

**SQUAW VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES #822  
January 31, 2017**

**A. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.** Chairman Dale Cox called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**Directors Present:** Directors: Dale Cox, Carl Gustafson, Bill Hudson, Fred Ilfeld and Eric Poulsen

**Directors Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** Mike Geary, General Manager; Kathy Obayashi-Bartsch, Secretary to the Board; Pete Bansen, Fire Chief; Danielle Grindle, Finance & Administration Manager; Dave Hunt, District Engineer; Brandon Burks, Operations Superintendent and Thomas Archer, District Counsel.

**Others Present:** Brad Chisholm, Jean Lange, Allen Riley, David Stepner and John Wilcox.

Chairman Cox asked Danielle Grindle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Community Informational Items.**

**B-1** Friends of Squaw Creek – none

**B-2** Friends of Squaw Valley – none

**B-3** Squaw Valley Design Review Committee (SVDRC) – Mike Geary said the meeting is cancelled this month.

**B-4** Squaw Valley Municipal Advisory Council (SVMAC) – David Stepner said the group reviewed the PlumpJack renovation project.

**B-5** Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company (SVMWC) – David Stepner said the company began implementing a new water rate structure and they anticipate considerable feedback from their customers.

**B-6** Squaw Valley Ski Holdings – none

**B-7** Squaw Valley Property Owners Association – none

**B-8** Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency – Dale Cox provided an update on the Truckee River Interceptor rehabilitation from MH 81-83 and the plant operations during the heavy precipitation events which impact sewer flows.

**C. Public Comment/Presentation.**

Public Comment – none

**D. Financial Consent Agenda Items.**

Directors Poulsen and Ilfeld met with staff on January 30<sup>th</sup> from approximately 3:30 – 6:00 P.M. to review items D-1 through D-10 as well as other finance related items on this agenda.

Director Poulsen said yesterday's Finance Committee meeting was the first meeting for Director Ilfeld and he made some great observations. For example, the District's land loan was recently paid off but the District has a facility loan which is not identified in the current reports. Ms. Grindle will be looking into that matter.

Director Poulsen said Mr. Burks reported that due to the exceptional weather in January, operations staff worked many additional hours which will result in additional expenses. On February 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a rate structure workshop at which the consultant, HDR Engineering will present their findings.

Ms. Grindle said the first installment of tax revenue was received in December from Placer County which amounted to approximately \$1.8 million.

Director Ilfeld said that as Director Poulsen mentioned, staff worked many additional hours and expenses resulting from the exceptional weather will appear on next month's reports.

Director Poulsen said the Fire Department was also extremely busy due to the exceptional weather.

Public Comment – none

A motion to approve the financial consent agenda was made by Directors Ilfeld/Hudson as submitted; vote was unanimous.

Cox-yes

Gustafson-yes

Hudson-yes

Ilfeld-yes

Poulsen-yes

**E. Approve Minutes.**

E-1 Minutes for the Board of Directors special meeting of December 20, 2016.

Public Comment – none

A motion to approve the minutes for the Board of Directors special meeting of December 20, 2016 was made by Directors Hudson/Poulsen; vote was unanimous.

Cox-yes

Gustafson-yes

Hudson-yes

Ilfeld-yes

Poulsen-yes

**F. Old & New Business.**

**F-1 Village at Squaw Valley Project Update.**

Director Poulsen left the meeting room due to a conflict of interest from an ownership interest. He listened to the discussion through a one way audio feed.

The Board reviewed the information, discussed the project and accepted public comment.

Mr. Geary said the District was provided with a copy of a lawsuit filed by Sierra Watch against Placer County for their adoption of the Village at Squaw Valley Specific Plan. The lawsuit alleges that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approved by the County's Board of Supervisors failed to adequately analyze or mitigate the environmental impacts of the project.

Mr. Archer reviewed the challenges that Sierra Watch included in the lawsuit. Among the impacts challenged in the lawsuit that relate to the District's services are water supply, infrastructure construction, hydrology, water quality, wildfire risks and wildfire and emergency evacuation hazards.

#### Water

There is no new information to report since last month's Board Meeting.

#### Sewer

There is no new information to report since last month's Board Meeting.

#### Fire/EMS

There is no new information to report since last month's Board Meeting.

Public Comment –

David Stepner said prior to the filing of this lawsuit, a similar lawsuit was filed regarding the proposed Martis Valley project which may impact the timeline to resolve the matter.

### **F-2 Annual Review of Purpose, Mission and Core Values Statements.**

Director Poulsen returned to the meeting room.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment and made no changes to the statements.

Ms. Obayashi-Bartsch and Mr. Geary reviewed the item.

Public Comment –

John Wilcox said at one time Placer County intended to deed Squaw Valley Park to the District. In anticipation of this change, the District made plans to be a community services district and to potentially add new services.

### **F-3 Annual Review of Financial Investment Policy.**

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment and adopted the financial investment policy as presented.

Ms. Grindle reviewed the item which included one revision. Mr. Geary said the District's approach to all financial matters, in priority order, are safety, liquidity and yield.

Public Comment – none

A motion to approve the policy with the suggested revision was made by Directors Poulsen/Hudson; vote was unanimous.

Cox-yes

Gustafson-yes

Hudson-yes

Ilfeld-yes

Poulsen-yes

#### **F-4 District Labor Negotiations – Designate Representatives.**

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment and designated representatives to conduct labor negotiations with Employee Organization: IUOE Stationary Engineers Local 39 for Operations Department field personnel.

Mr. Geary reviewed the item. The District's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the IUOE Local 39, for Operations Department field personnel is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2017 and it is imperative that the District begin labor negotiations in the next month to ensure a smooth process that does not result in unnecessary delays. Selecting representatives is the first step in the process and must be conducted in an open meeting session. The District applies the terms of the Operations Department MOU to the Administration staff as well.

Public Comment – none

Directors Hudson/Poulsen made a motion to designate Mike Geary, General Manager and Brandon Burks, Operations Superintendent as designated representatives to conduct labor negotiations with Employee Organization: IUOE Stationary Engineers Local 39 for Operations Department field personnel; vote was unanimous.

Cox-yes

Gustafson-yes

Hudson-yes

Ilfeld-yes

Poulsen-yes

#### **Status Reports.**

##### **G-1 Fire Department Operations/Capital Projects Report.**

Chief Bansen reviewed the report and Fire Operations. The Type I fire engine was delivered and Chief Bansen welcomed everyone to take a tour after the meeting. He also reviewed the community meeting room restoration project including the listening assistance and audio visual equipment improvements. He also announced his plan to retire at the end of 2017.

Public Comment – none

##### **G-2 Water & Sewer Operations Report.**

Mr. Burks reviewed the report for December including water system maintenance which tested positive for Coliform. He described the follow-up actions taken to address the issue in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board. All five water quality analyses

required as follow-up for January showed no presence of coliform. He also provided an update on January's storm operations.

Director Poulsen noted that water production for December 2016 was a bit less than in 2015 but the sewer collection was about 20% more which may be indicative of inflow and infiltration issues.

Public Comment – none

**G-3 Engineering Report.**

Mr. Hunt reviewed the report.

Public Comment – none

**G-4 Administration Report.**

Ms. Obayashi-Bartsch reviewed the report.

Public Comment – none

**G-5 General Manager's Comments.**

Mr. Geary reviewed the report. He said Placer County has been in contact with District staff to arrange for snow removal of the Squaw Valley Park, which is intended as overflow ski area parking but no plans have been finalized. The group discussed the current overflow parking agreement with Squaw Valley Ski Holdings and the experience over the past weekend.

The group discussed the impacts of affordable housing on District operations as staff cannot find affordable housing locally. Mr. Archer provided an update on California state statute changes which prohibit charging connection or capacity fees for "grandmother units". He also discussed the San Juan Capistrano lawsuit resulting in the requirement to charge rates based on the cost of service.

Public Comment – none

Mr. Director Hudson left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

**G-6 Legal Report (verbal).**

**G-7 Director's Comments.**

Director Poulsen thanked staff for all their hard work during the exceptional weather cycle. He said while he had been anticipating Chief Bansen's retirement, he will truly miss Pete Bansen and hopes the District will find an excellent Chief.

Chairman Cox said he has had discussions about reconfiguring the bike path along the Truckee River to improve the safety of bikers and pedestrians at the intersection between Highway 89 and Squaw Valley Road. Unfortunately, he did not receive a lot of positive feedback.

**H. Adjourn.**

Directors Poulsen/Ilfeld made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 a.m.; vote was unanimous.

Cox-yes

Gustafson-yes

Hudson-absent

Ilfeld-yes

Poulsen-yes

By, K. Obayashi-Bartsch

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