



SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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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 January 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, Shannon Chandler, Shelly Thomsen, Lauren Benefield, Liz Kauffman, Ryan Lee, Jennifer Marshall, and Bren Borley.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

3. **CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR:** Closed Session was renumbered from Item 11 to Item 4 on the agenda. **President Peterson** recused himself from Closed Session due to a potential conflict of interest as he has two nephews in the Stationary Engineers Local 39 bargaining unit.

4. **BREAK AND ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:** **President Peterson** adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 2:02 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 3:16 p.m.

- a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a)/Conference with Labor Negotiators re: Memorandum of Understanding with Stationary Engineers, Local 39. Present at this Closed Session will be Agency Negotiators: Paul Hughes, General Manager; Andrea Salazar, Chief Financial Officer; Liz Kauffman, Human Resources Director.

No reportable Board Action

- b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a)/Conference with Labor Negotiators re: Memorandum of Understanding with the Management Group. Present at this Closed Session will be Agency Negotiators: Paul Hughes/General

Manager; Andrea Salazar, Chief Financial Officer; and Liz Kauffman, Human Resources Director.

No reportable Board Action.

5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

Moved Exline/Second Sheehan/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. SOUTH UPPER TRUCKEE WELL REHABILITATION PROJECT

(Mark Seelos, Water Resources Manager)

(1) Authorized an exception to competitive bidding procedure due to special circumstances, as allowed for in the Purchasing Policy; (2) Approved the proposed Scope of Work from Carson Pump to provide rehabilitation services for South Upper Truckee Well No. 3; and (3) Authorized staff to execute a Purchase Order with Carson Pump in the amount of \$76,540.

c. RECEIVE AND FILE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

(Greg Dupree, Accounting Manager)

Received and filed Payment of Claims in the amount of \$3,347,852.93.

d. REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: December 2, 2023 and December 21, 2023

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

Approved December 2, 2023, and December 21, 2023, Minutes

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

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

Director Exline provided a summary of the System Efficiency and Sustainability Committee meeting on 1/17/24 which focused on influx and infiltration (I&I), solar projects, and grant possibilities. He commended **Ross Cole** for his presentation on I&I. Twenty-two manholes were raised this last year.

Directors Haven and Romsos provided a summary of the Operations Committee meeting on 1/16/24. At the meeting **Frank Abbondandolo** provided a year-end report highlighting 41 new fire hydrant installations and 10 replacements, as well as leak repairs and valve replacements. **Paul Hughes** stated several more hydrants will be installed this summer, funded by El Dorado Water Agency. This work is a big deal for the community and people appreciate it.

President Peterson reported the El Dorado Water Agency meeting on 1/10/24 focused mainly on budget adjustments.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Director Exline complimented the staff who manage the leak reporting system as a leak was detected at his home while he was on vacation and it prevented a bigger problem.

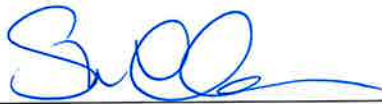
9. STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:

Lauren Benefield, Water Conservation Specialist, provided an end-of-year update on Water Conservation programs and outreach. She responded to questions from the Board and the Board held a discussion regarding California's new water use regulations.

10. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT: No report.

11. NOTICE OF PAST AND FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

ADJOURNMENT: 3:56 p.m.



Shannon Chandler, Assistant Clerk of the Board
South Tahoe Public Utility District



David Peterson, Board President
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