



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: February 4, 2026
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 1-30-2026 at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Public Works Building, and on the Internet at www.scottsvally.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:

Donna Lind, Mayor
Steve Clark, Vice Mayor
Krista Jett, Council Member
Derek Timm, Council Member
Greg Wimp, Council Member

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mali LaGoe, City Manager
Kirsten Powell, City Attorney
Jayson Rutherford, Interim Police Chief
Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director
Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Mayor's Proclamation celebrating Alfred Hitchcock Week March 2nd through March 8th, 2026

Mayor Lind presented the proclamation to recognize March 2 through March 8 as Alfred Hitchcock Week in the City of Scotts Valley. Dave Hodgins and Victor Alejandro, organizers of the Hitchcock Festival that will be on March 6 through March 8 at The Landing, accepted the proclamation and said a few words about the festival.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Timm attended a Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) board meeting where they received the annual report. He noted that 3CE is now serving \$1.2M customers (93% of households in the counties they serve). They approved rate adjustment decreases of about 25%. However, PG&E is increasing their transportation and freight charges, which will negate this rate decrease.

CM Jett, as the Council representative to the Youth Action Network, met with the leadership team of the Pathways to Possibilities (P2P) group where they discussed plans for the future of the group and brainstormed ideas to engage city leadership and local officials. CM Jett will attend the P2P meeting at Scotts Valley High School on Monday and also plans to attend the Youth Action Network Election Summit on February 27 with VM Clark.

VM Clark attended the Library Financing Authority meeting where they accepted the financial statements and auditor reports for the fiscal year ending June 2025. They also reviewed revised revenue estimates for fiscal year 2025-26 and revenue projections for 2026-27. He noted that revenue exceeded expectations partially due to an increase in sales tax revenue (Measure R).

CM Wimp continues with his onboarding for the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG).

CM Wimp attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Skypark big kids' playground.

Mayor Lind attended a Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) board meeting and noted that METRO was able to reduce the sound level within the acceptable noise-level requirements at the hydrogen fueling station. They received notification from the City of Santa Cruz that they will not be taking any further action since the noise levels are within the acceptable range. Mayor Lind reported that METRO offered free fares today for Transit Equity Day, and they are exploring a possible sales tax measure on an upcoming ballot.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager LaGoe attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the big kids' playground at Skypark on January 31.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for development partners for the Town Center is on track to be released by the end of February.

With the federal budget passing last night, the City's latest Federal Earmark request was funded for \$682K. This funding, supported by Congressional Representative Panetta, is from the Department of Justice to replace our police dispatch consoles and upgrade technology that will be compatible with the new RING interoperable radio

system being installed countywide.

City staff members attended a RING meeting this week to kick off the construction phase of the project. Construction is expected to take 3 years.

The City received a check for over \$66K from the former Scotts Valley Community Advocates representative, Sara DeLeon, fulfilling the funding commitment made for the new tot lot at Skypark. These funds allowed for the installation of the soft surface under the entire tot lot area.

Staff have continued working on several grant opportunities, including hosting two community meetings regarding the next round of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, and the Police Department has applied for two grants – one for additional traffic and DUI enforcement and another for bike/e-bike education and safety. The latter was in partnership with Ecology Action.

The Police Department is in the process of hiring two additional officers, one lateral and one new hire. The Police Department also participated in a large-scale critical incident tabletop exercise at UCSC that involved allied law enforcement agencies.

The City has a side letter agreement with the Police Officer Association to make some staffing adjustments in the Dispatch area. Our shared goal is to create more of a career ladder for our dispatch and records staff. An item will be on the next Council agenda related to this improvement.

Last week, City Manager LaGoe and Interim Chief Rutherford attended a Police Chief-City Manager two-day training session in Monterey hosted by the California Police Chiefs Association. The focus was on understanding each other's roles and finding ways to support one another while also supporting the City.

The Glenwood Slide repair should be completed next week. Per the Water District's request, we added relocation of the Water District's water main to the scope of work.

The Scotts Valley Drive Sinkhole repair work is ongoing. Caltrans and PGE are working to provide permanent power to the signals in the next week or two.

Staff met this week with the Scotts Valley Girls Softball League regarding getting the snack shack back up and running.

Interviews will be held this week with the firms who responded to our Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Skypark Master Plan.

The Citywide Leadership Team met last week to kick off the 2026-27 budget development process and to discuss using cross-department teams to tackle citywide issues like updating our administrative policies and clarifying procedures that require

multiple department involvement.

Today, the sales tax results from the third quarter of 2024 (Q3 2024) were reviewed. Overall, sales tax is lining up with prior expectations of being basically flat, and we are seeing the impacts of lower gas prices and builder uncertainty impacting the City's revenue.

An emergency preparedness tabletop exercise with City staff will be conducted tomorrow to continue the planning and preparation for future emergency events.

City Manager LaGoe will be attending the CalCities City Manager conference on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Reminders:

- Feb 16th is Presidents' Day and city offices will be closed.
- The Citizens Academy application period closes on February 20.
- The Community Grant RFP also closes on February 20.
- Follow the City on Social Media.
- Sign up for the City's newsletter.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Sue Draper, a Scotts Valley resident, commented that the new playground at Skypark is amazing and has received rave reviews.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Timm/Jett

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Special meeting minutes of 01-16-2026 and Regular Meeting minutes of 01-21-2026
2. Approve Fifth Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Santa Cruz and the County of Santa Cruz and the Cities of Capitola and Scotts Valley, relating to library services, to extend the term effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2032 and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Fifth Amendment

3. Update on emergency actions taken for the Scotts Valley Drive Sinkhole Repair Project
4. Ratify appointment of Scotts Valley Senior Center Advisory Commission Member

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Timm/Jett

To approve the Regular Agenda with no alterations.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened to closed session at 6:27 PM to discuss the following items:

CLOSED SESSION SUBJECTS

1. Conference with legal counsel regarding liability claim
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9
Name of Case: Tavaré Harris Claim
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Interim Police Chief
2. Conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
Number of Cases: 1
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Public Works Director
3. 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

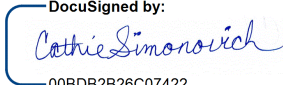
The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:07 PM.

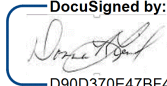
REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Powell reported that the City Council voted unanimously to deny the claim filed by Tavare Harris.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Attest: 
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: 
Donna Lind, Mayor