

**SQUAW VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES #850  
March 21, 2019**

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

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

**Directors Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Thomas Archer, District Counsel; Jessica Asher, Board Secretary; Mike Geary, General Manager

**Others Present:** Mark Calhoun, Brad Chisholm, Patti Guilford, Ed Heneveld, Katy Hover-Smoot, Susan Keplinger, Alissa Morganti, Victoria Mercer, Kat Smolen, David Stepner, John Wilcox.

President Cox asked Ed Heneveld to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Public Comment/Presentation.**

None.

**C. Board Member Appointment.**

The Board considered seven (7) applicants who expressed interested in serving on the District's Board of Directors, filling the vacancy left by Director Gustafson's passing on February 22, 2019, and appointed Victoria Mercer to the Board of Directors.

Mike Geary, General Manager, thanked all the candidates for their applications and interest. Mr. Geary noted that all applicants would be interviewed in alphabetical order, as listed in the Board Report. Mr. Geary explained that it is a recorded open meeting and all public and applicants are invited to stay for the entire meeting, but, out of respect for the interview process and the other candidates, requested applicants leave the room while they are not being interviewed.

Tom Archer stated that some applicants are or have been tenants of Director Poulsen's commercial properties and as such, Director Poulsen asked Mr. Archer if there was a conflict of interest. Mr. Archer explained that there is not a conflict of interest.

David Stepner asked if the public can stay throughout the meeting and when public comment will be heard. Mr. Geary responded that it is an open meeting and public comment will be heard at the end of Agenda Item C. Board Member Appointment. John Wilcox confirmed that he should give public comment after interviews, and Mr. Geary responded that was correct.

Jessica Asher, Board Secretary, and all candidates not being interviewed left the room.

Candidates were interviewed in alphabetical order by last name: Mark Calhoun, Ed Heneveld, Katherine Hover-Smoot, Susan Keplinger, Victoria Mercer, Alissa Morganti, & Katrina Smolen.

Once the interviews concluded, the Board deliberated on their decision.

Tom Archer provided an overview of the course of action if the Board Member appointed was a member of the Mutual Water Company and thus would have to recuse themselves from Mutual Water Company action. This was described as laid out in a memo provided from counsel and provided to the Directors and candidates.

Public Comment –

Sally Brew, Patti Guilford, John Wilcox, and David Stepner spoke briefly about candidates they supported and values that thought were important in a Board Director.

Director Hudson asked Mr. Geary to provide his thoughts on the appointment, and he responded with a brief summary of the values important to him that the Board consider while making an appointment.

Jessica Asher, Board Secretary, and all candidates re-entered the room.

The Directors provided a summary of the interview process, expressed how impressed they were with the candidates, and reminded candidates to run for office in 2020 and that there are many opportunities to serve the community in the Truckee-Tahoe area.

Director Hudson motioned to appoint Victoria Mercer as a Director to fill the vacant seat on the Board and requested the Board Secretary to administer the Oath of Office. The motion was seconded by Director Cox. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was unanimous.

Cox – Yes

Hudson – Yes

Ilfeld – Yes

Poulsen – Yes

**E. Board Member Oath of Office.**

The Board accepted public comment, and Jessica Asher, Board Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to Victoria Mercer.

Public Comment – None

**F. Adjourn.**

Director Ilfeld made a motion, seconded by Poulsen, to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. The motion passed, and the vote was unanimous.

Cox – Yes

Hudson – Yes

Ilfeld – Yes

Poulsen – Yes

Mercer – Yes

By, J. Asher