



SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT April 4, 2019 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: Directors Cefalu, Jones, Sheehan, Exline

Absent: President Vogelgesang

Staff: John Thiel, Paul Hughes, Shannon Cotulla, Gary Kvistad, Melonie Guttry, Julie Ryan, Cliff Bartlett, Nancy Hussmann, Chris Stanley, Lynn Nolan, Doug Van Gorden, Ivo Bergsohn, Shelly Thomsen, Steve Caswell, Tim Bledsoe, Bren Hoyle, Jena Acos (Jena joined for Closed Session)

Guests: Doug Johnson, Ralph Andersen and Associates; Paula Petersen, *South Tahoe Now*

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Moved Cefalu/ Second Sheehan/ Vogelgesang Absent/Cefalu Yes/Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

- a. REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: March 21, 2019
(Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/Clerk of the Board)
Approved March 21, 2019, Minutes

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

- a. 2019 Heavenly Tank Improvements Project (Julie Ryan, Engineering Department Manager) – **Vice President Sheehan** called the Public Hearing to order at 2:05 p.m. to receive public comments regarding the designation of the 2019 Heavenly Tank Improvements Project as “substantially complex” under the Public Contract Code Section 7201. **Julie Ryan** presented information regarding the substantially complex project warranting a 10% retention limit in accordance with the criteria established in Resolution No. 2904-12:

- a. The Lake Tahoe Basin is a unique area, which, due to its high environmental sensitivity, is highly regulated by Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA).
- b. TRPA imposes environmental regulations and special requirements on contractors that they would not normally experience outside of the Lake Tahoe Basin.
- c. Based on the critical nature of these facilities, the duration that these facilities are out of operation must be minimized.
- d. Two or more different trades or subcontractors are anticipated to be involved in the construction of this project.
- e. The construction schedule is a significant concern because of the compressed construction season within the Lake Tahoe Basin.
- f. Tank coating is not a routine project performed by the District.

Grading season limitations imposed by TRPA require that the retaining wall and fencing be installed before October 15. No public comments were received and the Public Hearing was closed at 2:08 p.m.

Moved Cefalu/Second Exline/Vogelgesang Absent/Cefalu Yes/Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to find the project substantially complex and requires a 10% retention limit; and authorize staff to advertise for construction bids for the 2019 Heavenly Tank Improvements Project.

- b. Groundwater Management Plan Annual Report (Ivo Bergsohn, Hydrogeologist) - **Vice President Sheehan** opened the Public Hearing at 2:10 p.m. **Ivo Bergsohn** presented the Tahoe Valley South Subbasin (6-5.01) Annual Report. There were no public comments received and the Public Hearing was closed at 2:40 p.m.
- c. South Y PCE Investigation (Ivo Bergsohn, Hydrogeologist) – **Ivo Bergsohn** provided details regarding the sewer line investigation.

Moved Cefalu/Second Exline/Vogelgesang Absent/Cefalu Yes/Jones Yes/ Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement with Seven Springs Limited Partnership and Fox Capital Management Corporation to perform a sewer line investigation, as described in Exhibit A of the Agreement, at a cost reimbursement not to exceed \$2,800, plus \$1,000 towards preparation of the Agreement.

- d. Presentation of Results of Compensation Study (Nancy Hussmann, Human Resources Director) – **Nancy Hussmann** introduced **Doug Johnson** of Ralph Andersen and Associates to present the results of the District's compensation report. **Doug Johnson** reported compensation surveys are a necessary part of assessing and updating an organization's compensation plan. He further presented a PowerPoint explaining the process and results of the District's survey report.

Moved Exline/Second Sheehan/Vogelgesang Absent/Cefalu Yes/Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to receive the report from Consultant Doug Johnson of Ralph Andersen and Associates.

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

Moved Sheehan/Second Cefalu/Vogelgesang Absent/Cefalu Yes/Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to approve Payment of Claims in the amount of \$904,225.63.

STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

None

EL DORADO COUNTY WATER AGENCY PURVEYOR REPORT:

Vice President Sheehan reported the next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2019.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

John Thiel reported on several items:

- Provided a staff update including several newly hired positions and resulting openings.
- The District is working with several local agencies to fine tune the PCE remediation alternatives.
- Proposition 218 information has been mailed to District rate payers, and press releases are being submitted to local media. In addition, several service club presentations are planned in the few two months.

STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:

Tim Bledsoe presented information regarding the Tahoe Housing Partnership. He discussed Senate Bill 1064, which will likely be adopted by TRPA in the near future.

Paul Hughes reported that Proposition 218 notices were mailed Friday, March 26, 2019. In addition, an email was sent yesterday to approximately 8,000 customers. The Information Technology Department has developed a process to capture information received by rate payers via phone calls and emails.

BREAK AND ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 3:12 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

- a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(a)/Conference with Labor Negotiators re: 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; Shannon Cotulla, Assistant General Manager; and Nancy Hussmann, Human Resources Director.

No reportable Board action

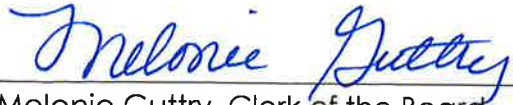
- b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(a)/Conference with Labor Negotiators re: Memorandum of Understanding with the Management Group. Present at this Closed Session will be Agency Negotiators: John Thiel/General Manager; Paul Hughes, Chief Financial Officer; Shannon Cotulla, Assistant General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

No reportable Board action

- c. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)/Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Initiation of Litigation (one case).

No reportable Board action

ADJOURNMENT: 4:34 p.m.



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



Kelly Sheehan, Board Vice President
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