



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
April 21, 2022
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 Romsos, Exline

Absent: Directors Cefalu, Peterson

Staff: John Thiel, Gary Kvistad, Paul Hughes, Melonie Guttry, Mary Alsbury, Ivo Bergsohn, Chris Stanley, Dan Arce, Tim Bledsoe, Jessica Henderson, Cuz Cullen, Julie Ryan

Guests: Shawn Koorn, HDR Engineering

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

3. CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR:

Melonie Guttry announced that Action Items 6a and 6b should be Items 7a and 7b.

4. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

a. VIRTUAL BOARD MEETINGS RELATED TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 DUE TO COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

(John Thiel, General Manager)

Approved Resolution No. 3216-22 allowing for South Tahoe Public Utility District to conduct virtual public meetings for 30 days.

b. RESOLUTION FOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATERSMART SMALL-SCALE WATER EFFICIENCY PROJECTS FISCAL YEAR 2022 GRANT (Yesenia Pacheco, Grants Coordinator)

Adopted Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects Grant Program Resolution No. 3217-22 approving grant funding for a Pressure Reducing Valve Installation Program.

c. **TALLAC CREEK SEWER CROSSING**

(Ivo Bergsohn, Hydrogeologist)

Accepted the Cost Proposal from Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, to provide engineering services for construction of the Tallac Creek Sewer Pipeline Protection Project in the amount of \$48,794.

d. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: April 7, 2022**

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

Approved April 7, 2022, Minutes.

5. CONSENT ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION/ACTION

None

6. **PRESENTATION: Shawn Koorn** of HDR Engineering, provided a PowerPoint presentation and addressed questions from the Board and staff. By Consensus, the Board directed staff to develop sewer capacity charges based on structural square footage and water capacity based on meter size, as presented today.

7. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

- a. Adoption of the first five-year update to the Alternative Plan for the portion of the Tahoe Valley South Subbasin located within the South Tahoe Public Utility District's jurisdictional boundaries (Ivo Bergsohn, Hydrogeologist) – **President Sheehan** opened the Public Hearing at 2:29 p.m. to receive public comments regarding the South Tahoe Public Utility District's consideration and proposed adoption of the first five-year update to the Alternative Plan for the portion of the Tahoe Valley South Subbasin located within its jurisdictional boundaries. **Ivo Bergsohn** provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Alternative Plan and addressed questions from the Board. There were no public comments received and the Public Hearing was closed at 3 :00 p.m.

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

Absent/Exline Yes to adopt Resolution No. 3215-22 adopting the first five-year update to the Alternative Plan for the portion of the Tahoe Valley South Subbasin located within its jurisdictional boundaries.

- b. First five-year update of the Alternative Plan for the portion of the Tahoe Valley South Subbasin located within the South Tahoe Public Utility District's jurisdictional boundaries (Ivo Bergsohn, Hydrogeologist) – **Ivo Bergsohn** provided details regarding the first five-year update of the Alternative Plan for portion of the Tahoe Valley South Subbasin superseding the 2014 Groundwater Management Plan and addressed questions from the Board.

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

Absent/Exline Yes to adopt Ordinance 580-22 repealing Section 7 of the Administrative Code regarding the District's 2014 Groundwater Management Plan.

Attorney Kvistad commented that this Ordinance Section may come back to the Board at a later time, specifically related to action necessary to implement the Groundwater Alternative Plan.

c. Approve Payment of Claims (Debbie Henderson, Accounting Manager)

Moved Sheehan/Second Exline/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Absent/Romsos Yes/Peterson Absent /Exline Yes to approve Payment of Claims in the amount of \$1,919,830.12.

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

Director Exline reported that the Ad-Hoc Solar Committee met to discuss details for the solar program.

Director Romsos added that solid plans for action are coming to the Board very soon.

Director Romsos reported that the Operations Committee met on Monday, April 18, 2022, and **Julie Ryan** provided details regarding Red Lake Road ongoing water quality complaints (color and odor), and addressed questions from the Board. She provided details of the issue, which is not associated with health conditions, just affecting color and odor and that the District is working through mitigation measures.

Chris Stanley added that the State Water Board is aware of this issue and the District has been in contact with representatives there.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Director Exline reported **Shelly Thomsen** has been working on details for Earth Day festivities and that the Board appreciates those efforts.

10. EL DORADO WATER AGENCY PURVEYOR REPORT:

John Thiel reported **Ivo Bergsohn** provided a presentation at the regular meeting on April 13, 2022.

John Thiel and **Dave Peterson** had a meeting with **Ken Payne** regarding funding for cost share programs and ongoing funding for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency and additional collaboration regarding state and federal lobbying.

11. STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:

Nothing to report

12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

John Thiel reported on several items:

- Provided a staffing update
- Provided an update regarding the California Tahoe Alliance (CTA) climate resiliency action strategy. The District is planning to host a Tahoe caucus this summer which will focus on the Caldor Fire.
- The CTA met in Sacramento April 19 and 20, for lobbyist days. Twelve CTA members participated in 15 different meetings over the two days with California legislators and their staff discussing the need to fund waterlines for fire suppression.
- The Lake Tahoe Summit is scheduled for August 16, 2022, hosted by **Senator Jackie Rosen**.

13. NOTICE OF PAST AND FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

ADJOURNMENT: 3:35 p.m.

Melanie Gentry (for Melonie Gentry)

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

Kelly Sheehan

Kelly Sheehan, Board President
South Tahoe Public Utility District