



# SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Richard Solbrig, General Manager

Shannon Cotulla, Assistant General Manager

Randy Vogelgesang, President  
Chris Cefalu, Director

**BOARD MEMBERS**  
James R. Jones, Director

Kelly Sheehan, Vice President  
Duane Wallace, Director

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
April 5, 2018  
MINUTES**

The South Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors met in a regular session, 2:08 p.m., at the District Office, located at 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Board of Directors:** President Vogelgesang, Directors Cefalu, Jones, Sheehan, Wallace

**Staff:** Paul Hughes, Richard Solbrig, Shannon Cotulla, Gary Kvistad, Melonie Guttery, John Thiel, Ivo Bergsohn, IV Jones, Linda Brown, Doug Van Gorden, Cliff Bartlett, Tim Bledsoe, Stephen Caswell, Bren Hoyle, Chris Stanley, Trevor Coolidge

**Guests:** Lou Perini

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

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

- a. **PURCHASE 2018 CHEVROLET COLORADO WT**  
(Cliff Bartlett, Fleet Equipment Supervisor)  
Approved the purchase of a 2018 Chevrolet Colorado WT through the State of California Contract Bid #1-16-23-20 A - J in the estimated amount of \$28,176.97.
- b. **PURCHASING POLICY UPDATE**  
(Linda Brown, Purchasing Agent)  
Adopted Purchasing Policy Update

- c. **WATER METER INSTALLATION PROJECT – PHASE IV**  
(Trevor Coolidge, Associate Engineer)  
Awarded bid for the purchase of water valve boxes and lids for Phase IV of the Water Meter Installation Project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Corix Water Products, in the amount of \$37,917.23.
- d. **LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EL DORADO COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE**  
(Paul Hughes, Chief Financial Officer)  
Authorized the Board President to execute Amendment II to the Facility Use Agreement #957-00810 with El Dorado County Search and Rescue.
- e. **NOVEMBER 6, 2018, CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT ELECTIONS**  
(Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/Board Clerk)  
Adopted Resolution No. 3081-18 for El Dorado County declaring an election be held in its jurisdiction, consolidation with other Districts requesting election services.
- f. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: March 15, 2018**  
(Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/Clerk of the Board)  
Approved March 15, 2018, Minutes

#### **ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

- a. Al Tahoe Sewer Pump Emergency Repair/Replacement (Chris Stanley, Manager of Field Operations) – **Chris Stanley** reported the pump is installed and staff requests terminating the emergency.  
**Moved Wallace/Second Cefalu/Vogelgesang Yes/Cefalu Yes/Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Wallace Yes** to terminate the emergency action to repair Al Tahoe Sewer Pump #2, pursuant to Resolution No. 3075-17, since the repair work has been completed.
- b. Groundwater Management Plan Annual Report (Ivo Bergsohn, Hydrogeologist) – **President Vogelgesang** opened the Public Hearing at 2:21 p.m. **Ivo Bergsohn** presented the Tahoe Valley South Subbasin (6-5.01) Annual Report for the 2017 Water Year. This is the third Annual Report since implementing the 2014 Groundwater Management Plan. The Annual Report will be published for public viewing on the District's website. There were no public comments received and the Public Hearing was closed at 2:56 p.m.
- c. Five-Year Diamond Valley Ranch Cattle Grazing Permit (Jim Hilton, Water Reuse Operations Manager and Linda Brown, Purchasing Agent) – **Shannon Cotulla** reported how Diamond Valley Ranch is able to maximize revenue with a five-year contract.  
**Moved Jones/Second Wallace/Vogelgesang Yes/Cefalu Yes/Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Wallace Yes** to award the five-year Grazing Permit to the highest responsive, responsible bidder, Mission Livestock Management, in the total amount of \$874,278.74.
- d. Approve Payment of Claims (Debbie Henderson, Accounting Manager)  
**Moved Sheehan/Second Cefalu/Vogelgesang Yes/Cefalu Yes/Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Wallace Yes** to approve Payment of Claims in the amount of \$1,714,920.97.

**STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Richard Solbrig** reported that Friday, April 13 is the next Ad-Hoc City Council Meeting at the District. The District's Communications Plan will be shared at the meeting and there will be discussion regarding Liberty Utilities street light billing.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**Director Wallace** reported that he received a compliment for the District reducing the connection fees.

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

There is no meeting scheduled for April. April 20, 2018, is the due date to request funding for the next year and the Engineering Department is currently compiling a list of projects to submit. The next meeting is May 9, 2018.

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:**

**Richard Solbrig** reported on several items:

- **Richard Solbrig** will be attending the Mayor's April 18 and May 16, 2018, community meetings. At the March meeting he reported regarding what the District has done for Workforce Housing.
- The District is presenting to Tahoe Resource Conservation District on June 12, 2018, and meeting with Sue Novasel, County Supervisor on May 4, 2018.
- **Richard Solbrig** will attend the May 1, 2018, Alpine County Contract Commission Meeting and he and **Attorney Gvstad** will meet with Alpine County representatives prior to that meeting to discuss the current Alpine County Contract.

**STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

**Richard Solbrig** reported there is a Workforce Housing Kickoff meeting scheduled for April 16, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Lake Tahoe Community College. The Agenda includes accessory dwelling unit issues, which the state has passed. The District's Customer Service Department is receiving requests to convert accessory dwellings and **Paul Hughes** recommended the committee should meet to review the state's direction and report back to the Board.

**Shannon Cotulla** reported regarding the Association of California Water Agencies' (ACWA) request for funding to prevent legislation from implementing a water tax. This tax has been successfully defeated by ACWA in the past. The funds will be used for targeting outreach, polling, hiring a third party to review funding alternatives and develop another plan to fund the needs of low income communities. The Board discussed supporting the ACWA effort and, by consensus, indicated that

**Richard Solbrig** should use his authority to make a \$10,000 donation to ACWA to support their efforts.

**Shannon Cotulla** further reported regarding other legislation including a report regarding the recent meeting with Mountain Counties.

**Richard Jones** provided photos and information regarding the Bobcat Toolcat that the Board approved purchasing last year and thanked them on behalf of staff.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION:** 3:54 pm

**RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION:** 4:12 p.m.

**ACTION REPORT ON ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING CLOSED SESSION**

- a. Pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) of the California Government Code, Closed Session may be held for conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC459943, State of Nevada, et al. v. J-M Manufacturing, et al.

**No reportable Board action**

- b. Pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) of the California Government Code, Closed Session may be held for conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: False Claims Act Case: United States, the States of California, Delaware, Florida, Nevada, and Tennessee and the Commonwealths of Massachusetts and Virginia ex rel. John Hendrix v. J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc. and Formosa Plastics Corporation, U.S.A., Civil Action No. ED CV06-0055-GW, United States District Court for the Central District of California.

**No reportable Board action**

- c. Pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) of the California Government code, Closed Session may be held for conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: El Dorado County Superior Court Case SC20170130, Gregory Stevenson vs. South Tahoe Public Utility District.

**No reportable Board action**

**ADJOURNMENT:** 4:13 p.m.



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



Randy Vogelgesang, Board President  
South Tahoe Public Utility District