

**OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES #873
OCTOBER 27, 2020**

*Agenda with board packet and staff reports is available at the following link:
<https://www.ovpsd.org/board-agenda-october-2020>*

A. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance. President Dale Cox called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Directors Present: Directors: Dale Cox, Katy Hover-Smoot, Bill Hudson, Fred Ilfeld, and Victoria Mercer

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Thomas Archer, District Counsel; Jessica Asher, Board Secretary; Brandon Burks, Operations Superintendent; Brad Chisholm, Fire Captain; Chris De Deo, Fire Captain; Mike Geary, General Manager; Danielle Grindle, Finance & Administration Manager; Fabienne Gueissaz, Office Supervisor; Dave Hunt, District Engineer; Alexa Kinsinger, Junior Engineer; Allen Riley, Fire Chief; Nicole Whiteman, Temporary Administrative Assistant.

Others Present: Peter Andreadakis, David Antonucci, Emilio Balingit, Aaron Carlsson, Carl Davis, Jane Davis, Jean Lange, Pippin Mader, Jill Short Milne, David Stepner, John Wilcox.

President Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Community Informational Items.

B-1 Friends of Squaw Creek (FOSC) – None.

B-2 Friends of Squaw Valley (FOSV) – None.

B-3 Squaw Valley Design Review Committee (SVDRC) – None.

B-4 Squaw Valley Municipal Advisory Council (SVMAC) – None.

B-5 Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company (SVMWC) – David Stepner said that SVMWC secured loans to rehabilitate Well 1 and Well 2, install a sewer connection to the Well House, and repair the Well House. These projects are underway with completion expected before winter. The SVMWC will bid pipe replacement projects in early 2021.

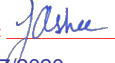
B-6 Squaw Valley Property Owners Association (SVPOA) – None.

B-7 Mountain Housing Council of Tahoe Truckee (MHC) – Director Ilfeld provided a summary of the quarterly meeting he attended and gave an overview of MHC's work. Director Ilfeld volunteered to participate in MHC's "Tiger Team" focused on progressing Statewide Policy, which the Board supported. Director Ilfeld explained that while Olympic Valley may not fit into some of the development initiatives, the conversation is relevant to the Valley since the area is unaffordable for many of Valley's employees, which is difficult for them and a loss to the community.

B-8 Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency (T-TSA) – President Cox and Mr. Geary reviewed the Board of Directors Meeting Summary and flow reports provided by T-TSA, which was attached to the B-8 report. Director Cox recommended that Directors, staff and public should discuss violations with the General Manager of T-TSA, LaRue Griffin.

Public Comment – Pippin Mader, Aaron Carlsson, Carl Davis and Jane Davis provided verbal

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comment regarding T-TSA, its operations, and its management. Carl Davis provided a letter to the Board on October 19th which staff sent to all directors and is available per request by the public.

- B-9** Capital Projects Advisory Committee (CAP) – Ms. Grindle stated that the Placer County Board of Supervisors would discuss two projects recommended for approval by CAP at their meeting today (10/27/20). The CAP committee will discuss the ten new applications received for Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) grants at their meeting on Thursday (10/29/20). The S.N.O.W. Museum is the only project that applied for TOT funds within the Valley. There was not an application for the bike trail from Olympic Valley to Truckee.
- B-10** Firewise Community – David Stepner addressed the Board regarding the Firewise Community and wildfire mitigation. Mr. Stepner provided background on the Firewise Community certification and the goals of the Firewise Council which include raising awareness within the community and applying for grants to mitigate wildfire danger in the area. Mr. Stepner discussed the need for a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), which would analyze how wildfire would initiate and spread, and would prioritize wildfire mitigation measures in the area. Mr. Stepner provided information on neighboring District’s CWPPs, the cost to hire a consultant to write a CWPP, and the funding plan for a CWPP, including a request that the PSD Board consider a maximum \$10,000 commitment (approx. 30% of the total cost) for the CWPP as a future agenda item. Mr. Stepner also asked that the Board consider expanding the mission of the District to include wildfire mitigation and to satisfy the proposed mission by (1) forming a committee of board members to work with the Fire Department, (2) exploring the option of merging the Valley’s CWPP with regional CWPPs, and (3) funding a consultant on an as-needed basis to research, track, and write grants for wildfire mitigation. Chief Riley added the CWPP is important in advance of submitting grant applications for wildfire mitigation. The Department does not have the resources to write grants or a CWPP in-house, and he would encourage hiring a consultant. There was discussion about the anticipated support within the Valley to make wildfire mitigation a priority of the Department. The Directors requested that the funding request for the CWPP be added to a future agenda. Staff responded that as soon as the proposal and cost share are finalized it will be brought to the Board.

C. Public Comment/Presentation.

- C-1 Recognition of Service – 20 years – Allen Riley, Fire Chief
C-2 Recognition of Service – 20 years – Chris De Deo, Fire Captain
C-3 Recognition of Service – 20 years – Brad Chisholm, Fire Captain

The Board thanked Chief Riley, Captain De Deo and Captain Chisholm for their excellent service in the community and the District. Chief Riley thanked the Board for their support and congratulated the Captains. Captain Chisholm said that it has been an honor serving the Department.

D. Financial Consent Agenda Items.

Directors Hover-Smoot and Mercer convened with staff on October 26, 2020 from approximately 3:00 – 4:05 p.m. to review items D-1 through D-10, and other finance-related items on the agenda. Director Mercer provided a summary of the meeting which included discussing the FY 2019-2020 Audit preparation, significant payments, higher-than-budgeted revenue from connection fees, lower-than-expected revenue from water rates, higher-than-budgeted strike team revenue, and caustic soda prices

that are higher than last year but have stabilized and are within budget. Director Mercer explained that staff would limit the costs associated with the name change and would keep the Board informed on the total costs associated with the change.

Public Comment – None.

Director Mercer made a motion to approve the financial consent agenda which was seconded by Director Ilfeld. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes

Hover-Smoot – Yes

Hudson – Yes

Ilfeld – Yes

Mercer – Yes

E. Approve Minutes.

E-1 Minutes for the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of September 29, 2020.

The Board reviewed the minutes, accepted public comment, and approved the minutes for the Board of Directors regular meeting of September 29, 2020.

Public Comment – None.

Director Mercer made a motion to approve the minutes for the Board of Directors meeting of September 29, 2020 which was seconded by Director Hudson. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes

Hover-Smoot – Yes

Hudson – Yes

Ilfeld – Yes

Mercer – Yes

F. Old & New Business.

This item was taken out of order

F-2 Community Update – Sierra Nevada Olympic & Winter (S.N.O.W.) Sports Museum.

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

Jill Short Milne, executive director of S.N.O.W, provided an update on the project and reviewed the 2020 annual report.

The Directors voiced support for the project and asked for information on the timeline, project hurdles, and fundraising goals. Ms. Milne said that the team is currently working with Placer County on land acquisition and will work with the County to determine the next steps once the Environmental Questionnaire Phase 4 is completed. In approximately 6-9 months the County is expected to determine the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation that applies to the project. It would take

about one year to prepare and process a Negative Declaration while a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) would likely add about two years and \$100,000-\$150,000 to the project. The capital campaign will not be launched until the land acquisition process is better understood. The full buildout cost is estimated to be \$16M of which \$1M has been raised thus far for groundbreaking. Grants and donors have raised about \$200,000-\$250,000 annually to fund consultants, marketing, branding, and outreach efforts.

Public Comment – None.

F-1 Community Update – OVPSD Response to COVID-19

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

Chief Riley provided an update on the District’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Positive COVID-19 cases are increasing across the State and County and it is important to maintain safety precautions. The Operations Department continues to work from two different sites. The Fire department is maintaining precautions, however some inspections, particularly State mandated inspections, and some external trainings have restarted. The Fire Department is working with the Ski Area on reopening plans.

Public Comment – None.

F-3 Introduce Ordinance 2020-04 “Adopting Revisions to the District Administrative Code Chapter 2 – Sanitary Sewer Service Code”.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and waived the reading of Ordinance 2020-04.

Ms. Kinsinger gave a presentation on the fats, oils and grease (FOG) program and the proposed changes to the administrative code and technical specifications related to FOG control devices. Mr. Geary provided further detail on the importance of the FOG program. Director Ilfeld encouraged educating residential customers beyond putting information on the website. Ms. Kinsinger clarified that the proposed ban on grinders does not include residential garbage disposals

Public Comment – None.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance 2020-04 “Adopting Revisions to the District Administrative Code” which was seconded by Director Ilfeld. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes

Hover-Smoot – Yes

Hudson – Yes

Ilfeld – Yes

Mercer – Yes

F-4 Water Meter Replacement Project – File California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and authorized staff to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption with Placer County for the Water Meter Replacement Project by adoption of Resolution 2020-20.

Mr. Hunt reviewed the staff report. Mr. Burks noted that staff will determine the best way to offset costs, including considering salvaging the existing meters. Director Cox asked when the meters were last replaced. Mr. Burks responded that the remote technology was installed approximately 20 years ago and replaced approximately 10 years ago.

Public Comment – None.

Director Mercer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-20 and authorize staff to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption with Placer County. The motion was seconded by Director Hover-Smoot. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Cox – Yes

Hover-Smoot – Yes

Hudson – Yes

Ifeld – Yes

Mercer – Yes

F-5 Resort at Squaw Creek Phase 2 - Development Agreement – 4th Amendment.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, approved the fourth amendment to the Resort at Squaw Creek - Phase 2 Development Agreement by adoption of Resolution 2020-21 and authorized the General Manager to execute all necessary contract documents.

Mr. Hunt reviewed the staff report and provide a presentation on the 4th amendment of the development agreement. This presentation provided background on the Project, the history of the previous development agreements, Well 18-3R, and Phase 2A infrastructure improvements including dedication of the infrastructure improvements. The 4th Amendment extends the deadline by which the Resort at Squaw Creek (RSC) is required to dedicated Well 18-3R to the District; for two years to November 6, 2022, to coincide with the extensions provided by Placer County. The 4th Amendment also requires the installation of the pressure reducing valve station by November 6, 2022.

There was a discussion about historical water quality monitoring of water from Well 18-3R; the operational needs of the system; the requirement for water treatment; the treatment facilities and capabilities; and the current operations for irrigation and snowmaking. Director Hover-Smoot asked for clarification on the value of extending the development agreement and voiced concerns about developer accountability. Mr. Geary discussed the benefits of the development agreement to the District's customers and explained that the mitigations within the development agreement are for anticipated impacts that have not yet occurred. Staff also explained that due to the well development and dedication schedule the DA schedule is longer than the County extension. However, there are other protections within the DA to ensure the well is dedicated to the District in advance of the

District providing water service to the additional development. Mr. Hunt clarified that the well and equipment will be like new when dedicated.

Public Comment – None.

Director Mercer made a motion to approve the fourth amendment to the Resort at Squaw Creek - Phase 2 Development Agreement by adoption of Resolution 2020-21 and authorize the General Manager to execute all necessary contract documents. The motion was seconded by Director Hudson. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Cox – Yes

Hover-Smoot – Yes

Hudson – Yes

Ilfeld – Yes

Mercer – Yes

F-6 Flexible Benefit Plan Amendment.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment and approved the Flexible Benefit Plan Amendment with Beniversal, Incorporated by adoption of Resolution 2020-22.

Ms. Grindle reviewed the staff report. The proposed amendment is required due to the company name change to Olympic Valley Public Service District.

Public Comment – none

Director Ilfeld made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-22, approving the Flexible Benefit Plan amendment with Beniversal, Incorporated. The motion was seconded by Director Hover-Smoot. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Cox – Yes

Hover-Smoot – Yes

Hudson – Yes

Ilfeld – Yes

Mercer – Yes

G. Management Status Reports.

G-1 Fire Department Report

Chief Riley reviewed the report. The building remains closed to the public for trainings however, the crew has resumed some outside training. The staff report stated that all equipment was back in the District, however, Engine 21 has since been deployed to Irvine for the Silverado Fire. Chief Riley provided a summary of the defensible space inspections this year and stated that the County did not have to be involved in any enforcement.

G-2 Water & Sewer Operations Report

Mr. Burks reviewed the report. Mr. Burks provided a summary of the water year as it is year-end. The Operation Department is preparing for winter operations. Mr. Burks provided a summary of the annual maintenance and inspection activities and noted that staff finished cleaning the western half the Valley's laterals and anticipates cleaning the eastern half of the laterals next year.

G-3 Engineering Report

Mr. Hunt reviewed the report and provided an update on the current projects including the Resort at Squaw Creek Well 18-3R and 4th Amendment to the DA; Village at Squaw Valley Specific Plan DA; Carville property and Granite View Condominium plan reviews and DAs; preparing the West Tank Recoating Project for bid; and completing the Sewer System Management Plan 2020 Audit and Sanitary Sewer Code changes.

G-4 Administration & Office Report

Ms. Asher reviewed the report. Ms. Whiteman provided an update on the Document Management System (DMS) Project. There was a discussion about the confidential nature of these documents.

G-5 General Manager Report

Mr. Geary reviewed the report and provided a summary of the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) East Slope meeting.

G-6 Legal Report (verbal)

No Report.

G-7 Directors' Comments (verbal)

Director Ilfeld thanked Ms. Kinsinger for her well-done presentation on the FOG Program and echoed Director Mercer's request to have the CWPP on the November agenda. Director Hover-Smoot voiced concern about how climate change will impact the District's operations. Director Mercer suggested that the Board revisit the mission statement considering climate change and wildfire concerns. Director Hudson acknowledged Chief Riley, Captain DeDeo and Captain Chisholm's dedication to the Department. Director Cox requested guidance on holiday events.

H. Adjourn.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion, seconded by Director Mercer to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes

Hover-Smoot – Yes

Hudson – Yes

Ilfeld – Yes

Mercer – Yes

By, J. Asher