



# 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  
March 18, 2021  
MINUTES**

The South Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors met in a regular session, 2:05 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, Peterson, Exline

**Absent:** Director Cefalu

**Staff:** John Thiel, Paul Hughes, Gary Kvistad, Melonie Guttry, Ryan Lee, Brian Bartlett, Bren Borley, Bent Goligoski, Chris Skelly, Chris Stanley, Gary Kvistad, Jeff Lee, Jessica Henderson, Julie Ryan, Liz Kauffman, Shelly Thomsen, Stephen Caswell, Tim Bledsoe, Trevor Coolidge

**Guests:** Scott Ferguson, Jones Hall; Rick Brandis, Brandis Tallman; Alex Handler, Bartle Wells Associates

**CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR:**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

- a. **2019 ROCKY POINT II WATERLINE REPLACEMENT REBID AND LARGE METERS REPLACEMENT PROJECT** (Adrian Combes, Senior Engineer)  
Approved the Partial Closeout Agreement and Release of Claims for Haen Constructors for the Large Meters Replacement Portion of the Contract.
- b. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: March 4, 2021**  
(Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/Clerk of the Board)  
Approved March 4, 2021, Minutes.

**ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

- a. 2021 Wastewater Revenue Refunding Bonds (Paul Hughes, Chief Financial Officer) – **Paul Hughes** provided details regarding Resolution 3166-21 and addressed questions from the Board. The

current anticipated savings from this transaction is \$550,000, which will consolidate four outstanding debts into one.

**Moved Romsos/Second Exline/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Absent /Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes** to approve Resolution No. 3166-21, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Tahoe Public Utility District authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of \$7,500,000 maximum principal amount of wastewater revenue refunding bonds and approving related documents and official actions.

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

**Moved Romsos/Second Exline/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Absent /Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes** to approve Payment of Claims in the amount of \$1,679,733.73.

#### **STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Director Exline** reported that the Ad-Hoc Solar Committee met on Friday, March 9, and that the solar consultant was able to reach a tentative agreement with Liberty Energy, which details will be brought back to the Board when all the finances are in place. **Director Romsos** added staff has done a great job on this project.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**Vice President Peterson** reported an Operations Committee Meeting was held on March 15 and the new format is working well. **Director Romsos** commented that staff is doing a great job utilizing technology for the District.

#### **EL DORADO WATER AGENCY PURVEYOR REPORT:**

**Vice President Peterson** reported the regular El Dorado Water Agency (EDWA) meeting was held on March 10, and the County is projecting to receive approximately \$37 million from the COVID-19 Relief Bill. Although discussions have not begun regarding how to allocate the funds, the District should be thinking about how to compile costs related to COVID-19 in anticipation. **John Thiel** added that EDWA has hired a lobbyist to collaborate with the District's lobbyist on legislative issues.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:**

**John Thiel** reported on several items:

- Provided a staffing update
- Provided a COVID-19 update with no current illness at the District. Interested staff is receiving vaccinations and the District may move to Risk Level 2.5 on April 15. Staff is looking to phase out the COVID-19 Rate Relief Program, while keeping opportunities available for those in need.

**Vice President Peterson** recused himself at 2:28 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest.

- **John Thiel** reported that two Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association (TKPOA) wells have elevated uranium levels and have been taken offline. Due to a shortage of water, the TKPOA Board has voted to ban landscape irrigation this summer and have hired a consultant to review long and short-term alternatives to address the issues. The District has a Mutual Aid Agreement with the TKPOA, and will continue to assist with their needs where appropriate. **John Thiel** reported that Lukins Brothers Water Company is working with a local contractor on their well issues and further addressed questions from the Board.

Vice President Peterson rejoined the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

**STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

Ryan Lee presented a 2021 Water Leak Update via PowerPoint Presentation and addressed questions from the Board.

Vice President Peterson recused himself at 2:56 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest.

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

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** 3:36 p.m.

Vice President Peterson rejoined the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

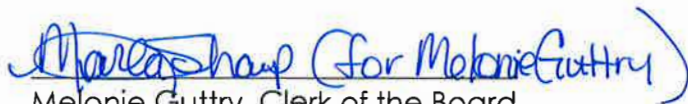
- a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(a)/Conference with Labor Negotiators: Memorandum of Understanding with Management Group. Present at this Closed Session will be Agency Negotiators: John Thiel, General Manager; Paul Hughes, Chief Financial Officer; and Liz Kauffman, Human Resources Director.

**No reportable Board action**

- b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(a)/Conference with Labor Negotiators: Memorandum of Understanding with Stationary Engineers, Local 39. Present at this Closed Session will be Agency Negotiators: John Thiel, General Manager; Paul Hughes, Chief Financial Officer; and Liz Kauffman, Human Resources Director.

**No reportable Board action**

**ADJOURNMENT:** 3:37 p.m.

 (for Melonie Guttry)

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

  
FOR David Peterson, Board Vice President  
South Tahoe Public Utility District