



# SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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Chris Cefalu, Director

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Kelly Sheehan, President  
Nick Exline, Director

John Thiel, General Manager

Paul Hughes, Chief Financial Officer

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT July 7, 2022 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:** Vice President Peterson, Directors Cefalu and Exline

**Absent:** President Sheehan and Director Romsos

**Staff:** John Thiel, Gary Kvistad, Paul Hughes, Melonie Guttry, Yesenia Pacheco, Shelly Thomsen, Greg DuPree, Ivo Bergsohn, Stephen Caswell, Ryan Lee, Adrian Combes, Julie Ryan

**Guests:** Jessee Garner

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

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

a. **WATERLINE UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION LOAN**

(Yesenia Pacheco, Grants Coordinator)

Adopted Resolution No. 3277-22 to apply for a Waterline Upgrades and Improvement Project Construction Principal Forgiveness Loan from the State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund.

b. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: June 16, 2022**

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

Approve June 16, 2022, Minutes

5. **CONSENT ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION/ACTION**

None

**6. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

a. Tallac Creek Temporary Sewer Crossing Support Emergency Project (Ivo Bergsohn, Hydrogeologist) – **Ivo Bergsohn** provided a presentation regarding the Tallac Creek Sewer Pipeline Emergency Work and addressed questions from the Board. Additionally, he complimented **IV Jones** and the entire Underground Repair Sewer Department for their efforts on this project. **Attorney Kvistad** outlined that once the project is complete, the construction materials are owned by the District.

**Moved Cefalu/Second Peterson/Sheehan Absent/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Absent/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes** to (1) Ratify the General Manager's determination that: (a) an emergency exists pursuant to Section 1102 of the Public Contract Code; (b) substantial evidence has been considered and presented to authorize an exception be made pursuant to Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code that this emergency would not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids and that this action was necessary to respond to the emergency; and, (c) this project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21080(b)(2). (2) Approve expenditures in the amount of \$55,000 for the emergency project to construct a Temporary Sewer Crossing Support.

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

**Moved Peterson/Second Cefalu/Sheehan Absent/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Absent/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes** to approve Payment of Claims in the amount of \$3,922,668.39.

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

None

**8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**Director Exline** congratulated staff on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade District participation and the District winning best float. He also attended the District awards picnic and enjoyed the food and festivities.

**Vice President Peterson** mentioned an article in the *Wall Street Journal* regarding sludge and PFAS contamination now turning into a nationwide issue. **John Thiel** added that the District's effluent is tested regularly and will continue to be monitored. **Julie Ryan** added that she participated in a technology group last week which focused on this issue and it is being researched with more information to come.

**9. EL DORADO WATER AGENCY PURVEYOR REPORT:**

**Vice President** Peterson announced that the next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2022.

**10. STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

- a. **Steve Caswell** provided a Recycled Water Strategic Plan Update and announced that a stakeholder advisory group meeting will be scheduled sometime after August this year.
- b. **Attorney Kvistad** announced that California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) 2022 Annual Conference is scheduled for August 10 through the 12 in Squaw Valley. There are many interesting topics being discussed. **Melonie Gutfry** announced that **Director Romsos** is registered to attend as the Board CASA Liaison.

**11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:**

**John Thiel** reported on several items:

- Provided a staffing update
- Provided details regarding a visit from **Mark Amodei**, United States Congressman, on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, along with partners from Tahoe City, North Tahoe Public Utility District, US Forest Service, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the City and Lake Valley Fire Districts along with the Tahoe Fuels Team. He thanked staff for their efforts. **Shelly Thomsen** added details of the the Congressman's support for the Lake Tahoe Basin.
- Lake Tahoe Community College is working on student housing on campus and had asked the District for a letter of support for a few projects. They just received more than \$39 million for a 100 bed facility and **President Jeff DeFranco** expresses his appreciation for that support.

**Vice President Peterson** recused himself at 2:46 p.m.

- The Tahoe Keys Property Owner's Association (TKPOA) has a new General Manager, **Mark Madison**. He comes out of retirement from the Stockton and El Grove areas. **John Thiel** provided details regarding their meetings and telephone calls. **Adrian Combes** reported the final draft of the District water system improvements report should be finalized by the end of next week. TKPOA is also getting a report from Farr West, that will evaluate alternatives in addition to the ones involving the District. **Adrian Combes** and **Attorney Kvistad** added that any wholesale agreement would include a conservation policy.

**Vice President Peterson** rejoined the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

**12. NOTICE OF PAST AND FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS****13. ITEMS FOR CLOSED SESSION**

- 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.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:** 3:08 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** 3:23 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 3:24 p.m.



Melonie Guttry, Clerk of the Board  
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