



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: March 18, 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 3-13-2026 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 6:03 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
Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director
Scott Garner, Police Captain
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Mayor's Proclamation honoring the 50th anniversary of Community Bridges' Meals on Wheels for Santa Cruz County

Mayor Lind presented a proclamation for the Community Bridges' Meals on Wheels program's 50th anniversary and recognized them for delivering their ten millionth meal. Dana Wagner, Program Director for Meals on Wheels, accepted the proclamation and said a few words.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Timm attended a Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) board meeting, and they are ending the battery back-up rebate program due to the lack of federal funding which they had previously received. The board also discussed the organization's financial stability and the reasons for the upcoming increase in rates.

CM Timm attended an Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) meeting where they discussed the REAP grants, and he noted that Scotts Valley is ahead of other jurisdictions in the application process. The board also received an update on the 2050 transportation plan.

CM Timm noted that all Council Members attended the City's 2-day strategic planning workshop. All Council Members reported that the workshop was a success.

CM Wimp attended the AMBAG meeting virtually as the City's alternate representative.

CM Wimp attended the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development committee meeting where they discussed the community awards and the upcoming gala event on May 8.

CM Wimp attended the Hitchcock festival and noted it was a success.

CM Wimp attended the Leadership Santa Cruz session where they learned about business and tourism.

VM Clark attended the California Association of Council of Governments Regional Leadership Forum along with staff from the Regional Transportation Commission. He enjoyed the networking opportunities and attending the presentations.

VM Clark will attend the special Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) meeting tomorrow where the main topic will be the formation of a railway subsidiary.

VM Clark attended the Senior Council Area Agency on Aging meeting, and they discussed challenges with the implementation of SB 1249. They also learned that the senior grandparent program will continue to receive funding. However, there will be cuts to the senior companion program.

Mayor Lind will attend the RTC special meeting scheduled for March 19.

Mayor Lind presented the Hunger Fighter of the Year proclamations (2) and the Food Donor of the Year proclamation at the Second Harvest Food Bank awards ceremony.

Mayor Lind attended and participated in the annual Hitchcock Festival.

Mayor Lind threw out the first pitch for the opening day of Scotts Valley Little League.

Mayor Lind attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor which honored Andrew Kim, Summer Haben, and Walt D'Ewart.

Mayor Lind spoke about development in Scotts Valley at a David Ling Real Estate event.

Mayor Lind attended a Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) board meeting, and they discussed a potential tax measure on an upcoming ballot.

Mayor Lind is participating in the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce awards, and noted they are working on the gala event as well as the Art, Wine, and Beer Festival/Cops 'n Rodders. She noted that the Woman of the Year is Monica Aldana and the Student of the Year is Dylan Turzak.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Last week a group of staff did a walkthrough at the Community Center annex building to identify work that needs to be completed to prepare for the Recreation team to move into that building, which will happen in the next few months.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application was submitted last week. This grant would augment staffing at the Senior Center as well as bring Meals on Wheels (congregate meal planning) back to the Senior Center. We expect a decision sometime in the Fall of 2026.

Three Planning Commissioners, along with Director Bateman, attended the CalCities Planning Commissioner Academy last week.

City Manager LaGoe thanked the City Council for their attendance and participation at the Strategic Planning Workshop last week. She also thanked staff for their hard work in preparing for the presentations.

All departments are in the final stages of submitting their budgets for the next fiscal year. After the departmental submissions, the Finance Department will put the information together into a draft budget which will then be reviewed by the budget subcommittee next month.

Construction on the Glenwood Slide has been completed, and the crew will complete the final erosion prevention measures tomorrow.

Work on the Scotts Valley Drive sinkhole is continuing. However, there has been a delay in the process due to unexpected soil conditions and utility conflicts. Most of the impactful work should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

The Maintenance staff have been clearing vegetation along the side of Green Hills Road and in the bike lane, as well as in other places around the City. This is part of the routine maintenance as vegetation growth increases at this time of year.

The Maintenance staff have also resumed the regular irrigation of the fields to maintain healthy turf heading into the Spring and Summer sports league seasons.

City Manager LaGoe interviewed two college students who are interested in internships with the City this Summer.

City Manager LaGoe attended the Senior Center Board Meeting yesterday to discuss the future of the Senior Center facility and the needs at the facility as they relate to potential grant funding, as well as possible inclusion in the Town Center plan.

City Manager LaGoe met with County staff today to discuss the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) formation and answered questions as they prepare to bring their resolution of intention to join the City's EIFD to the Board of Supervisors in April.

City staff are preparing for two events in April: (1) Press conference with Congressional Representative Panetta regarding the Community Project Funding the City was awarded this year to upgrade our police radio and console equipment, and (2) Home hardening and wildfire preparedness event co-hosted with Assemblymember Pellerin's office. More information about these two events will be released in the next couple of weeks.

City staff are planning summer events for the FIFA World Cup, the United States' 250th anniversary, and Scotts Valley's 60th anniversary.

This Friday, 3/20, is the Police in Pursuit race which benefits the Special Olympics. On Saturday, 3/21, the Santa Cruz Warriors host *Local Hero Night* and Scotts Valley's Officer Stoeberl will be singing the National Anthem.

Remember to sign up for the City's newsletter and follow the City on social media!

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Sue Draper inquired about the plans for choosing the developer for the town center, and whether the public will be able to view other projects by the interested developers.

Emil, a student at Scotts Valley High School and President of Pathways to Possibilities,

gave an update on their youth initiatives.

Darshana Croskrey reflected on a community member who drove for Meals on Wheels until she was 95.

Lauren Friedman, a homeowner and resident of the Civic Center neighborhood, expressed concern regarding recreational vehicles parked on Civic Center Drive and in other neighborhoods throughout Scotts Valley.

VM Clark noted that he attended the countywide hub meeting for the upcoming FIFA World Cup Soccer tournament where they discussed ways to engage our community in this event, and ways to attract residents from outside the area who will be attending the event.

CM Timm announced that on June 13 at Emma Jean Cummings Park in Soquel there will be a *Skills and Drills* event which will include professional soccer players. On June 14, Scotts Valley will host a *Wacky Soccer* tournament from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and there will also be professional players in attendance. The Boardwalk will be hosting soccer-related events the week of June 24-28, including a big watch party.

CM Jett announced that there will be a Wellness Walk at Scotts Valley High School (SVHS) on March 28 at 10:00 AM. This event will raise money for the SVHS Wellness Center.

CM Wimp announced that there will be a puzzle competition, *Puzzle Mania*, hosted by the City this Friday, 3/20, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Community Center.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Clark/Timm

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council minutes of 03-04-2026
2. Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc. for the Wastewater Master Plan and Recycled Water Planning Study
3. Monthly Treasurer's Report - January 2026

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Timm/Clark

To approve the Regular Agenda with no alterations.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Community Grant Program Recommendations

City Manager LaGoe presented this item.

The following people provided public comment: Ann Bennett Young and Roger, Damians Ladder; Jody Cramer, the Assisted Living Project; Sookie Ramos, United Way Pathways2Possibilities; Jennifer Merchant, Grey Bears; Darshana Croskrey, speaking on behalf of the Scotts Valley Multicultural Fair/SVEF; Loreal Weitzel, Arukah Project; and Andy Cunningham, the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz County.

M/S: Timm/Wimp

To approve the FY25/26 community grant program awardees as recommended by the review committee and authorize the City Manager to execute contracts with the grant awardees in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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

2. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened to closed session at 7:21 PM to discuss the following items:

CLOSED SESSION SUBJECT(S)

1. Conference with legal counsel regarding real property negotiations
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8
Location: 251B Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley, CA 95066
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney
2. Conference with legal counsel regarding real property negotiations
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8
Location: 1900 Green Hills Road, Scotts Valley; APN 024-301-01
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney
3. 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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

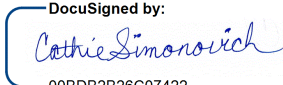
The City Council reconvened to open session at 8:35 PM.

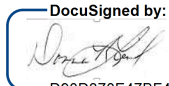
REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Attest: 
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: 
Donna Lind, Mayor