



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 November 4, 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, Ivo Bergsohn, Brent Goligoski, Trevor Coolidge, Julie Ryan, Brian Bartlett, Tim Bledsoe

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

a. **DIAMOND DITCH INVERTED SIPHON LINING**

(Trevor Coolidge, Senior Engineer and Heidi Baugh, Purchasing Agent)

1) Approved Final Change Order No. 1 for Christian Brothers Lining Co., as a credit to the District in the amount of \$11,216; 2) Approved the Closeout Agreement and Release of Claims; and, 3) Authorize staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Alpine County Clerk.

b. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 21, 2021**

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

Approved October 21, 2021, Minutes

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant and Field Stations Condition Assessment (Julie Ryan, Engineering Department Manager) – **Julie Ryan** provided details regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plan and Field Stations Conditions Assessment and addressed questions from the Board.

Moved Peterson/Second Sheehan/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes to 1) Approve the proposed Scope of Work from Water Systems Consultants to perform the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Field Stations Condition Assessment; and, 2) Authorize the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 1B in the amount \$165,211.

- b. Aeration Blower System Improvements Project (Brent Goligoski, Associate Engineer) – **Brent Goligoski** provided details regarding the Aeration Blower System Improvements Project.

Moved Peterson/Second Sheehan/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes to 1) Approve the Proposal from Carollo Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$373,782, for engineering services for the Aeration Blower System and Improvements Project; and, 2) Authorize the General Manger to execute Task Order No. 24 to the Master Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc.

- c. Diamond Valley Ranch Facilities Emergency Repairs Project (John Thiel, General Manager) – **John Thiel** provided details regarding the Diamond Valley Ranch Facilities Emergency Repairs project and **Julie Ryan** and **Trevor Coolidge** addressed questions from the Board.

Moved Cefalu/Second Peterson/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes to terminate the emergency action to repair the Diamond Valley Ranch Facilities, which was authorized by Resolution No. 3193-21.

- 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 \$2,038,171.24.

STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES AND LIAISON REPORTS:

Director Exline provided details regarding the Sustainability and Efficiency Committee meeting held on Monday, November 1, 2021, including asset management efforts being utilized to maximize staff time and efforts. **Director Romsos** added that the Department of Energy grant efforts with the City of South Lake Tahoe were not successful for now, but that great synergy was produced by those efforts including potential biomass opportunities that may have potential in the future.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

None

EL DORADO WATER AGENCY PURVEYOR REPORT:

Director Peterson reported the next meeting is Wednesday October 10, 2021.

STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:

Ivo Bergsohn provided a report regarding the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Alternative Plan Update and addressed questions from the Board. January 1, 2022 is the date to submit the Alternative Plan Update to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and he outlined the modified timeline for the District to submit the Alternative Plan Update by April 2022 due to impacts of COVID-19 and the Caldor Fire. He has kept DWR apprised of the District's progress and anticipated submittal date. **Attorney Kvistad** commended **Ivo Bergsohn** on the extensive work on the Alternative Plan Update and coordination with staff from the Desert Research Institute throughout the process. Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck has been assisting with the various elements of the Alternative Plan Update.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

John Thiel reported on several items:

- Provided a staffing update including the retirement of **Jim Hilton**, Diamond Valley Ranch Water Reuse Manager. His official last day is December 27, 2021, and the District wishes him well. He has contributed to numerous accomplishments in Alpine County and the District will take some time to assess the Diamond Valley Ranch operations to determine if staffing efficiencies can be accomplished in the future.
- Provided a COVID-19 update, including that Federal OSHA has recently released a mandate for vaccination or weekly testing and the District will abide by any Cal OSHA rules that emerge. **Director Peterson** posed the question of how these rules may affect elected officials and both **John Thiel** and **Attorney Kvistad** responded that there is no clear answer until the District knows Cal OSHA's requirements.
- Provided details regarding recent coordination efforts for several projects with the City of South Lake Tahoe. **Tim Bledsoe** elaborated regarding the excess sewer unit program to be potentially used for affordable housing.
- Provided information regarding the District's Bakersfield Well, which will continue to be monitored and assessed for compliance with minimum contaminate levels.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 2:57 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 3:08

- 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: Alpine County Superior Court Case C-21-0889, Alpine County vs. South Tahoe Public Utility District; et al.

No reportable Board Action

ADJOURNMENT: 3:09 p.m.



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



Kelly Sheehan, Board President
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