



# 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 19, 2018  
MINUTES**

The South Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors met in a regular session, 2:02 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, Chris Skelly, IV Jones, Lynn Nolan Nancy Hussmann, John Thiel, Chris Stanley, Doug VanGorden, Daniel Arce, Jim Hilton, Tim Bledsoe, Jeremy Rutherfordale, Bren Hoyle, Ivo Bergsohn, Linda Brown, Melonie Guttry

**Guests:** Nidia Watkins; Karen Thesing, ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority

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

**President Vogelgesang** announced it has been requested that Consent Item 4 c be pulled from the Consent Calendar and brought forward for discussion as Action Item 6 f.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

a. **LUTHER PASS POWER AND CONTROL PROJECT**

(Julie Ryan, Principal Engineer)

Approved Task Order No. 1 with MCC Controls, LLC, dba PRIMEX, for as-needed consultant services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

b. **TEMPORARY HELP FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

(Chris Skelly, Information Technology Manager)

Approved Contract renewal with Blue Ribbon Personnel Services for a Temporary Special Projects Technician, in the estimated amount of \$31,000.

- c. **DIAMOND VALLEY RANCH IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENT**  
(Ivo Bergsohn, Hydrogeologist)  
Approved Change Order No. 9 to Thomas Haen Company, Inc., adding \$77,646.61 to the current Contract.
- d. **SOUTH Y FEASIBILITY STUDY**  
(Ivo Bergsohn, Hydrogeologist)  
Authorized staff to enter into a Purchase Agreement with Pure Effect Environmental to provide water treatment services needed for the South Y Feasibility Study in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.
- e. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: April 5, 2018**  
(Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/Clerk of the Board)  
Approved April 5, 2018, Minutes

**ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

- a. **2018 MARLETTE WATERLINE/METER INSTALLATION PROJECT** (Julie Ryan, Principal Engineer) – **Shannon Cotulla** provided an overview of the project.  
  
*Moved Cefalu/Second Sheehan/Vogelgesang Yes/Cefalu Yes/Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Wallace Yes to award project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Thomas Haen Company, Inc., in the amount \$793,627, and waive minor deviations.*
- b. **LABORATORY SUMMER INTERNS** (Daniel Arce, Laboratory Technician) – **Daniel Arce** reported the Laboratory is requesting to hire two temporary intern positions. **Shannon Cotulla** reported Daniel will be interim Laboratory Director once the current Laboratory Director retires on May 1.  
  
*Moved Cefalu/Second Sheehan/Vogelgesang Yes/Cefalu Yes/Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Wallace Yes to approve a Contract with Blue Ribbon Personnel for two Temporary Laboratory Intern positions in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.*
- c. **PROPERTY INSURANCE PROGRAM** (Nancy Hussmann, Human Resources Director) – **Nancy Hussmann** introduced Nidia Watkins and Karen Thesing from Association of California Water Agency Joint Powers Insurance Authority and provided information regarding program and premium comparisons including earthquake and flood coverage, not previously included.  
  
*Moved Sheehan/Second Jones/Vogelgesang Yes/Cefalu Yes/Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Wallace Yes to authorize the District to join the California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority Property Insurance Program effective July 1, 2018.*
- d. **RESOLUTION FOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION 2018 WATERSMART GRANT** (Lynn Nolan, Grants Coordinator) – **Lynn Nolan** reported this grant will provide funding for six of the District's largest pump stations to send information back to the District's SCADA system in an effort to reduce costs. The Board thanked Lynn for her efforts on all the grants applied for on behalf of the District.  
  
*Moved Wallace/Second Sheehan/Vogelgesang Yes/Cefalu Yes/Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Wallace Yes to adopt Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Program Resolution No. 3082-18 approving grant funding for Water Infrastructure Efficiencies Project.*

- e. **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 \$1,813,611.93.

- f. **SOUTH Y FEASIBILITY STUDY** (Ivo Bergsohn, Hydrogeologist) – **Ivo Bergsohn** provided an overview of schedule changes of the well drilling contractor and addressed questions from the Board.

Moved Cefalu/Second Sheehan/Vogelgesang Yes/Cefalu Yes/Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Wallace Yes to approve the change for an additional \$9,300 for the mobilization and demobilization for Phase I of Eloise test well, plus the original \$30,560 for the estimate received from Carson Pump to provide well development, test pumping, well video and treated water storage and conveyance services needed for the South Y Feasibility Study for a total amount of \$39,860.

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

**President Vogelgesang** reported the Ad-Hoc City Council Meeting was scheduled for April 13, 2018, but there were no representatives from the City in attendance.

**Director Jones** provided a report regarding the Operations Committee Meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018, which consisted of discussions regarding the Emergency Plant Generator potential project delays due to FEMA funding issues. **Shannon Cotulla** provided details regarding the FEMA grant funding delay, reporting staff is not comfortable postponing the generator project. **Shannon Cotulla** addressed questions from the Board and **Paul Hughes** added the FEMA grant is the best option, but postponing the project is not a good option. Staff is evaluating all options at this time.

**Richard Solbrig** reported regarding the Workforce Housing meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018. The committee is working on a pilot project to begin summer 2019. **Paul Hughes** proposed **Director Wallace** attend as the representative and he and **Richard Solbrig** attend as alternates.

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

Nothing to report

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

Grant Funding proposals have been submitted totaling approximately \$450,000, to be considered at the May 9, 2018, meeting.

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

**Richard Solbrig** reported he, **Shannon Cotulla**, **Jim Hilton** and **Attorney Kvistad** attended a meeting on April 18, 2018, with Alpine County representatives to discuss the current Alpine County Contract. **Richard Solbrig** suggested appointing an ad-hoc committee to review the reopening of the Alpine County Contract.

#### **STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

**Chris Stanley** introduced **Jeremy Rutherford**, new Pump Station Supervisor. He further provided a report regarding the recent Gardner Mountain Pump Station Force Main Spill. **Shannon Cotulla** reported regarding a spill in the Washoan area on April 8, 2018. The blockage causing the spill was removed within 90 minutes of the phone call reporting the incident. He further reported on sampling at the site and the neighborhood meeting that took place to discuss the incident. District protocols have been adjusted following this event.

**Attorney Kvistad** updated the Board regarding notification from the State Board regarding surface water rights. He provided details regarding a settlement act in early 1990, and a public law enacted by Congress. Legal counsel and staff will be evaluating the District's surface water rights now that the Truckee River Operating Agreement has been implemented.

**Paul Hughes** reported there has been some movement in Sacramento to resurrect redevelopment agencies, which were dissolved in 2011. Two pieces of legislation have been proposed with a focus of addressing low income housing and other infrastructure projects. The funding mechanism is the same as the original redevelopment agencies, and this is all in the early stages. Staff will continue to update the Board as information becomes available.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION:** 3:39 pm

**RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION:** 3:52 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: 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**


- 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: Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC459943, State of Nevada, et al. v. J-M Manufacturing, et al.

**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:** 3:53 p.m.

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

  
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Randy Vogelgesang, Board President  
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