SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Joel Henderson, Director	BOARD MEMBERS	Kelly Sheehan, Director
Nick Haven, Vice President	Shane Romsos, President	Nick Exline, Director
Ryan Lee, Acting General Manager		Andrea Salazar, Chief Financial Officer

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
November 5, 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
Staff: Ryan Lee, Ryan Jones, Shannon Chandler, Megan Colvey, Brent Goligoski, Liz Kauffman, Vincent Stagnaro, Chris Skelly, Cliff Bartlett, Anthony Gregorich, Greg Dupree, Sara Nelson, Chris Stanley, Ron Goralski, Jeremy Rutherdale, Kilty Devine, Lucas Russell
Guest: Jesse Garner, Firewise Representative

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

2. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Jesse Garner** thanked the District for its work in the Firewise neighborhoods and reminded everyone to thank a veteran this month.

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

4. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR**:

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

   a. **AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF $15,434 FOR LUTHER PASS PUMP STATION NO. 3 PUMP UPGRADE**
   (Jeremy Rutherdale, Field Operations Mechanical Technician Supervisor and Ron Goralski, Field Operations Mechanical Technician Lead)
   Authorized Change Order No. 1 in the amount of $15,434 to upgrade the rotating components of the new 1,000-horsepower pump for the Luther Pass Pump Station No. 3 position. This Change Order will increase the authorized purchase amount from $701,013 to $716,447, plus applicable tax and shipping.

   b. **PARK AVENUE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – PROJECT EASEMENT DEVELOPMENT AND MONUMENT PRESERVATION**
   (Lucas Russell, Associate Engineer)

1) Approved the Proposal to amend existing Task Order No. 19 for Lumos & Associates for additional surveying services for the Park Avenue Waterline Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed $44,400; and 2) Authorized the Acting General Manager to execute Amendment A to Task Order No. 19 to the Master Services Agreement with Lumos & Associates.

c. **INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER APPOINTMENT**
(Liz Kauffman, Human Resources Director)
Approved the Interim General Manager Agreement for Professional Services, between the South Tahoe Public Utility District and Paul G. Peschel for the position of Interim General Manager, commencing November 16, 2026.

d. **CALPERS REQUIRED PAY LISTING BY POSITION**
(Greg Dupree, Accounting Manager)
Adopted Resolution No. 3350-26 which incorporates the Pay Listing by Position for the Pay Listing effective October 8, 2026.

e. **RECEIVE AND FILE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS** (Greg Dupree, Accounting Manager)
Received and filed Payment of Claims in the amount of $6,240,743.60.

f. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: October 15, 2026**
(Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/Clerk of the Board)
Approved October 15, 2026, Minutes

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

6. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:

a. Intention to Reimburse Expenditures from the Proceeds of Tax-Exempt Financing
(Andrea Salazar, Chief Financial Officer) – **Greg Dupree** provided details regarding Resolution No. 3349-26, declaring Intention to Reimburse and addressed questions from the Board.

Moved Haven/Second Romsos/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Henderson Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to approve Resolution No. 3349-26, Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Tahoe Public Utility District Declaring Intention to Reimburse expenditures from the proceeds of tax-exempt financing.

b. Liability Claim Against South Tahoe Public Utility District Received from Terry Bowdler
(Sara Nelson, Customer Service Supervisor) – **Sara Nelson** provided details regarding the liability claim received from **Terry Bowdler**. She read into the record a letter from the claimant, **Terry Bowdler**, and provided copies of the letter to the Board.

Moved Sheehan/Second Romsos/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Henderson Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to reject the Claim against South Tahoe Public Utility District for losses allegedly sustained by Terry Bowdler.

c. Purchase of a High-Pressure Sewer Jetter Truck (Cliff Bartlett, Fleet/Equipment Supervisor) – **Cliff Bartlett** provided details regarding the purchase of a high-pressure sewer jetter truck and addressed questions from the Board.

Moved Exline/Second Henderson/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Henderson Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to 1) Authorize the purchase of one (1) new high-pressure sewer jetter truck from Municipal Maintenance Equipment, an authorized Vac-Con dealer, through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 021726-VAC, in an amount not to exceed $535,690.90, including applicable taxes, registration, upfit, and delivery; and 2) Authorize the Acting General Manager to execute all documents necessary to complete the purchase.

d. General Manager Job Description Revision
(Liz Kauffman, Human Resources Director) – **Liz Kauffman** provided details regarding the General Manager job description revision and addressed questions from the Board.

Moved Romsos/Second Sheehan/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Henderson Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to approve and adopt the revised General Manager job description.

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

Director Exline reported details regarding the System Efficiency and Sustainability Committee meeting on October 28, 2026. They discussed investment in electric vehicles and infrastructure; solar efficiencies; and advancements in California Public Utility Code options. The meeting was very positive.

President Romsos added details regarding progress on solar energy efficiencies at the plant and fleet electrification.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

President Romsos attended a workshop on asset management prior to the Board meeting and thanked **Megan Colvey** and **Jim Kelly** for a job well done.

Director Haven reported the last El Dorado Water Agency meeting was canceled, and the next meeting is November 18, 2026. He expressed appreciation for the NexGen software rollout.

Director Sheehan congratulated her fellow Directors for their successful election results.

Joel Henderson congratulated his fellow Directors for their election results. He will be absent from the Operations Committee meeting on November 10, 2026.

9. STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:

Chris Stanley acknowledged **IV Jones** and his crew for going above and beyond while he was on vacation. They cleaned the entire sewer system and did storm preparation work at Alpine County and in the City. He expressed gratitude and commended the team for a great job.

Shannon Chandler congratulated **Directors Romsos**, **Exline** and **Haven** for their election wins and expressed appreciation for **Mike Fedor's** interest and efforts in campaigning.

Director Haven requested the status of the lawsuit settlement involving Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board and Lake Tahoe Laundry Works. Acting General Manager, **Ryan Lee**, stated the District is planning to provide Public Comment.

10. ACTING GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

Ryan Lee reported that there is a class action lawsuit and proposed settlement with PFAS producers Carrier, Amerex, Archroma and Nation Ford. The settlement is for impacts of PFAS products on water supplies. Legal counsel advised the District to opt out of the class because the proposed settlement amount is relatively small and the District has not yet seen big impacts from PFAS in its water supply. Opting out allows the District to reserve the right to sue these companies in the future. All Board members authorized Best Best and Krieger to file the opt-out on behalf of the District.

11. NOTICE OF PAST AND FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

12. BREAK AND ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 2:31 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 3:15 p.m.

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: Yolo County Superior Court Case CV 2021-1686, Alpine County vs. South Tahoe Public Utility District; et al.

   No reportable Board Action

b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) consider the appointment of public employee (General Manager). Provide staff with recruitment direction.

   No reportable Board Action

ADJOURNMENT: 3:16 p.m.

Shane Romsos, Board President
South Tahoe Public Utility District

Shannon Chandler, Administrative Analyst/
Assistant Board Clerk
South Tahoe Public Utility District