



SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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John Thiel, General Manager

Paul Hughes, Chief Financial Officer

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
September 15, 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, Romsos, Exline

Absent: President Sheehan

Staff: John Thiel, Gary Kvistad, Paul Hughes, Melonie Guttry, Chris Stanley, Adrian Combes, Stephen Caswell, Brian Bartlett, Ryan Lee, Jim Kelly, Taylor Jamie, Shelly Thomsen, Jason Paul, Trevor Coolidge

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

a. SOUTH TAHOE GREENWAY

(Adrian Combes, Senior Engineer)

Executed Grant of Easement to California Tahoe Conservancy for the South Tahoe Greenway Project along the Martin Well property.

b. 2022 BOWERS WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND 2022 BIJOU 2/3 WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (Adrian Combes, Senior Engineer)

1) Authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the El Dorado County Recorder's Office for 2022 Bowers Waterline Replacement Project, and 2) Authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the El Dorado County Recorder's Office for 2022 Bijou 2/3 Waterline Replacement Project.

c. **RECEIVE AND FILE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

(Debbie Henderson, Accounting Manager)

Received and filed Payment of Claims in the amount of \$3,693,439.31.

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

6. **ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:**

- a. Tallac Creek Temporary Sewer Crossing Protection Emergency Project (Ivo Bergsohn, PG, HG, Hydrogeologist) – **Julie Ryan** provided an update regarding the Tallac Creek Temporary Sewer Crossing Protection Emergency Project and addressed questions from the Board.

Moved Cefalu/Second Exline/Sheehan Absent/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes

to pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050(c), Continue Emergency Action to complete temporary measures and construction of the Tallac Creek Sewer Pipeline Project to prevent the collapse of the District's Baldwin Beach sewer pipeline into Tallac Creek.

- b. Diamond Valley Ranch Facilities Emergency Repairs Project (Julie Ryan, Engineering Department Manager) – **Trevor Coolidge** provided an update regarding the Diamond Valley Ranch Facilities Emergency Repairs Project and addressed questions from the Board.

Moved Cefalu/Second Romsos/Sheehan Absent/Cefalu Yes/Romsos Yes/Peterson Yes/Exline

Yes to continue the emergency action to repair the Diamond Valley Ranch Facilities per Resolution No. 3230-22.

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

Director Romsos reported that the Ad-Hoc Tahoe Keys Committee meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled. He provided a further update from the Operations Committee Meeting held Monday, September 12, 2022.

8. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** None

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

Vice President Peterson reported that the September 14th regular meeting was cancelled and a special meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2022. The October 12, 2022 regular meeting will be held at the District.

10. **STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

Jason Paul provided a report regarding Water System Flushing including photos along with a map of the neighborhoods being flushed and addressed questions from the Board. **Chris Stanley** and **Adrian Combes** provided additional details regarding the flushing process.

Attorney Kvistad provided an update regarding the research his office has been conducting regarding workforce housing and addressed questions from the Board. He further provided details regarding California statewide authorities and how some special districts provide indirect resources and assistance, but do not directly provide housing. Housing is generally provided through cities and counties as they possess the power to develop and support those types of human services. He recommended working with the city and/or county to develop a plan for affordable housing in the basin or to consider the District providing hiring incentives to help newly hired staff get established within the basin.

Julie Ryan provided a solar update including the next steps to complete the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and addressed questions from the Board. There is a meeting planned for Monday, September 19th to hopefully come to resolution on the remaining PPA items and then an Ad-Hoc Solar Committee meeting Tuesday, September 20, 2022. A public hearing and Public Comment is required for the PPA, so it will come before the Board for consideration on October 20, 2022.

Melonie Gutfry reported elections are November 8, 2022, and requested feedback from the Board regarding a Board Candidate Public Forum. The Board agreed they would like the Public Forum scheduled.

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

John Thiel reported on several items:

- Provided a staffing update and addressed questions from the Board
- Provided an update regarding a recent meeting with the new California Tahoe Conservancy Director, Jason Vasques.
- **John Thiel** will be participating on a panel for Municipal Information Systems (MISAC) in Monterey, California, in October.

12. NOTICE OF PAST AND FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

13. BREAK AND ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 3:05 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 3:52 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

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

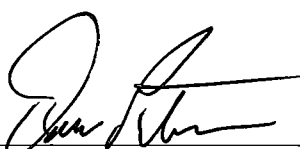
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ADJOURNMENT: 3:53 p.m.



Melonie Gutfry

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



 David Peterson, Board Vice President
 South Tahoe Public Utility District