



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: March 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 2-27-2026 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 (remote participation)
 Jayson Rutherford, Police Chief
 Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director
 Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director
 Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director
 Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Timm attended the City/School District Joint Committee meeting where they discussed upcoming City and School District projects, they received an update on the shared facility use agreement, they discussed potential options for housing for teachers, and they discussed the new School Resource Officer. On March 28, the School District will be holding a Wellness Walk at 10:30 AM, and the Multicultural Fair

will be on October 3.

CM Jett attended the Youth Election Summit at Cabrillo College, which included juniors from across the County who attended to learn more about civic engagement.

CM Jett attended the swearing-in ceremony for Chief Rutherford.

CM Jett attended the City/School District Joint Committee meeting, and she encouraged the community to participate in the Wellness Walk on March 28 at 10:30 AM at Scotts Valley High School. She noted that there will also be a festival from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

CM Wimp attended the Santa Cruz County Arts Council meeting and noted that the Open Studio application period is open now through April 30.

CM Wimp attended the Capitola/Highway 1 bridge ribbon cutting ceremony.

CM Wimp attended the swearing-in ceremony for Chief Rutherford.

CM Wimp attended the Scotts Valley High School Girls Basketball playoff game.

VM Clark attended the Capitola/Highway 1 bridge ribbon cutting ceremony.

VM Clark noted that the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting will be held in the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers on March 5 and the RTC will discuss the formation of their own rail subsidiary to obtain control of the rail line. They are seeking public input to name this rail subsidiary.

VM Clark noted he will attend the Regional Leadership Forum for the California Association of Councils of Government along with RTC staff members.

VM Clark recognized and thanked CM Jett for coordinating attendance at the Youth Election Summit.

Mayor Lind attended the Capitola/Highway 1 bridge ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mayor Lind attended the United Way open house, which featured the organizations that support the community's youth and families.

Mayor Lind attended a Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) board meeting where they updated the fare structure.

Mayor Lind sat on the selection committee for the Chamber of Commerce Community Awards. The winners will be announced soon, and the gala is scheduled for May 8 at Roaring Camp.

Mayor Lind will attend the RTC meeting on March 5.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Town Center Developer was posted on February 20th. Proposals are due April 24.

The City received 25 applications to Citizens Academy, and we were able to accept 19 applicants. Unfortunately, we don't have room to accept everyone and even 19 will be a stretch. We appreciate everyone's interest in participating.

The City received 13 applications for our Community Grant Program with a total ask of over \$150,000. The review panel has begun the difficult task of scoring each proposal, and we're planning to bring funding recommendations to Council on March 18.

Chief Jayson Rutherford was sworn in on Monday to a packed City Council Chambers. A big thank you to the Council Members and the community members who attended.

City staff participated in two CPR/AED First Aid training sessions where a total of 19 staff were trained.

City Manager LaGoe attended an MBASIA Executive Committee meeting last week and learned that insurance rates will go up 10-20% next year. This is better than some of the other larger insurance pools in California which are seeing rates increase by 30% or more.

The Special Olympics Polar Plunge is this Saturday, and Scotts Valley Police Department has the largest team and has raised the most money in the history of the department.

The Glenwood Drive Slide Repair project is largely complete, and the road is now fully open to traffic. Minor erosion control and landscape work remain and will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Work continues to progress on the Scotts Valley Drive Sinkhole Repair. Starting March 5, the contractor will implement additional traffic control. Between 9:00 AM and 2:30 PM on Thursday, Friday, and the following Monday and Tuesday, only one northbound left-turn lane and one through lane will remain open. Traffic delays are anticipated during these periods, and drivers should plan accordingly.

The Siltanen gazebo now has a new roof. This project was identified in the current year's budget for Measure Q funds. The next step is the picnic area.

The Scotts Valley Girls Softball League has started working on the necessary repairs

to the Snack Shack.

As part of PG&E's water heater program, a green energy initiative, the City received three free electric water heaters which were installed at the Senior Center, Community Center, and Wastewater Plant.

The restrooms at Skypark are going will be closed for a period of time due to a mainline break last week. The sports leagues and other groups have been notified, and portable restrooms are available.

Applications are open for the annual Art and Poetry Contest and the submission deadline is April 1.

At the request of CalCities, and in alignment with the City's Legislative Platform, we submitted a letter of support for SB 922, sponsored by John Laird. This bill clarifies local agencies' ability to include in the franchise fees street maintenance and repair costs due to heavy vehicles. This includes garbage, recycling, and green waste collection trucks. This bill is needed in response to a recent court case that challenged cities' ability to include these costs in their franchise fees.

Reminder: follow the City on social media and sign up for the City's newsletter.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Lind requested that Item 2 on the Consent Agenda be moved to the Regular Agenda.

M/S: Timm/Clark

To approve the Consent Agenda with the alteration of moving Consent Agenda Item 2 to the Regular Agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council minutes of 02-18-2026
- ~~2. Approve Rental Use Agreements with Scotts Valley and San Lorenzo Valley Soccer Club~~ moved to Regular Agenda (Item 1A)
3. Consideration of Sanitary Sewer Connection Request: APN 067-281-02, La Cuesta Drive
4. Adoption of a Resolution Committing 2021 Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Funds For Town Center Land Acquisition and Certifying Compliance with HCD Requirements

5. Approval of Rental Agreement with the Vineyard Church

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

Consent Agenda Item 2 is now Regular Agenda Item 1A.

M/S: Timm/Clark

To approve the Regular Agenda with the alteration of adding Consent Agenda Item 2 as Regular Agenda Item 1A.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1A. Approve Rental Use Agreements with Scotts Valley and San Lorenzo Valley Soccer Club

City Manager LaGoe reviewed the information contained in the staff report.

M/S: Timm/Jett

To approve the rental use agreement with Scotts Valley and San Lorenzo Valley Soccer Club

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

1. Consider Community Project Funding application items

City Manager LaGoe presented this item and responded to questions from the Council.

Sue Draper asked for clarification regarding the requested amount of \$1.5M. Ms. Draper also inquired if letters of support from the public would be helpful.

M/S: Timm/Clark

To approve submitting a Community Project Funding request in the amount of \$1.5M for the Granite Creek Overpass Safety Project and to authorize Mayor Lind to sign letters of support for the RING project.

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

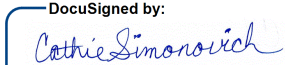
2. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Approved: 
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Donna Lind, Mayor

Attest: 
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Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk