



# MINUTES

Special Meeting of the  
**Scotts Valley City Council**  
**Date: January 16, 2026**  
**Time: 9:00 AM**

| CONTACT INFORMATION                                                                        | MEETING LOCATION                                                                                                                                                                                     | POSTING                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| City of Scotts Valley<br>1 Civic Center Drive<br>Scotts Valley, CA 95066<br>(831) 440-5600 | City Council Chambers<br>1 Civic Center Drive<br>Scotts Valley, CA 95066<br>OR<br>Zoom Video Conference<br><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83295730901">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83295730901</a> | The agenda was posted on 1-15-2026 at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Public Works Building, and on the Internet at <a href="http://www.scottsvally.gov">www.scottsvally.gov</a> . |

## CALL TO ORDER 9:00 AM

The City Council meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ROLL CALL

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| <b>ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:</b><br>Donna Lind, Mayor<br>Steve Clark, Vice Mayor<br>Krista Jett, Council Member<br>Greg Wimp, Council Member<br><b>ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:</b><br>Derek Timm, Council Member | <b>CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:</b><br>Mali LaGoe, City Manager<br>Kirsten Powell, City Attorney<br>Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director<br>Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk |
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## ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

City Manager LaGoe requested that the Closed Session item be moved prior to the Regular Agenda.

**M/S: Clark/Wimp**

**To approve the Regular Agenda with the requested alteration of moving the Closed Session item prior to the Regular Agenda.**

**Carried 4/0/1/0 (AYES: Lind, Clark, Jett, Wimp; NOES: None; ABSENT: Timm;**

**ABSTAIN: None)**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Resolution declaring an emergency for the Scotts Valley Drive Sinkhole pursuant to Public Contract Code §1102 and authorizing the City Manager to cause the repair of the Sinkhole and impacted infrastructure pursuant to Public Contract Code §§22035 and 22050.

This item was heard after the Closed Session (see Alterations to Regular Agenda).

Public Works Director Onchi presented this item and responded to questions from the Council.

Director Onchi explained that on January 5, 2026, a 30' by 30' sinkhole formed at the intersection of Scotts Valley Drive and Granite Creek Road which damaged the roadway, sidewalk, City culvert and Caltrans electrical service cabinet. Because the sinkhole developed suddenly, it also caused an unexpected failure of the roadway embankment. The damage to the electrical service cabinet interrupted electrical service to the traffic signals at both Scotts Valley Drive and Granite Creek Road intersections, which also serve as the City's northern interchange for traffic entering and exiting Highway 17. These two heavily used intersections are currently functioning on temporary generator power. The sinkhole undermined a section of sidewalk, bike lane and the northbound right-turn lane on Scotts Valley Drive, creating an imminent threat to drivers and pedestrians in that intersection and surrounding improvements which could be exasperated if not immediately repaired. In order to repair the sinkhole, sidewalk, roadway and Caltrans electrical service cabinet, the City culvert must also be repaired immediately. These conditions pose an immediate threat to public health, safety and property, necessitating rapid emergency action to repair the sinkhole, replace the City culvert and rebuild the road, sidewalk and embankment. Declaring this emergency will allow for the solicitation of a bid without the typical delay experienced from the competitive bid process, and this action is necessary for a timely response to the emergency.

Prior to giving the motion, VM Clark clarified that by adopting this resolution, the City is not accepting any level of responsibility for what happened; rather, this action is necessary to proceed with the repairs for the greater good of the community.

**M/S: Clark/Jett**

**To adopt Resolution No. 2082, declaring an emergency pursuant to Public Contract Code Section §1102 resulting from the sinkhole on Scotts Valley Drive and authorizing the City Manager to take all actions necessary to secure contracts and mobilize resources to complete emergency repairs without formal competitive bidding pursuant to Public Contract Code §§22035 and 22050.**

**Carried 4/0/1/0 (AYES: Lind, Clark, Jett, Wimp: NOES: None; ABSENT: Timm; ABSTAIN: None)**

### CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened to closed session at 9:03 PM to discuss the following item:

### CLOSED SESSION SUBJECT(S)

1. Conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation  
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)(3)(4)  
Number of Cases: 2  
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Public Works Director

### RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

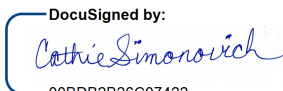
The City Council reconvened to open session at 9:50 AM.

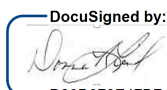
### REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Lind announced that there was nothing to report from the Closed Session meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Attest:   
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved:   
Donna Lind, Mayor