



SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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John Thiel, General Manager

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
August 19, 2021
MINUTES**

The South Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors met in a regular session, 2:01 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, Marla Sharp, Debbie Henderson, Julie Ryan, Trevor Coolidge, Ivo Bergsohn, Jim Hilton, Buck McClelland, Chris Stanley, Star Glaze, Shelly Thomsen,

Guests: Michael Keller, CORE; Sara Letton; Lauri Kemper; Susan Chandler; Robert Erlich

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

a. **CAPITAL OUTLAY ROLLOVER ACCOUNTS**

(Debbie Henderson, Accounting Manager)

Authorized staff to direct rollover funds budgeted in 2020/21 Fiscal Year to the 2021/22 Fiscal Year.

b. **2020 LUTHER PASS PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

((Brent Goligoski, Associate Engineer)

Approved Change Order No. 3 to TNT Industrial Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$77,847.84.

c. CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS SPONSOR AGREEMENT

(Julie Ryan, Engineering Department Manager)

Authorized South Tahoe Public Utility District staff to execute an Agreement for Project Number R-21-6619-8484 with the California Conservation Corps in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**a. SEED Fund Sierras (Julie Ryan, Engineering Department Manager)**

Julie Ryan provided a PowerPoint presentation detailing the proposed District solar project, the recommended option and addressed questions from the Board. **Trevor Coolidge** provided details regarding the research that was completed for this project. **Michael Keller**, CORE Construction, provided details regarding preplanning of the project and the proposed timeline and addressed questions from the Board. Various community members expressed their support. **Sarah Letton** read a letter of support from the Climate Crew/Generation Green students representing South Tahoe High School. **Director Peterson** addressed his previous concerns and complimented staff on their research and follow through. **Attorney Kvistad** provided details regarding the Power Purchase Agreement that is being negotiated. The Board expressed their appreciation to the community and staff for their support.

Moved Romsos/Second Exline/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes

to 1) Acknowledge the Letter of Intent between Standard Solar and Prostar to develop a solar project for the South Tahoe Public Utility District; and, 2) Direct staff to continue negotiations with Standard Solar/CORE/ProStar for the Power Purchase Agreement and development of a solar project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

b. Paloma Well Rehabilitation Project - Rebid (Project) (Ivo Bergsohn, Hydrogeologist) - Ivo Bergsohn
presented details regarding the bid options that were presented from Zim Industries, Inc., and addressed questions from the Board. Board members expressed their concern with the high bid and the possibility of higher costs with current inflation if the District decides to postpone this Project. **Julie Ryan** expressed the importance of getting the Paloma Well back on-line and in service.**Moved Cefalu/Second Sheehan/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline**

Yes to 1) Accept the Zim Industries, Inc., Bid Proposal for Option No. 4, dated August 16, 2021, as a basis for Bid Award for the Project in the amount of \$566,347; 2) Authorize the General Manager to increase PO No. 2021-0908 by \$66,590 for a refurbished NSF61-certified submersible motor for use in the Project; and, 3) Authorize staff to continue to pursue cost to pursue costs to refurbish the existing submersible pump previously removed from the Paloma Well using NSF-61-certified parts for possible re-use in the Project.

c. Diamond Valley Ranch Facilities Emergency Repairs Project (John Thiel, General Manager) - John Thiel
John Thiel provided an update regarding the work progress at the Diamond Valley Ranch (DVR). **John Thiel** presented a brief summary of the outstanding actions of **Buck McClelland** to fight the fire at DVR and the savings to the District as result. He presented **Buck McClelland** with the first ever Award of Distinction for his efforts of going above and beyond the call of duty to protect District facilities on behalf of the District, the Board, the ratepayers, and the community of South Lake Tahoe and Woodfords. **Buck** thanked the Board and District staff for their concerns for him and his family. **Jim Hilton** provided details regarding the progress of the restoration of DVR and addressed questions from the Board. **Julie Ryan** provided details regarding future projects for DVR and the importance of the restoration of the Diamond Ditch.

Trevor Coolidge presented details regarding the restoration progress and the Emergency Declaration process for possible reimbursement of costs and addressed questions from the Board. **Paul Hughes** reported that there is not going to be Federal funding, but will be handled as a State Emergency and addressed questions from the Board regarding funding and reimbursement.

Moved Romsos/Second Peterson/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes to continue the emergency action to repair the Diamond Valley Ranch Facilities per Resolution No. 3193-21.

- d. Plant Operations Staffing (John Thiel, General Manager) – **John Thiel** presented details regarding the Operator 1 position transition.

Moved Sheehan/Second Cefalu/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes to convert the existing Operator-In-Training Position to an Operator 1 Position.

- e. 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 \$1,545,840.60.

STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES AND LIAISON REPORTS:

President Sheehan reported she and **Director Cefalu** attended the Ad-Hoc Organizations Structure, Service and Efficiency following the August 5, 2021, Board meeting.

Director Romsos reported he and **Director Exline** attended the Ad-Hoc Solar Committee on Monday, August 16, 2021.

Director Peterson provided details regarding the Operations Committee he and **Director Romsos** attended on August 16. **Director Romsos** provided a report regarding the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

None

EL DORADO WATER AGENCY PURVEYOR REPORT:

Director Peterson provided details regarding the Water Agency meeting that he attended on August 11.

STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

John Thiel reported on several items:

- Provided a staffing update and congratulated **Casey White** as the successful candidate for the Underground Repair Sewer position.
- Provided a COVID-19 update with currently two employees out waiting COVID test results and no employees testing positive. Masks have been implemented again in common areas in the Administrative Building and for the public entering Customer Service, per the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Californian Department of Public Health (CDPH), and Barton Health recommendations.
- Reported regarding the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) COVID Recovery Funding the City and the County will be receiving funds directly. The District has submitted funding requests to both the City and the County for funding of the installation of approximately 72 fire hydrants. The City approved funding for the installation of 37 fire hydrants within the City limits. He extended his appreciation to the City Council for the approval of this hydrant project. The funds will be used to purchase parts only and District staff will install the hydrants. He expressed the importance of this partnership with the City. The County funding request included funding for additional hydrants in the County and emergency communication and is now in review. He addressed questions from the Board. **Director Exline** expressed his appreciation for the District's outreach for project funding.
- Provided an update regarding his 2021 Strategic Goals and requested the Board's input.

Director Peterson recused himself at 3:35 p.m.

- **John Thiel** provided a report regarding the meeting last week with Tahoe Keys Water Company discussing potential long-term water supply alternatives with the District. The Reimbursement Agreement with Tahoe Keys will be presented at their August 26 Board meeting. Currently the Tahoe Keys primary water source is Well No. 1 and is being supplemented by the Lukins Brothers intertie with Well No.'s 2 and 3 expected to be back on line later this month. The District has not supplied any water to the Tahoe Keys through the District's intertie. He addressed questions from the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:40 p.m.



Kelly Sheehan, Board President
South Tahoe Public Utility District



Marla Sharp, Assistant Clerk of the Board
South Tahoe Public Utility District