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Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: June 3, 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 5-29-2026 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 6:01 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
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Mayor's proclamation for Elder Abuse Awareness Month, June 2026

Mayor Lind presented the proclamation to declare June 2026 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Adam Spickler, Public Information Officer for the County Human Services Department, accepted the proclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Wimp attended a Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency meeting where the proposed budget was presented, and he noted that it included savings to the jurisdictions.

CM Wimp attended a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting and reported that Watsonville Community Hospital received a grant of \$6M which was facilitated by John Laird.

CM Timm attended an Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) meeting where they reviewed the overall regional work program, which is the annual budget put together to receive federal funds. He noted that this program was approved.

CM Jett attended a Safety Advisory Committee where they received information about the *Safe Streets for All* grant that was recently submitted by the City.

CM Jett attended the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency meeting as the alternate representative.

CM Jett participated in the panel which interviewed the candidates for the Town Center project. The next step will be a decision on whom the City will enter into negotiations with.

VM Clark noted that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) meeting, typically held on the first Thursday of the month, will be held next Thursday in the Watsonville City Council Chambers.

VM Clark, as part of the RTC, attended a climate resiliency plan briefing.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The Police Department, through their BADGES program, conducted countywide traffic enforcement this morning from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM in Scotts Valley, which resulted in 60 vehicle stops and 51 citations, mostly for speed and cell phone use along Mount Hermon Road and Scotts Valley Drive.

The Police Department is gearing up for the first Junior Police Academy session next week.

The Police Department is working with the Scotts Valley Unified School District to start coordinating a joint eBike education event.

The City received the preliminary construction schedule from the contractor for the Scotts Valley Drive and Mount Hermon Road Complete Streets Project. The contractor is expected to begin mobilization and preparation work next week. Based on the current schedule, pavement work is anticipated to begin around June 18.

Staff is working on construction information signs to be placed along the project corridors, and they are also preparing a project webpage to keep the community informed throughout construction. Staff will continue to coordinate with the contractor to minimize traffic impacts as much as possible and will provide additional updates as the construction schedule is refined.

Caltrans installed an overlay on the Granite Creek bridge, which raised the bridge elevation by approximately one inch. As part of the project, they will also be repaving the bridge approaches, which should address the drop at the beginning and end of the bridge. Caltrans indicated that this work will be completed using lane closures with flag control. Full closures are not anticipated.

The City recently received a development application from The Prime Company for a new multifamily housing project at 125 Bethany Drive. The applicant has indicated that the project is intended to utilize and qualify under AB 2011, SB 330, and the California Density Bonus Law. The proposal includes a 100% affordable housing development consisting of 96 units (95 affordable units and one manager's unit) on a 1.31-acre site. If the project qualifies under AB 2011, it would be exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and it is important to note that these state laws override the City's usual approval process for certain types of housing developments. For more information about these state housing laws and how they affect local development, visit the City's Housing webpage. Residents interested in learning more or viewing project documents can visit the project webpage at: www.scottsvally.gov/505/125-Bethany-Drive. The project application is currently under review.

The Skypark Courts Users survey and Neighborhood survey have both closed, and they received approximately 400 responses across the two user groups. Staff are reviewing the results in preparation for the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to continue the dialog on how best to mitigate the impacts of pickleball on the Skypark neighborhood. Also, the Police department has increased patrols in the area in order to manage traffic issues in the neighborhood.

Reminder — Sign up to receive the City's Newsletter and follow the City on Social Media

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Richie Sayavong, Outreach Analyst for the California Department of Insurance, spoke in support of a wildfire legislation package. These comments were also submitted in writing (see attached).

VM Clark, CM Wimp, and Mayor Lind reported on various community events, including the media kickoff for the FIFA World Cup, the Special Olympics Torch Run, the Mission

Springs anniversary celebration, the Food Truck Friday event, and the Cornhole Tournament.

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 minutes of May 20, 2026
2. Resolution Authorizing Placement of Delinquent Wastewater Service Charges on the Santa Cruz County Tax Roll as a Special Assessment
3. Adopt resolution establishing the FY 2026-27 Appropriations Limit
4. Adopt November 3, 2026 Election Resolutions
5. Approve policy for Removal of Individuals for Disruptive Behavior at City Council or Advisory Body meetings
6. Adopt Resolution No. 1555-SP-038.1 approving the City's Engineer Report for Skypark Open Space Maintenance Assessment District Fiscal Year 2026-2027, Declaring its Intent to Impose the Assessments and Setting the Public Hearing to Consider any Objections to the Imposition of the Assessments
7. Adopt Resolution No. 1213.40.1 approving the City's Engineer Report for Pinewood Estates Maintenance Assessment District Fiscal Year 2026-2027, Declaring its Intent to Impose the Assessments and Setting the Public Hearing to Consider any Objections to the Imposition of the Assessments
8. Adopt and approve annual budget items, including the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget
9. Annual review of the Investment Policy

PUBLIC HEARINGS

As noted in Alterations to Regular Agenda, the public hearings were heard after the Regular Agenda.

1. Measure D Five-Year Plan (2026-2031)

Public Works Director Rodolfo Onchi presented this item.

Mayor Lind opened the public hearing at 6:43 PM. No members of the public came forward, and Mayor Lind closed the public hearing at 6:43 PM.

M/S: Clark/Timm

To adopt Resolution No. 1923.9 approving the list of Measure D Projects for FY26-27 through FY30-31.

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

2. SB1 Projects for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

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

Mayor Lind opened the public hearing at 6:48 PM. No members of the public came forward, and Mayor Lind closed the public hearing at 6:48 PM.

M/S: Clark/Timm

To adopt Resolution No. 1946.8, incorporating a list of projects to be funded by SB-1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act for Fiscal Year 2026/27.

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

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

City Manager LaGoe requested that the Regular Agenda items be moved prior to the Public Hearing items.

M/S: Timm/Clark

To approve the Regular Agenda with the alteration noted above.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Consideration of a Transient Occupancy Tax rate change ballot measure for the November 3, 2026 consolidated election

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

M/S: Clark/Jett

To adopt Resolution No. 2095.2, calling a municipal election for November 3, 2026, requesting that the County consolidate the municipal election with the general election on November 3, 2026, and submitting the qualified electors of the City of Scotts Valley at the November 3, 2026, consolidated General Election a local ballot measure regarding an increase in the City's Transient Occupancy Tax from 11% to 13% effective January 1, 2027.

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

2. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Attest: Cathie Simonovich
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: Donna Lind
Donna Lind, Mayor

Public Comment 6.3

From Sayavong, Richie <Richie.Sayavong@insurance.ca.gov>

Date Wed 6/3/2026 2:59 PM

To Cathie Simonovich <csimonovich@scottsvally.gov>

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Good afternoon,

I would like this public comment to be included in the record, I also plan on participating virtually to read this comment but will be on call with Ridgecrest as well.

Good evening, Mayor and Councilmembers.

My name is Richie Sayavong, and I serve as an Outreach Analyst with the California Department of Insurance. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.

I'm calling to respectfully request your support for a package of wildfire recovery and insurance reform bills currently under consideration at the State Capitol. These measures are authored by Assemblymember's Mike Gipson, Lisa Calderon and Senator Steve Padilla, and they are focused on addressing ongoing recovery challenges in wildfire-impacted communities across California.

The first bill, AB 1795, authored by Assemblymember Mike Gipson, would establish clear public health standards for smoke-damaged homes. After a wildfire, many homes may appear structurally sound but still contain hazardous smoke contamination. Without clear standards, homeowners often face delays, disputes, and uncertainty regarding remediation and insurance coverage. This bill creates clarity, protects public health, and helps streamline recovery.

The second bill, SB 876, authored by Senator Steve Padilla, strengthens disaster recovery protections and expands living expense coverage. Families displaced by wildfire are often out of their homes for extended periods. This measure helps ensure residents have adequate coverage for temporary housing and related costs, reducing financial hardship during a time of crisis.

The third bill, AB 1680, authored by Assemblymember Lisa Calderon, reforms and increases accountability within the FAIR Plan. As more Californians turn to the FAIR Plan due to insurance market instability, it is critical that the program operates with transparency, sustainability, and strong consumer protections. This bill aims to improve oversight and help stabilize the insurance market for wildfire-impacted communities.

Together, these measures are designed to speed recovery, reduce coverage gaps, increase accountability, and strengthen long-term community resilience.

Local government support is incredibly important in advancing policies that directly impact residents. I respectfully ask for your consideration and support.

I'm happy to provide fact sheets on each of these bills, along with a brief survey, and I would also welcome the opportunity to deliver a short 10-minute presentation at a future council meeting to provide a legislative update and answer any questions.

Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your continued commitment to protecting your community.

Very Respectfully,

Richie M Sayavong

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