

## QUESTIONS FROM OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

- 1. Who owns the leaking Redwood Tank at San Lorenzo Lumber?**  
Redtrees Properties owns that redwood water tank. They have their own water source. The SLVWD does not supply water to their tank.
- 2. Are there women working in the field?**  
At this time the women working in the field for SLVWD are in our Environmental Department. Our policy is to attract and retain the most qualified individuals for our jobs. We follow consistent recruiting and selection processes, treat all employees fairly and prohibit discrimination in all categories. We encourage all qualified individuals to apply for our open positions.
- 3. Do you have a cross connection control specialist on staff?**  
The District employs certified and trained Cross-Connection Control staff.
- 4. Why is Fall Creek water so good?**  
Fall Creek is in a geologic formation called Karst. Karst is known for having cold, clean abundant water due to its limestone mineral deposit, which actually gets dissolved by rainfall and creates open caverns which fill with water. Springs from these sources are often high in calcium minerals. Karst is also susceptible to contamination from septic systems due to the lack of soil filtration in some areas which is why the District owns and protects a large portion of the watershed.
- 5. How would SLVWD recharge the aquifer – details?**  
The means for aquifer recharge has not been determined yet. The Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency is working on a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) which will determine exactly how and to what extent groundwater will be recharged. The public is encouraged to participate in the development of the GSP which will be completed by 2022. More information is available at [SMGWA.ORG](http://SMGWA.ORG).
- 6. Why is the flow requirement higher in October? Fish requirement?**  
The Fall Creek Water Right (which includes diversions at Bull Creek and Bennett Spring) for the protection of fish and wildlife is subject to the bypass flows on the San Lorenzo River at the City of Santa Cruz's Felton diversion. In September the bypass flow must exceed 10 cubic feet per second (cfs); October 25 cfs; November – May 20 cfs; The reason for the bypass flow requirement at Felton on the SLR is that the San Lorenzo River is typically at its lowest in October which is a critical time for juvenile salmonids to rear in the river. Additionally, the City of Santa Cruz has the senior water right to the San Lorenzo River; SLVWD's water right to Fall Creek is secondary, therefore diversions from Fall Creek (upstream of the City's Felton diversion) would impact total flow in the SLR and potentially impact the City's right to divert in the River.

7. **What is an exercising program?**

Valve exercising program is a procedure that verifies proper location, operation, and material condition of valves, and initiates replacement as necessary. The physical operation of a valve and the documentation of the actions and procedures necessary to do so are equally important.

8. **What plan is there to make Felton self-sufficient in case of an emergency which would cut us off from the rest of the District?**

The District has installed an emergency intertie and pumping facility that can supply the town of Felton in case of an emergency.

9. **Can you please post your presentation on the website?**

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