



SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Joel Henderson, Director
Nick Haven, Vice President

BOARD MEMBERS
Shane Romsos, President

Kelly Sheehan, Director
Nick Exline, Director

Paul Hughes, General Manager

Andrea Salazar, Chief Financial Officer

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT June 4, 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:

Staff: Paul Hughes, Andrea Salazar, Robert Wakefield, Melonie Guttry, Shannon Chandler, Shelly Thomsen, Megan Colvey, Ryan Lee

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Jesse Garner, with Firewise, USA, thanked the District for supporting fuels reduction and water for fire infrastructure in three sites in his community. The current effort is to define in map form, the risk in the lands around the community, including the location of fire hydrants. President Romsos commended Firewise community for its efforts as well.

3. **CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR:** None

4. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

a. 2026-2027 POLYMER SUPPLIES CONTRACT

(Aaron Buckman, Manager of Plant Operations)

Authorized a one-year extension of the Polymer Purchase Contract for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 with Polydyne, Inc., in the estimated amount of \$143,000.

b. MARCH 31, 2026 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Andrea Salazar, Chief Financial Officer)

Received and filed the March 31, 2026 Income Statement and Balance Sheet Reports.

c. ANNUAL ADOPTION OF STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY

(Greg Dupree, Accounting Manager)

Adopted Resolution No. 3335-26 (superseding Resolution No. 3311-25), adopting the Statement of Investment Policy.

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

Received and filed Payment of Claims in the amount of \$1,390,263.37.

e. REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: May 21, 2026

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

Approved May 21, 2026, Minutes

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

- a. Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Water and Sewer Service Charge Rates (Andrea Salazar, Chief Financial Officer) **Andrea Salazar** presented details regarding the water and sewer rate increases and received brief comments from the Board.

Moved Sheehan/Second Exline/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Henderson No/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to approve Resolution No. 3332-26 confirming the water and sewer service charge rate increases of 6.5% and 6.5% for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

- b. Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Water Enterprise Fund Budget (Andrea Salazar, Chief Financial Officer) **Andrea Salazar** provided details regarding the Water Enterprise Fund Budget and received brief comments from the Board.

Moved Sheehan/Second Haven/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Henderson No/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to adopt Resolution No. 3333-26 for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Water Enterprise Fund Budget and authorize staff to incorporate any adjustments or changes necessary because of Board action.

- c. Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget (Andrea Salazar, Chief Financial Officer) **Andrea Salazar** provided details regarding the Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget and addressed questions from the Board.

Moved Sheehan/Second Haven/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Henderson No/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to Adopt Resolution No. 3334-26 for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget and authorize staff to incorporate any adjustments or changes necessary because of Board action.

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

None.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Director Exline commended the District for its outreach to the community prior to the adoption of the rate increase. **Director Sheehan** echoed **Director Exline's** comments as she has also experienced positive interactions with the community regarding the rate increase rationale. **Director Henderson** said he appreciates the staff and the restructuring but he does not support the rate increase. **Director Haven** attended the Employee Communications Committee and he gets positive comments from constituents in the community who interact with staff at the front desk, and who see staff working in the field, and the District has a positive public image. He is proud to be a part of that.

9. STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:

President Romsos requested an update on the Environmental Improvement Program. **Shelly Thomsen** reported the program constitutes 80 agencies working on lake-saving projects around Lake Tahoe. Its marketing outreach material is revamped including an updated logo and website called restoretahoe.com and the District's part in the program includes the Tahoe Water for Fire Suppression projects.

10. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

Paul Hughes reported on several items:

- He held a meet & greet with **Sam Booth**, the new Chief Executive Officer for Alpine County, including a tour of Diamond Valley Ranch.
- **Karla Nemeth** is the new Executive Director of Association of California Water Agencies and will be a great addition.

11. NOTICE OF PAST AND FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

12. BREAK AND ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 2:20 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 3:40 p.m.

No reportable Board Action.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:41 p.m.



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



Shane Romsos, Board President
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