manager
135043	11/07/25	MONTEREY BAY ANALYTICAL SVCS	2,382.65	O	Regular
135044	11/07/25	MP EXPRESS, INC.	350.28	O	Regular
135045	11/07/25	NATIONAL COMTEL NETWORK INC.	23.96	O	Regular
135046	11/07/25	OCEAN PLASTIC PRODUCTS	657.00	O	Regular
135047	11/07/25	PHILLIP D NEUMAN	35,779.15	O	Regular
135048	11/07/25	SANTA CRUZ CO ENVIRONMENTAL	796.00	O	Regular
135049	11/07/25	SCARBOROUGH LUMBER	685.49	O	Regular
135050	11/07/25	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL	220.00	O	Regular
135051	11/07/25	VISIT SANTA CRUZ COUNTY	67,747.73	O	Regular
135052	11/14/25	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO	71,230.65	O	Regular
135053	11/14/25	S.V. WATER DISTRICT	10,254.05	O	Regular
135054	11/14/25	S.V. WATER DISTRICT - BULK	294.44	O	Regular

30	Checks total:	285,577.67
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3	Payment Manager total:	4,014.45
33	GRAND TOTALS	289,592.12

City of Scotts Valley
CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: 11/19/2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director

APPROVED: Mali LaGoe, City Manager

SUBJECT: **Adopt Resolution No. 2073 delegating authority to the City Manager for the management and approval of Administrative Policies**

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

The City of Scotts Valley maintains an Administrative Policy Manual that provides internal guidance for citywide operations, including finance, procurement, personnel, risk management, and departmental procedures. Historically, some of these policies were approved by City Council, while others were approved administratively by the City Manager.

To improve operational efficiency, ensure timely updates, and maintain consistency with evolving laws and best practices, staff recommends formal delegation of authority to the City Manager to manage and approve all Administrative Policies. This delegation would apply to all current and future Administrative Policies that govern internal City operations, provided they do not establish new programs, fees, or regulations requiring Council approval under law.

This action aligns with the current Strategic Goals and will allow staff to maintain policies in alignment with the City's Administrative Procedures Manual and organizational needs without requiring future Council action for administrative updates.
Over time, the City has accumulated a mix of Administrative Policies approved at different levels of authority. While some policies—such as Council-adopted financial or personnel policies—are broad in nature, the majority of the Administrative Policy Manual addresses operational processes that fall under the City Manager's day-to-day management responsibilities pursuant to Government Code Section 34856 and the Scotts Valley Municipal Code.

Delegating policy management to the City Manager will streamline administrative operations and allow timely revisions to reflect legal or procedural updates and maintain City Council focus on legislative and fiscal policy matters.

Future Administrative Policies will continue to be posted and made available for staff and public transparency.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 2073, delegating authority to the City Manager for the management and approval of all Administrative Policies.

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1. Resolution No. 2073 Delegation of Authority for Approval of Admin Policies

RESOLUTION NO. 2073

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO CITY MANAGER FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

WHEREAS, the City of Scotts Valley maintains an Administrative Policy Manual that provides internal guidance for City operations, financial management, human resources, and administrative procedures; and

WHEREAS, over time, certain Administrative Policies have been approved by the City Council while others have been approved by the City Manager, resulting in an inconsistent approval process; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that Administrative Policies are operational in nature and fall within the City Manager's responsibility to manage the day-to-day administration of the City, as provided in Government Code Section 34856 and the Scotts Valley Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, delegating authority to the City Manager for the management and approval of all Administrative Policies will promote efficient operations, timely updates, and consistent application of internal procedures; and

WHEREAS, City Council retains authority over legislative, fiscal, and policy matters, including those that establish or amend ordinances, fees, or programs requiring Council action under law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED as follows:

1. The City Council hereby delegates authority to the City Manager to manage, develop, revise, rescind and approve all Administrative Policies of the City of Scotts Valley.
2. This delegation includes the ability to issue new Administrative Policies, revise existing ones, and rescind outdated policies as appropriate to ensure effective City operations.
3. Administrative Policies shall remain available for staff and public reference through the City's Administrative Policy Manual or other designated repository.
4. Nothing in this resolution shall limit the authority of the City Council, consistent with state law, to review or direct modification of any Administrative Policy at its discretion.

The above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Scotts Valley at a regular meeting held on the November 19th, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Approved:____________________________
Derek Timm, Mayor

Attest: ___________________________
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM 4.
DATE: 11/19/2025

City of Scotts Valley
CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE:	11/19/2025
TO:	Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM:	Kendra Reed, Finance Manager
APPROVED:	Mali LaGoe, City Manager
SUBJECT:	**Investment Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2025**

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

Attached is the portfolio performance status report for the City and Supplemental Law Enforcement Fund ("SLESF") investment report for the quarter ended March 31, 2025. This information is for review only. No action is required by the Council.

The City's investment report submitted herein complies with the City's investment policy and evidence that there is adequate cash flow to meet the City's needs for the next six months. The City traditionally invests excess operating portfolio funds in Local Agency Investment Fund ("LAIF") and to the California Asset Management Program ("CAMP"). CAMP is a California Joint Powers Authority ("JPA") established in 1989. Investments offered through the Cash Reserve Portfolio (the "Pool" or the "CAMP Pool") and CAMP Term are permitted for all local agencies under California Government Code Section 53601(p). CAMP is directed by a board of trustees, which is made up of experienced local government finance directors and treasurers.

The revised Investment Policy, which was reviewed and adopted by the City Council June 12, 2024, allows the City to invest an unlimited amount of funds in Joint Powers Authority Pool (JPAP), which operates similarly to LAIF. The updated policy removed the previous 30% limit on investments in JPAP, allowing for an unlimited amount of funds to be invested. This flexibility provides the City with a strategic advantage in responding to changes in interest rates between these two investment options.

The SLESF investment report reflects the latest information available concerning how these monies provided by the State of California for front line police services were invested as of March 31, 2025.

Additional information on the Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA) and Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) are provided from the State Treasurer's site.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact of receiving and filing the report.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file an Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2025.

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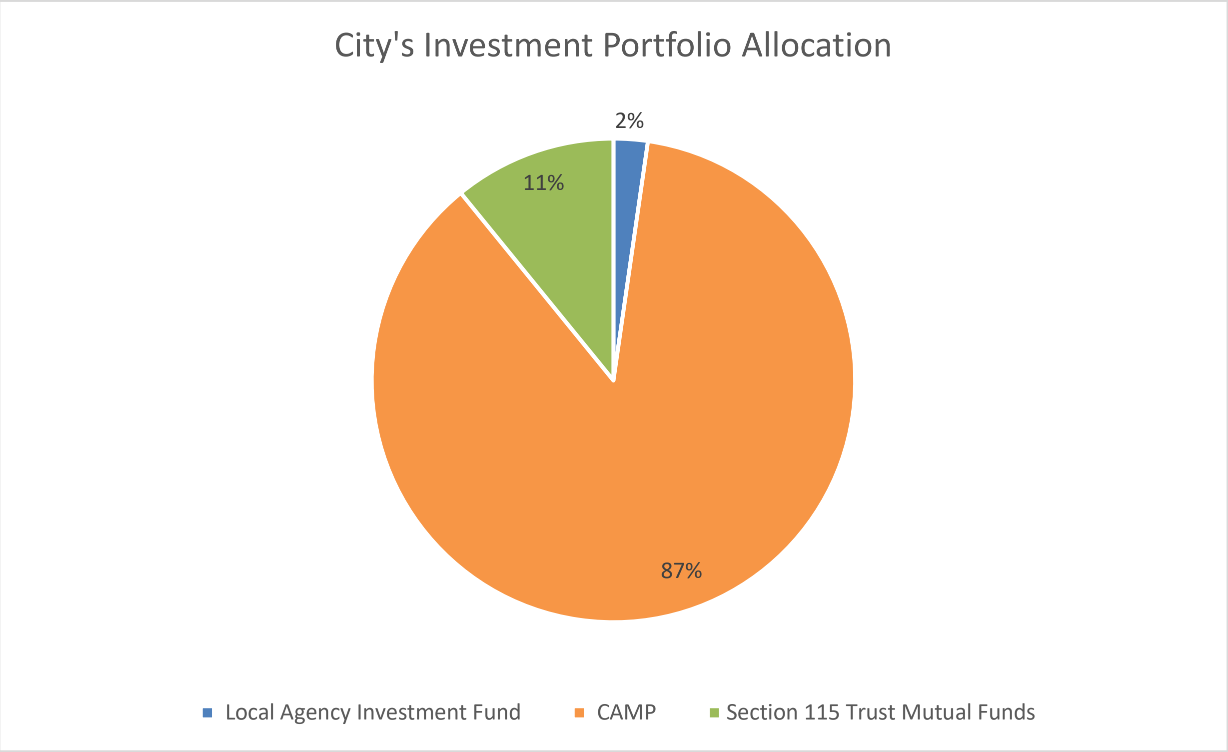
1. FY2526_Q1 Investment Report

City of Scotts Valley
Quarterly Investment Report
September 30, 2025

TRUSTEE	TYPE OF INVESTMENT	ISSUER	MATURITY DATE	FACE VALUE	COST	MARKET VALUE		VALUATION	YIELD	
	General Pooled Investments									
State of California	Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	State of California	Demand - 1 day	$ 490,139	$ 490,139	$ 491,085	*	LAIF	4.340%	
Board of Trustees	California Asset Management Program (CAMP)	CAMP	Demand - 1 day	$ 18,664,190	$ 18,664,190	$ 18,664,190		CAMP	4.360%	
					Weighted Average Rate for General Pooled Investments				**4.359%**	
	Section 115 Trust									
Charles Schwab Trust Bank	Mutual Fund	Schwab	Demand - 1 day	2,206,460	2,206,460	$ 2,338,343		Schwab	3.010%	
	Investments of Bond Proceeds									
Bank of New York Mellon	US Treasury Notes	Bank of New York Mellon	Demand - 1 day	$ 402	$ 402	$ 402		Bank of New York	3.520%	
Bank of New York Mellon	US Treasury Notes	Bank of New York Mellon	Demand - 1 day	$ 372,433	$ 372,433	$ 372,433		Bank of New York	3.988%	**
Bank of New York Mellon	US Treasury Notes	Bank of New York Mellon	Demand - 1 day	$ 1,304,299	$ 1,304,299	$ 1,304,299		Bank of New York	0.000%	

* Interest is paid at maturity. Market Value based on latest factor of 1.001929581 provided by LAIF on 9/30/2025, which has been applied to face value.
** Weighted average for all accounts.



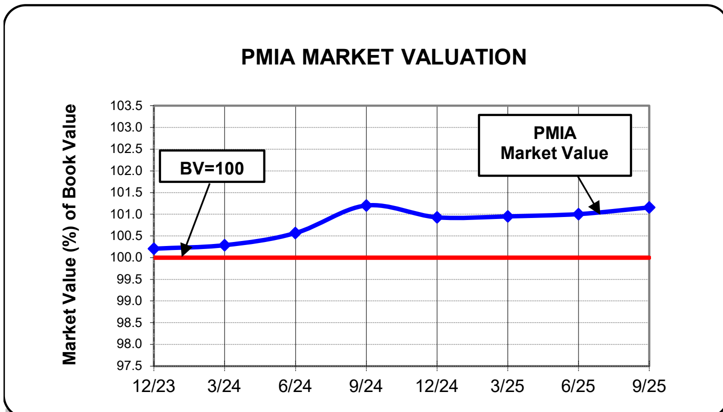
Supplemental Law Enforcement Fund (SLESF)
Quarterly Investment Report
September 30, 2025

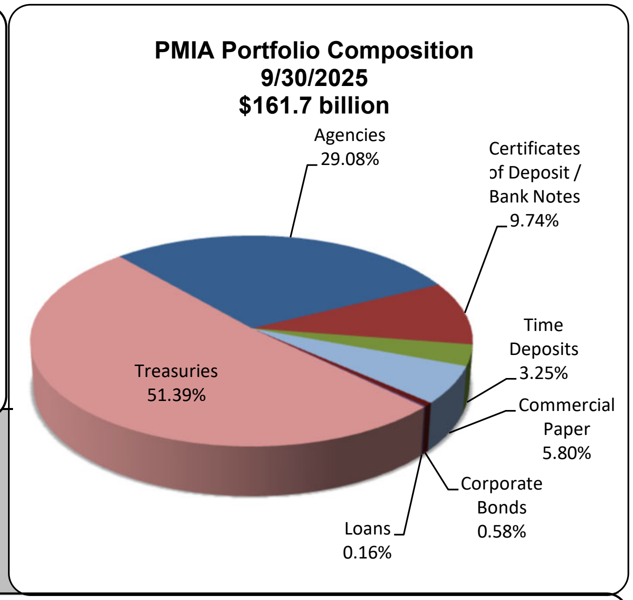
FACE VALUE	MARKET VALUE		TRUSTEE/INVESTMENT TYPE	YIELD
$ 156,585	$ 156,887	*	California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	4.340%
$ 156,585	$ 156,887			

* Interest is paid at maturity. Market Value includes accrued interest.

MONTHLY PERFORMANCE Pooled
Money Investment Account
September 2025

	9/30/2025	8/31/2025	12 Months HIGH	12 Months LOW
Average Life (days)	254	247	257	234
Certificates of Deposit & Bank Notes	9.74%	9.16%	9.74%	8.46%
Commercial Paper	5.80%	6.17%	7.40%	5.80%
Treasuries	51.39%	52.26%	55.96%	51.39%





MARKET VALUE (%) of BOOK VALUE

Dec-2023	**100.2054**	**Dec-2024**	**100.9316**
Mar-2024	**100.2851**	**Mar-2025**	**100.9501**
Jun-2024	**100.5652**	**Jun-2025**	**101.0035**
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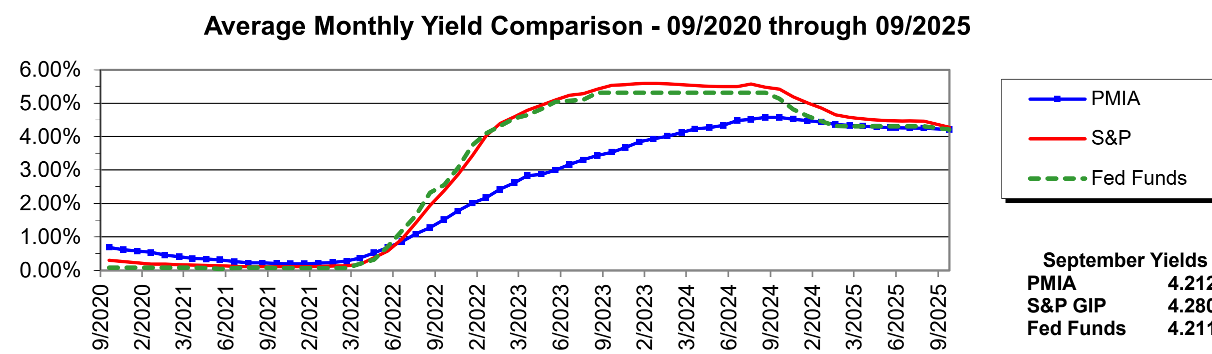

September Yields

PMIA	**4.212%**
S&P GIP	**4.280%**
Fed Funds	**4.211%**

Percentages may not total 100%, due to rounding.

PMIA/LAIF Performance Report
as of 10/15/25

Quarterly Performance
Quarter Ended 9/30/25

LAIF Apportionment Rate[(2)]:	4.34
LAIF Earnings Ratio[(2)]:	0.00011893333163814
LAIF Administrative Cost[(1)*]:	TBD
LAIF Fair Value Factor[(1)]:	1.001929581
PMIA Daily[(1)]:	4.19
PMIA Quarter to Date[(1)]:	4.24
PMIA Average Life[(1)]:	254

PMIA Average Monthly Effective Yields[(1)]

September	**4.212**
August	4.251
July	4.258
June	4.269
May	4.272
April	4.281

Pooled Money Investment Account
Monthly Portfolio Composition [(1)]
9/30/25
$161.7 billion

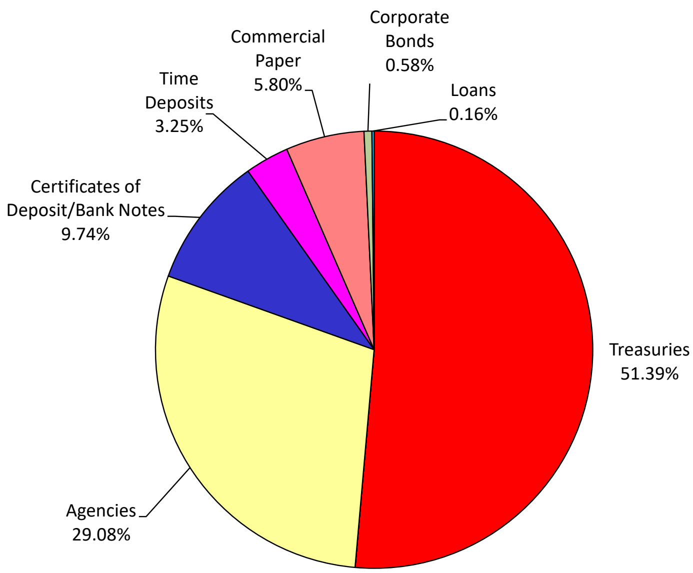

Chart does not include $987,000.00 in mortgages, which equates to 0.001%. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Daily rates are now available here. **View PMIA Daily Rates**

Notes: The apportionment rate includes interest earned on the CalPERS Supplemental Pension Payment pursuant to Government Code 20825 (c)(1) .

**The percentage of administrative cost equals the total administrative cost divided by the quarterly interest earnings. The law provides that administrative costs are not to exceed 5% of quarterly EARNINGS of the fund. However, if the 13-week Daily Treasury Bill Rate on the last day of the fiscal year is below 1%, then administrative costs shall not exceed 8% of quarterly EARNINGS of the fund for the subsequent fiscal year.*

Source:
[(1)] State of California, Office of the Treasurer
[(2)] State of California, Office of the Controller

City of Scotts Valley
CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: 11/19/2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director

APPROVED: Mali LaGoe, City Manager

SUBJECT: **Adopt Resolution No. 2074 approving (1) Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Police Lieutenant position**

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

Staff is requesting City Council approval to add one (1) full-time Police Lieutenant position to the Police Department's authorized staffing in the current fiscal year. This position establishes a clearer supervisory progression within the Department, strengthens leadership capacity, and supports long-term organizational development. Due to other staffing adjustments within the Department, approval of this position is not expected to impact the current fiscal year budget.

The Police Department currently operates with a command structure that places substantial supervisory and administrative responsibilities on the Captains and Patrol Sergeants. As policing practices evolve and staffing needs increase in complexity, the Department has identified a need for an intermediate leadership role that provides both operational oversight and leadership development opportunities.

The addition of a Police Lieutenant position reflects a modernized, tiered leadership model that is common in agencies of similar size. This role helps bridge the gap between the Sergeants and Captains, provides an avenue for career growth, and supports succession planning efforts for the Department's long-term stability.

The City already has a Lieutenant job description and salary schedule. This request is for the full-time position to be added to the current fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action is not expected to increase the current fiscal year budget. Salary savings and workload adjustments from other staffing changes are sufficient to offset the cost of adding the Lieutenant position within the existing budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2074, approving the addition of one (1) FTE Police Lieutenant position.

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1. Resolution No. 2074 Police Lieutenant Position

RESOLUTION NO. 2074

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY APPROVING THE ADDITION OF ONE (1) FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POLICE LIEUTENANT POSITION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the City of Scotts Valley seeks to maintain a modern, efficient, and professional Police Department with a clear supervisory structure that supports operational effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the addition of a Police Lieutenant classification establishes a progressive leadership ladder between the Patrol Sergeants and the Captains, strengthening the Department's supervisory capacity; and

WHEREAS, this position will enhance organizational development, support staff succession planning, and improve distribution of supervisory and administrative responsibilities within the Department; and

WHEREAS, due to staffing adjustments and salary savings, the addition of this position is not expected to result in increased costs in the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed staff's analysis and finds that the creation of this position is in the best interest of public safety, employee development, and long-term departmental stability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Scotts Valley that:

1. The authorized staffing for the Police Department is hereby amended to include one (1) full-time equivalent Police Lieutenant position effective immediately.
2. The City Manager or designee is authorized to implement this change and initiate the recruitment process.

The above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Scotts Valley at a regular meeting held on the November 19th, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Approved:____________________________

Derek Timm, Mayor

Attest: ___________________________

Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

City of Scotts Valley
CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE:	11/19/2025
TO:	Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM:	Jayson Rutherford, Captain
APPROVED:	Mali LaGoe, City Manager
SUBJECT:	**Consideration of a Master Governance and Service Agreement related to the Regional Interoperable Next-Generation Radio System (RING)**

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

The Regional Interoperable Next-Generation Radio (RING) System Initiative is a countywide partnership among the County of Santa Cruz, the four incorporated cities (Santa Cruz, Capitola, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville), and the University of California - Santa Cruz (UCSC). The goal is to replace an aging and fragmented public-safety radio network that serves law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, public works, and field operations throughout the region with a new, digital, P-25 compliant interoperable radio system to improve life-saving communication among all user agencies.

The current equipment is more than 10 years beyond its expected service life. Agencies often rely on obsolete hardware, degraded coverage areas, and replacement parts purchased second-hand to keep their communication systems running. Despite its limitations, every public safety and field operations department in the county – including the City of Scotts Valley Police- rely on it daily. The RING project represents the region's first unified effort to build a modern, interoperable network that meets current emergency communication standards and provides reliable coverage for the next two decades.

Master Services Governance Agreement

The Master Service Governance Agreement (MSGA) provides a formalized framework for collaboration among the six member agencies to build and oversee this new system. It establishes a clear governance model, a cost-sharing approach, and a transparent process for operational decision-making.

Under the agreement, the RING Executive Committee will serve as an advisory committee to the County Board of Supervisors, who have ultimate fiduciary responsibility for the system. The Committee will consist of six voting members, each representing one of the member agencies. Each member will have one equal vote, ensuring that decisions are made collaboratively and fairly. Routine or non-service-level matters will require a simple majority vote of the committee, while budgets, fiscal changes, and major service-level modifications will require a supermajority of five out of six votes. This structure balances agility with accountability, allowing day-to-day matters to move efficiently while ensuring that fiscal decisions have a strong regional consensus.

The County is serving as the lead agency for procurement, financing, and vendor management. The project team has negotiated favorable pricing and developed a governance and funding structure that allows all major jurisdictions to participate equitably without forming a separate Joint Powers Authority (JPA) at this time. However, a JPA may be advantageous, and under the MSGA, all parties agree to discuss transitioning this agreement into a JPA in the first two years, while infrastructure is being constructed.

Cost Sharing Formula

The project's financial model distinguishes between Capital Costs (system construction) and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) costs (ongoing management and service). The capital cost of the RING system, following competitive procurement and negotiated discounts, is approximately $28.7 million. The County intends to finance this amount over roughly 10 years, with debt service anticipated to begin in FY30. This timeline provides member agencies ample time to incorporate future payments into their budget forecasts.

Capital costs will be shared only among the six member agencies, reflecting their infrastructure ownership and governance roles. O&M costs, by contrast, will be shared among both members and "subscriber agencies" – other participating organizations which could include local fire districts, Cabrillo College, Metro, and other eligible entities who rely on the system but do not hold voting seats. Both calculations are based on user equipment counts, or the number of radios each user agency has connected to the system.

To ensure equity and sustainability, the County and participating agencies are developing a subscriber connection fee contribution that would serve as a one-time buy-in from non-member users. This structure ensures that every user who benefits from the system contributes proportionally, while maintaining an affordable entry point for smaller agencies. This model reflects best practices used in similar California systems, including BayRICS, LA-RICS, and the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority (SVRIA).

The ten-year cost allocation estimate is shown below. If all identified agencies participate at the currently reported equipment counts, Scotts Valley would account for 2.2% of Member agencies and 1.7% of total users.

Operations and Maintenance

Operationally, the County's Information Services Department (ISD) will manage vendor contracts, system implementation, and ongoing maintenance of system and user equipment, while each member agency will maintain responsibility for its local infrastructure, such as towers, land, or facilities housing system components. License agreements will be developed with member agencies who own towers that are to be included in the system.

User and Technical Advisory Groups will be convened regularly to assess system performance and to coordinate other user or technical issues with the system.

For Scotts Valley, this project will ensure that our Police Department can operate on a dependable, high-quality communication platform. In practical terms, it means improved coordination between agencies, faster mutual aid, and a unified communication network for everyday operations and regional emergencies alike.

In summary, the RING Radio System represents a major modernization effort for the City and the broader region. It replaces obsolete equipment with a single, high-reliability platform that will enhance communication across all public safety and field operations. By entering into the Master Service and Governance Agreement, the City secures equitable participation in a countywide network that will strengthen emergency response, reduce long-term maintenance costs, and improve coordination among jurisdictions.

FISCAL IMPACT

The current proposed fee schedule projects a combined Capital and O/M cost to the City of Scotts Valley as shown below, for the period of implementation, followed by ten years of operations. The increase in cost in FY29/30 reflects when the County's debt service payments commence and that cost is shared among member agencies. Subscriber Agency costs also reflect the one-time connection fee spread across three years, helping to smooth costs for members. These projections are estimates, based on participation from all agencies listed below. If fewer agencies ultimately participate, costs will increase for other agencies, as the whole system cost is spread to fewer users. While the project will create an ongoing expenditure commitment starting in FY26/27, it does not require a budget adjustment or General Fund impact this fiscal year. Future costs will be built into departmental budgets and long-range financial planning to ensure smooth implementation without disrupting existing operations.

RING Agencies Total Fee Schedule (projected actuals)

Membership	Municpality/Agency	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33
Member	City of Capitola	$ 48,256	$ 49,640	$ 90,078	$ 113,043	$ 115,293	$ 112,020	$ 118,523
Member	City of Santa Cruz	$ 405,558	$ 417,187	$ 757,035	$ 950,040	$ 968,950	$ 941,441	$ 996,102
Member	City of Scotts Valley	$ 41,069	$ 42,247	$ 76,662	$ 96,207	$ 98,121	$ 95,336	$ 100,871
Member	City of Watsonville	$ 179,677	$ 184,830	$ 335,395	$ 420,904	$ 429,282	$ 417,094	$ 441,311
Member	County of Santa Cruz	$ 1,170,470	$ 1,204,032	$ 2,184,860	$ 2,741,888	$ 2,796,463	$ 2,717,071	$2,874,825
Member	UCSC	$ 56,470	$ 58,089	$ 105,410	$ 132,284	$ 134,917	$ 131,087	$ 138,698
Subscriber	AMR	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 13,713	$ 13,713	$ 13,713	$ -
Subscriber	Ben Lommond FD	$ 39,745	$ 41,335	$ 54,836	$ 100,373	$ 102,958	$ 105,080	$ 70,259
Subscriber	Boulder Creek FD	$ 43,425	$ 45,162	$ 59,914	$ 109,667	$ 112,491	$ 114,810	$ 76,764
Member	Central FD	$ 147,203	$ 153,091	$ 203,098	$ 371,752	$ 381,326	$ 389,185	$ 260,218
Subscriber	Scotts Valley FD	$ 39,009	$ 40,569	$ 53,821	$ 98,514	$ 101,051	$ 103,134	$ 68,958
Subscriber	Felton FD	$ 33,121	$ 34,446	$ 45,697	$ 83,644	$ 85,798	$ 87,567	$ 58,549
Subscriber	Zayante FD	$ 44,897	$ 46,693	$ 61,945	$ 113,384	$ 116,304	$ 118,701	$ 79,367
Total		**$ 2,248,900**	**$ 2,317,320**	**$ 4,028,750**	**$ 5,345,412**	**$ 5,456,668**	**$ 5,346,239**	**$5,284,444**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

To approve Resolution No. 2075 agreeing to participate in the Regional Interoperable Next-Generation Radio System (RING) and authorizing the City Manager to sign the associated Master Governance and Service Agreement as well as other documents related to this project such as future license agreements for site utilization.

Further, to designate the City Manager, or her designee, as Scotts Valley's voting member of the RING Executive Committee.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2075

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY APPROVING A MASTER GOVERNANCE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE NEXT-GENERATION RADIO SYSTEM (RING)

WHEREAS, the Regional Interoperable Next-Generation Radio (RING) System Initiative is a countywide partnership among the County of Santa Cruz, the four incorporated cities (Santa Cruz, Capitola, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville), and the University of California - Santa Cruz (UCSC)

WHEREAS, the goal is to replace an aging and fragmented public-safety radio network that serves law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, public works, and field operations throughout the region with a new, digital, P-25 compliant interoperable radio system to improve life-saving communication among all user agencies; and

WHEREAS, the current equipment is more than 10 years beyond its expected service life with obsolete hardware, degraded coverage areas, and replacement parts purchased second-hand to keep communication systems running; and

WHEREAS, the RING project represents the region's first unified effort to build a modern, interoperable network that meets current emergency communication standards and provides reliable coverage for the next two decades; and

WHEREAS, the Master Service Governance Agreement (MSGA) provides a formalized framework for collaboration among the six member agencies to build and oversee this new system including establishing a clear governance model, a cost-sharing approach, and a transparent process for operational decision-making; and,

WHEREAS, for Scotts Valley, this project will ensure that our Police Department can operate on a dependable, high-quality communication platform. In practical terms, it means improved coordination between agencies, faster mutual aid, and a unified communication network for everyday operations and regional emergencies alike

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Scotts Valley that:

1. The City agrees to participate in the Regional Interoperable Next-Generation Radio System (RING).
2. The City Council authorizes the City Manager to sign the associated Master Governance and Service Agreement as well as other documents related to this project such as future license agreements for site.

3. The City Manager or her designee is designated as Scotts Valley's voting member of the RING Executive Committee.

The above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Scotts Valley at a regular meeting held on the November 19th, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Approved:____________________________
Derek Timm, Mayor

Attest: ___________________________
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

City Council
AGENDA REPORT

DATE: 10/29/2025

AGENDA OF: 11/18/2025

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

SUBJECT: Regional Interoperable Next-Generation Radio System (RING) (CM)
LOCATION: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION: Motion to:

1) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate final business terms and return with the Master Service Governance Agreement (MSGA) for Council approval, consistent with the governance and cost principles described herein;

2) Designate the City Manager as Santa Cruz's voting member on the RING Executive Committee; and

3) Direct staff to validate City radio counts across departments, evaluate capital payment shaping options, and coordinate with the County to develop a Funding Plan.

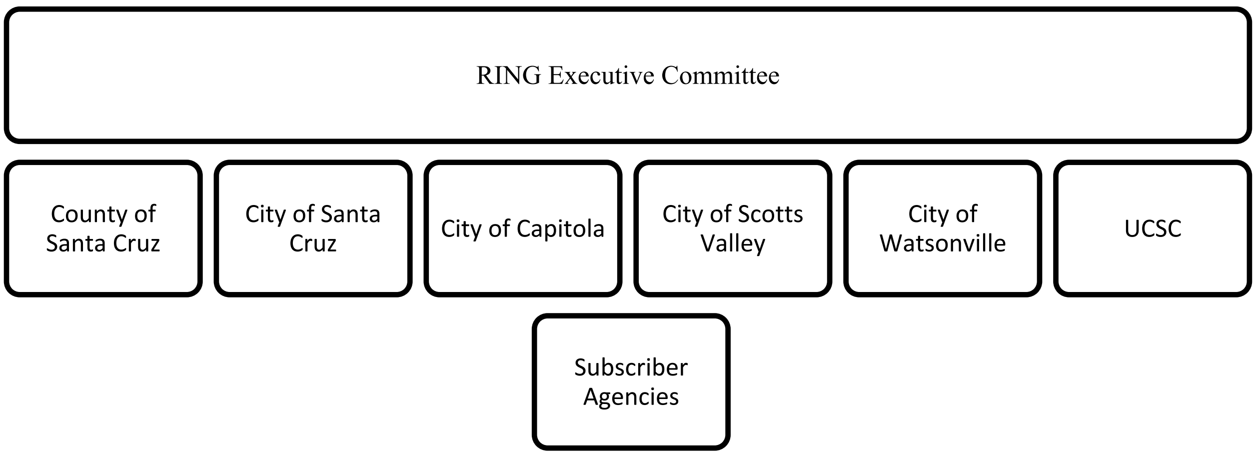
BACKGROUND: The Regional Interoperable Next-Generation Radio (RING) System Initiative is a countywide partnership among the County of Santa Cruz, the four incorporated cities (Santa Cruz, Capitola, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville), University of Santa Cruz (UCSC), and Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County. The goal is to replace an aging and fragmented public-safety radio network that serves law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, public works, and field operations throughout the region.

The current system is more than 10 years beyond its expected service life. Agencies often rely on obsolete hardware, degraded coverage areas, and replacement parts purchased second-hand to keep the system running. Despite its limitations, every public safety and field operations department in the county – including the City of Santa Cruz Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Water – relied on it daily. The RING project represents the region's first unified effort to build a modern, interoperable network that meets current emergency communication standards and provides reliable coverage for the next two decades.

The County is serving as the lead agency for procurement, financing, and vendor management. The project team has negotiated favorable pricing and developed a governance and funding structure that allows all major jurisdictions to participate equitably without forming a separate Joint Powers Authority (JPA) at this time.

DISCUSSION: The Master Service Governance Agreement (MSGA) formalized the framework for collaboration among the six member agencies – the County of Santa Cruz, the four cities, UCSC, and Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County. It establishes a clear governance model, a cost-sharing approach, and a transparent process for operational decision-making.

Under the agreement, the RING Executive Committee will consist of six voting members, each representing one of the partner agencies. Each member will have one equal vote, ensuring that decisions are made collaboratively and fairly. Routine or non-service-level matters will require a simple majority vote of the committee, while budgets, fiscal changes, and major service-level modifications will require a supermajority of five out of six votes. This structure balances agility with accountability, allowing day-to-day matters to move efficiently while ensuring that fiscal decisions have a strong regional consensus.



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To ensure equity and sustainability, the County and participating agencies are developing a subscriber connection fee contribution that would serve as a one-time buy-in from these non-member users. This structure ensures that every user who benefits from the system contributes proportionally, while maintaining an affordable entry point for smaller agencies. This model reflects best practices used in similar California systems, including BayRICS, LA-RICS, and the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority (SVRIA).

The capital cost of the RING system, following competitive procurement and negotiated discounts, is approximately $28.7 million. The County intends to finance this amount over roughly 10 years, with debt service anticipated to begin in FY30. This timeline provides member agencies – including the City of Santa Cruz – ample time to incorporate future payments into their budget forecasts. Two payment structures are being evaluated: a "level" plan, where annual payments remain consistent over time, and a "ramped" plan, which starts with lower payments that increase as the system becomes fully operational. This flexibility allows agencies to align long-term commitments with local fiscal capacity.

Operationally, the County's Information Services Department (ISD) will manage vendor contracts, system implementation, and ongoing maintenance, while each member agency will maintain responsibility for its local infrastructure, such as towers, land, or facilities housing system components. A detailed site responsibility matrix and license agreement will be developed to clearly delineate ownership, maintenance duties, and cost recovery by site.

For Santa Cruz, this project will ensure that all public-safety and field departments – from Police and Fire to Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Water – can operate on a dependable, high-quality communication platform. In practical terms, it means improved coordination between agencies, faster mutual aid, and a unified communication network for everyday operations and regional emergencies alike.

In summary, the RING Radio System represents a major modernization effort for the City and the broader region. It replaces obsolete equipment with a single, high-reliability platform that will enhance communication across all public safety and field operations. By entering into the Master Service and Governance Agreement, the City secures equitable participation in a countywide network that will strengthen emergency response, reduce long-term maintenance costs, and improve coordination among jurisdictions. While the project will create an ongoing expenditure commitment beginning in FY30, it does not require a budget adjustment or General Fund impact this fiscal year. Future costs will be built into departmental budgets and long-range financial planning to ensure smooth implementation without disrupting existing operations.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION: This action does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as defined in Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines. Furthermore, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), staff has determined with certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES (HiAP): The RING project advances multiple determinants within the City's Health in All Policies framework, including public safety, equity, disaster preparedness, and community resilience. Reliable communication among first responders directly enhances public health and safety by reducing response times, preventing miscommunication, and improving coordination during both routine operations and regional emergencies.

The project also promotes equity by ensuring consistent emergency response capability across all communities in the county, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. Smaller districts and agencies that might not otherwise afford advanced communication technology will gain access through a fair subscriber-fee structure, helping to eliminate disparities in emergency response coverage.

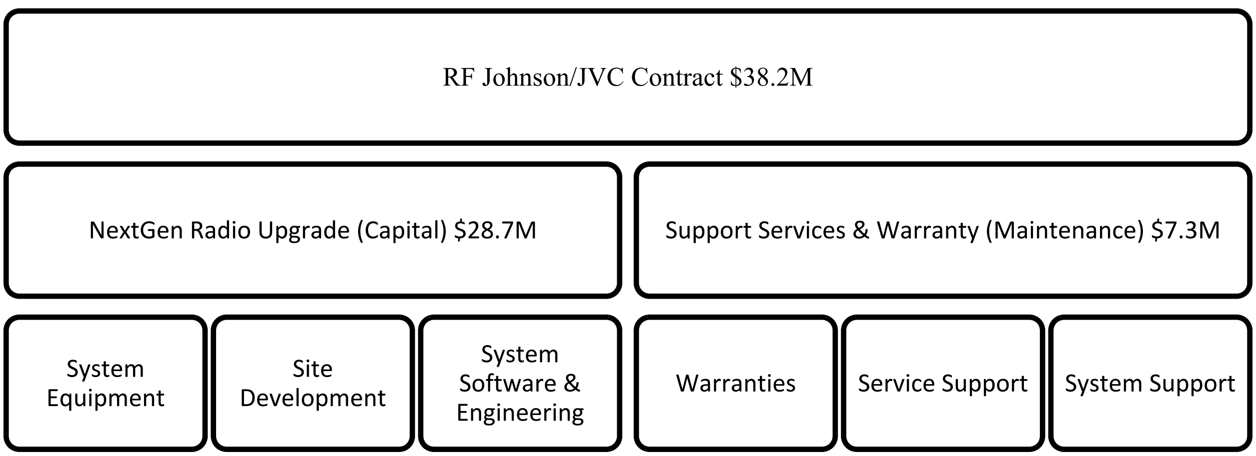
In addition, the system strengthens climate and disaster resilience, supporting coordinated responses to wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters that are increasing in frequency and severity. Clear communication under pressure prevents cascading failures during emergencies and safeguards both responders and residents.

Finally, the project contributes to economic and workforce health by reducing the long-term cost burden of maintaining multiple outdated systems, improving operational reliability, and reducing the mental and physical stress associated with unreliable communications in the field. The result is a more capable, cohesive, and resilient regional emergency network.

FISCAL IMPACT:

1. The recommendation in this report impacts the General Fund:	Yes
2. This recommendation requires a budget adjustment:	No
3. The recommendation creates an on-going expenditure commitment:	Yes

FISCAL IMPACT DESCRIPTION: The RING project's regional capital cost of approximately $28.7 million will be financed through the County, with each member agency contributing based on its proportion of active radio units. The City of Santa Cruz currently accounts for approximately 13% of the member radio network, resulting in a preliminary capital share of $2.5 to $2.9 million over the financing term. The City's annual O&M costs are preliminarily estimated at $100,000 to $130,000 per year, depending on final device counts and vendor service levels.



Final costs will depend on the verified number of radios assigned to City departments, the selected payment structure (level or ramped), and any revenue offsets from subscriber connection fees or dispatch-related grants. The County will handle financing directly and issue quarterly intergovernmental invoices to member agencies for their respective shares.

No immediate fiscal impact is anticipated in the current fiscal year. Debt service and O&M contributions will not begin until the system transitions into its operational phase, currently projected for FY30. The City will validate radio counts and work with department heads to confirm cost allocations and funding sources. Water and enterprise divisions are expected to recover their costs through the enterprise fund, while other departments, such as Parks and Recreation, Police, Fire, and Public Works, will fund participation through departmental operating budgets.

Staff will return to Council with a detailed fiscal exhibit once final counts and financing options are confirmed. This approach ensures the Council has full visibility into timing, department-level allocations, and options for phased or shared cost recovery.

Prepared By:	Submitted By:	Approved By:
Emeline Nguyen Principal Management Analyst	Michelle Templeton Assistant City Manager	Matt Huffaker City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. RING MSGA.PDF
2. 10-YEAR COST ALLOCATION ESTIMATE.PDF