



SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT August 6, 2026 MINUTES

The South Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors met in a regular session, 2:00 p.m., at the District Office, located at 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California.

ROLL CALL: Board of Directors: President Romsos, Directors Haven, Sheehan, Henderson and Exline

Absent: Joel Henderson

Staff: Paul Hughes, Andrea Salazar, Robert Wakefield, Melonie Guttry, Shannon Chandler, Mark Seelos, Donielle Morse, Chris Skelly, Megan Colvey, Greg Dupree, Alex Tyler, Chris Stanley, Anthony Gregorich, Shelly Thomsen, Ryan Lee, Liz Kauffman

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
2. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
3. **CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR:** None
4. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Moved Sheehan/Second Haven/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Henderson Absent/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

a. **CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLIC-FACING POLICY**

(Donielle Morse, Grants Coordinator)

Adopted the final Civil Rights Public-Facing Policy.

b. **RECEIVE AND FILE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS** (Greg Dupree, Accounting Manager)

Received and filed Payment of Claims in the amount of \$4,516,813.84.

c. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: July 16, 2026**

(Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/Clerk of the Board)

Approved July 16, 2026, Minutes.

5. CONSENT ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION/ACTION: None**6. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:**

- a. Al Tahoe Well Rehabilitation (Mark Seelos, Water Resources Manager) – **Mark Seelos** provided details regarding the Al Tahoe Well Rehabilitation project and addressed questions from the Board.

Moved Sheehan/Second Exline/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Henderson Absent/Sheehan

Yes/Exline Yes to 1) Approve Change Order No. 2 with Resource Development Company in the amount of \$26,235.24; and 2) Authorize the General Manager to Execute Change Order No. 2.

7. STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES AND LIAISON REPORTS:

Director Sheehan reported that Operations Committee meeting is cancelled for August 11, 2026.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Nothing to report**9. STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

- a. **Donielle Morse** provided a Grants Update presentation which included pending grant applications, recently awarded funding, funded projects in action, grant funded partnership projects, State Revolving fund loans, as well as the District's funding landscape. She further addressed questions from the Board. She reported that grant funding is significantly reduced and the Grants team has been working on the foundational structure of the department to position the District for future funding opportunities. 1% of grant funding is earmarked for Administrative costs, which seems to be covering the costs to date. In total the District is managing \$6,094,635 in grants and \$54,570,987 in State Revolving Fund Loans. She further reported that she feels very supported and has built a great team and relationships with partner agencies.
- b. **Melonie Guttry** reported that four candidates have filed to run for the three Board seats up for election in November. All three incumbents have filed so August 7 will be the final filing deadline. There is one new filer, Mike Fedor, retired advertiser.
Chris Skelly provided a report regarding the recent cyberattack on small water agencies around the country and addressed questions from the Board. He has attended multiple meetings in the last week since these events sharing that there is a significant increase in hackers by Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) through cellular modem. He has reached out to Electrical, Operations, and Engineering and all have been doing all the right things to keep hackers away from the District. All of the suggested processes are already in place at the District.
- c. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:**
Paul Hughes reported on several items:
- The September 9 El Dorado Water Agency meeting is being held at the District, please let **Melonie Guttry** know if you plan to attend.
 - The August 20 meeting has just a quorum, so no contractual items can be approved and looking at potentially cancelling it for this reason.
 - Chamber CEO Roundtable last Thursday and reported on District Elections and several Engineering projects. **Megan Colvey** added that the District is working with partners in the community collaborating on projects.

- **Andrea Salazar** has been selected to participate in the Association of California Water Agency's one-year leadership program.

d. **NOTICE OF PAST AND FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS**

e. **BREAK AND ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:** 2:43 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 3:48 p.m.

- a. Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1) of the California Government code, Closed Session may be held for conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: Yolo County Superior Court Case CV 2021-1686, Alpine County vs. South Tahoe Public Utility District; et al.

No reportable Board Action

- b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) consider the appointment of a public employee. Provide staff with recruitment direction.

No reportable Board Action

ADJOURNMENT: 3:49 p.m.



Shane Romsos, Board President
South Tahoe Public Utility District



Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/
Board Clerk
South Tahoe Public Utility District