



# SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

David Peterson, President  
Nick Haven, Director

**BOARD MEMBERS**  
Shane Romsos, Vice President

Kelly Sheehan, Director  
Nick Exline, Director

Paul Hughes, General Manager

Andrea Salazar, Chief Financial Officer

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

April 18, 2024

### 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 Peterson, Directors Haven, Romsos, Sheehan, Exline

**Staff:** Paul Hughes, Andrea Salazar, Keith Collins, Melonie Guttry, Shannon Chandler, Julie Ryan, Chris Stanley, Stephen Caswell, Shelly Thomsen, Bren Borley, Brian Bartlett, Greg Dupree, Ryan Lee, Adrian Combes, Dan Arce, Brent Goligoski, Jennifer Marshall, Jared Aschenbach

**Guests:** Lou Perini, Sachi Itagaki, Kennedy Jenks; Liz Esposito, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
2. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
3. **CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR:** None
4. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

a. **WINTER STORMS EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

(Paul Hughes, General Manager)

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050(c), continued the emergency action to respond to the Winter Storms Emergency pursuant to Resolution No. 3242-23.

b. **BAYVIEW WELL VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE AND CONTROLS UPGRADE**

(Jared Aschenbach, Electrical and Instrumentation Supervisor and Mark Seelos, Water Resources Manager)

(1) Authorized a sole source exception to competitive bidding procedure; and (2) Authorized the General Manager to execute a Purchase Order with Rexel Automation, Inc. in the amount of \$226,984.08.

**c. NOVEMBER 5, 2024 CONSOLIDATED DISTRICTS ELECTION**

(Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/Board Clerk)

Adopted Resolution No. 3274-24 for El Dorado County declaring an election to be held in its jurisdiction, consolidated with other Districts requesting election services.

**d. PALOMA WELL REHABILITATION PROJECT - REBID**

(Mark Seelos, Water Resources Manager)

1) Approved Change Order No. 5 to Zim Industries, adding 59 days and deducting \$98,527 from the contract total; and 2) Authorized the General Manager to execute Change Order No. 5.

**e. RECEIVE AND FILE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS** (Greg Dupree, Accounting Manager)

Received and filed Payment of Claims in the amount of \$2,254,246.58

**f. REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: April 4, 2024**

(Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/Clerk of the Board)

Approved April 4, 2024, 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) – **Andrea Salazar** provided information regarding the Intention to Reimburse Expenditures from the Proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Financing.

**Moved Sheehan/Second Haven/Peterson Yes/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes**

to approve Resolution No. 3273-24, 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. Revised Surface Water Rights Application (Julie Ryan, P.E., Engineering Department Manager) – **Julie Ryan** provided details regarding the Revised Surface Water Rights Application, including a PowerPoint Presentation. **Julie Ryan**, **Paul Hughes**, and **Attorney Collins** addressed questions from the Board.

**Moved Sheehan/Second Exline/Peterson Yes/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes**

to authorize the General Manager to notify the State Water Board of the District's intent to continue with the application for surface water rights from Lake Tahoe.

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

**Director Romsos** provided details regarding the Operations Committee Meeting that took place on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

**President Peterson** reported that the April 11, 2024, El Dorado Water Agency Board meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2024.

**8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**President Peterson** discussed the pros and cons of solar. **Director Romsos** reported regarding the Transient Occupancy Tax money coming back into the basin. **Director Exline** discussed the District's water and how it's the best in the country.

**9. STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

**Ryan Lee** provided an update regarding the Customer Service Assistance Program and addressed questions from the Board. He further provided an update regarding Proposition 218 including that the District has received 180 official protests to date equating to just over 1%. The deadline is May 16, 2024.

**Shelly Thomsen** provided an update regarding the Western Caucus that will be hosted at the District on April 25, 2025. Wednesday night there is a reception at Edgewood if anyone would like to join her. Saturday, April 27 is Earth Day at Lake Tahoe Community College from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**10. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:**

**Paul Hughes** reported on several items:

- Thursday, April 25 is the Proposition 218 Public Meeting at the District at 6:00 p.m.
- He explained to the Board that the District's customer information is private and is not released to any organizations or individuals unless the Board or Court orders it to be released.

**11. NOTICE OF PAST AND FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS**

**12. BREAK AND ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:** 3:26 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** 3:59 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.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 4:00 p.m.



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