



# SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

David Peterson, President  
Nick Haven, Director

**BOARD MEMBERS**  
Shane Romsos, Vice President

Kelly Sheehan, Director  
Nick Exline, Director

John Thiel, General Manager

Paul Hughes, Chief Financial Officer

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
February 2, 2023  
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:** John Thiel, Gary Kvistad, Paul Hughes, Melonie Gutfry, Brent Goligoski, Julie Ryan, Jessica Mendoza, Adrian Combes, Chris Stanley, Liz Kauffman, Chris Skelly, Frank Abdondolo, IV Jones, Stephen Caswell, Dan Arce, Ryan Lee, Star Glaze, Debbie Henderson, Cuz Cullen  
**Guests:** Scott Gabler

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

2. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

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

**Melonie Gutfry** announced that Item 6a – Memorandum of Understanding for the South Tahoe Zero Emissions District is being pulled from the Agenda and will be brought back to the Board on February 16, 2023.

4. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

a. **FLAGPOLE 2 AND IROQUOIS 2 TANK RECOATING PROJECT**

(Julie Ryan, Engineering Department Manager and Heidi Baugh, Purchasing Agent)

Authorized staff to advertise for Bids for the Flagpole 2 and Iroquois 2 Tank Recoating Project.

b. **2023-2024 TANK COATINGS TOUCHUP PROJECT**

(Julie Ryan, Engineering Department Manager and Heidi Baugh, Purchasing Agent)

Authorized staff to advertise for Bids for the 2023-2024 Tank Coatings Touchup Project.

c. **TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

(Debbie Henderson, Accounting Manager)

Adopted Resolution No. 3239-23 authorizing Paul Hughes, Chief Financial Officer and Gregory Dupree, Accounting Manager, to initiate purchase and redemptions of Certificates of Deposit held by Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), superseding Resolution No. 2852-08.

d. **RECEIVE AND FILE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS** (Debbie Henderson, Accounting Manager)

Received and filed Payment of Claims in the amount of \$1,399,132.87.

e. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: January 19, 2023**

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

Approved January 19, 2022, Minutes

5. **CONSENT ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION/ACTION:** None

6. **ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:**

- a. Secondary Clarifiers Nos. 1 and 2 Rehabilitation Project (Julie Ryan, Engineering Department Manager and Brent Goligoski, Associate Engineer) – **Julie Ryan** provided details regarding the Secondary Clarifiers Nos. 1 and 2 Rehabilitation Project and addressed questions from the Board.

**Moved Romsos/Second Haven/Peterson Yes/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes** to authorize staff to advertise for rebid for construction of the Secondary Clarifier No. 2 Rehabilitation Project.

- b. Laboratory Department Staffing (Daniel Arce, Laboratory Director) – **Dan Arce** provided details regarding the laboratory department staffing and addressed questions from the Board.

**Moved Sheehan/Second Romsos/Peterson Yes/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes** to authorize a new limited-term, part-time position in the Laboratory titled Quality Control Officer.

- c. 2023 Board Goals for the General Manager (John Thiel, General Manager) – **John Thiel** outlined the 2023 goals as emailed to the Board as well as presented in the handout today and addressed questions from the Board.

**Moved Peterson/Second Sheehan/Peterson Yes/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes** to approve the 2023 Board Goals for the General Manager with additions as presented.

- d. Liability Claim Against South Tahoe Public Utility District Received from **Scott Gabler** (Ryan Lee, Manager of Customer Service) – **Ryan Lee** provided details regarding Liability Claim against South Tahoe Public Utility District filed by **Scott Gabler** and addressed questions from the Board. **Scott Gabler** addressed the Board regarding the claim he submitted and the Board discussed the issue, reviewed photos and attempted to understand the request. **Chris Stanley** provided details regarding the work the District crews completed at the property. The Board directed staff to work with **Scott Gabler** to review the work done and to complete more fact finding and determine if there is a mutually agreeable solution that can be implemented once

the snow is melted at the site. Once that is complete, the Claim should be brought back to the Board with a clear recommendation for resolution.

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

**Director Sheehan** reported she attended the El Dorado County Successor Oversight Committee meeting.

**President Peterson** recused himself at 3:33 p.m.

**Director Exline** reported that the Tahoe Keys Negotiations committee met Tuesday afternoon and discussed the next steps of the evaluation. **Director Romsos** provided details regarding the Phases 3a and 3b. **John Thiel** added that the Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association has been paying for costs of approximately \$86,000 of the \$100,000 allocated. They are looking to modify that amount from \$100,000 to \$120,000.

**President Peterson** rejoined the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

**8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**President Peterson** reported that Executive Committee met on Friday, January 20, 2023, with nothing to report.

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

**President Peterson** reported that the next meeting is February 8, 2023.

**10. STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

**Ryan Lee** provided an update regarding the District's first monthly billing which took place February 1, 2023 and those bills will go out today. He will provide another update in a few months once feedback is received from customers.

**Melonie Gutfry** announced ethics training is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 11 a.m. just prior to the Board Meeting. Lunch will be provided. Also, Form 700 memos will be distributed next week and if there are any questions, please contact her.

**11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:**

**John Thiel** reported on several items:

- Provided a staffing update
- Provided a stormwater update
- Provided details regarding a meeting scheduled for Friday, February 3, 2023, with El Dorado County Supervisor, Brooke Laine. **Paul Hughes** addressed a question from the Board regarding funding from El Dorado County.
- Provided an update regarding legislative meetings with Senator Alvarado-Gil
- Provided an update regarding a meeting with Alpine County

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

**13. BREAK AND ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 3:51 p.m.**

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 5:38 p.m.**

- a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) of the California Government code, Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Litigation (one case).

No reportable Board Action

- b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) of the California Government Code, Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Litigation (one case).

No reportable Board Action

- c. 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

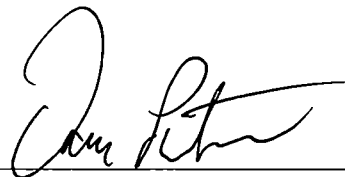
- d. Pursuant to Section 54957 of the California Government Code, Closed Session may be held regarding public employee evaluation for unrepresented employee position – Legal Services Providers.

No reportable Board Action

- e. Pursuant to Section 54957 of the California Government Code, Closed Session may be held regarding public employee evaluation for unrepresented employee position - General Manager.

No reportable Board Action

**ADJOURNMENT:** 5:39 p.m.



David Peterson, Board President  
South Tahoe Public Utility District



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

