



SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

David Peterson, Vice President
Chris Cefalu, Director

BOARD MEMBERS
Shane Romsos, Director

Kelly Sheehan, President
Nick Exline, Director

John Thiel, General Manager

Paul Hughes, Chief Financial Officer

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT December 16, 2021 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 Sheehan, Directors Cefalu, Romsos, Peterson, Exline

Staff: John Thiel, Paul Hughes, Gary Kvistad, Melonie Guttry, Bren Borley, Julie Ryan, Tim Bledsoe, Liz Kauffman, Adrian Combs, Shelly Thomsen, Greg Dupree

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Moved Peterson/Second Cefalu/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

a. CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SANITATION AGENCIES 2022 DUES

(John Thiel, General Manager)

Authorized 2022 California Association of Sanitation Agencies Membership Dues Renewal in the amount of \$17,100.

b. 2022 BOWERS WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND BIJOU 2/3 WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

(Adrian Combes, Senior Engineer)

(1) Authorized staff to advertise for construction bids for the 2022 Bowers Waterline Replacement Project; and, (2) Authorized staff to advertise for construction bids for the 2022 Bijou 2/3 Waterline Replacement Project.

c. TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY MITIGATION PAYMENT

(Debbie Henderson, Accounting Manager)

Authorized Payment to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency in the amount of \$42,678.54 for 5% mitigation fee on new sewer connections.

- d. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: December 2, 2021**
(Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/Clerk of the Board)
Approved December 2, 2021, Minutes.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

- a. San Bernardino Class 1 Bike Trail Project – Upper Truckee River Waterline Crossing (Adrian Combes, Senior Engineer) – **Adrian Combs** provided details regarding the San Bernadino Class 1 Bike Trail Project and addressed questions from the Board. **John Thiel** expressed that this project will realize significant savings by working with the County.
- Moved Romsos/Second Peterson/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes** to approve and enter into a Construction and Funding Agreement with the County of El Dorado to provide for installation of a replacement waterline in an amount not to exceed \$654,500 .
- b. Election of Board Officers (Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/Board Clerk)
- Moved Cefalu/Second Peterson/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes** to elected **Kelly Sheehan** as Board President for the 2022 calendar year.
- c. Election of Board Officers (Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/Board Clerk)
- Moved Sheehan/Second Cefalu/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes** to elected **Dave Peterson** as Board Vice President for the 2022 calendar year.
- d. Approve Payment of Claims (Debbie Henderson, Accounting Manager)
- Moved Sheehan/Second Cefalu/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes** to approve Payment of Claims in the amount of \$1,108,125.10.

STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES AND LIAISON REPORTS:

Director Exline provided details regarding the Ad-Hoc Solar Committee Meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

Director Peterson provided details regarding Operations Committee Meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021, and **Director Romsos** provided additional details regarding water quality.

Director Peterson reported the Executive Committee met just prior to the Board Meeting today at 1 p.m. to discuss the General Manager's Employment Contract.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Director Peterson reported there was information on the social medial platform Nextdoor, regarding a proposed Adopt-a-Hydrant Program. **Shelly Thomsen** reported she is working with a regional group to create the campaign in relation to the "Take Care" program already in place.

Director Romsos reported he assisted with the District's Five Days of STPUD Cheer and further acknowledged District staff for doing such a great job with snow removal.

EL DORADO WATER AGENCY PURVEYOR REPORT:

Director Sheehan reported the December meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2022.

STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

John Thiel reported on several items:

- Provided a staffing update
- Provided a COVID-19 update with no District employees out for any reason related to COVID-19. There is a new mask mandate issued by California Department of Public Health.
- Provided an update regarding Federal funding opportunities including potential Caldor Fire and Tamarack Fire Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds.
- The District has been busy with snow removal and power outages, running the generators at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as well as Luther Pass on a full-time basis. He provided details regarding surge protectors and standby power including that the District has been a safe haven for staff who have been without power. In lieu of a Christmas Party this year, the District has been participating in Five Days of STPUD Cheer and he acknowledged the staff involved in the planning of the festivities.

BREAK AND ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 2:34 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 3:35 p.m.

- a. Pursuant to Section 54957 of the California Government Code, Closed Session may be held regarding public employee evaluation for unrepresented employee position - General Manager.

No reportable Board action

ADJOURNMENT: 3:36 p.m.



Melonie Guttry, Clerk of the Board
South Tahoe Public Utility District



Kelly Sheehan, Board President
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