

**OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES #895
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022**

*Agenda with board packet and staff reports is available at the following link:
<https://www.ovpsd.org/board-agenda-april-2022>*

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

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

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mike Geary, General Manager; Thomas Archer, District Counsel; Brandon Burks, Operations Manager; Dave Hunt, District Engineer; Brad Chisholm, Fire Captain; Hans Walde, Fire Engineer; Danielle Mueller, Finance & Administration Manager; Allen Riley, Fire Chief.

Others Present: Jean Lange, David Stepner, Jim Sakamoto.

President Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Community Informational Items

B-1 Friends of Squaw Creek - None

B-2 Friends of Squaw Valley – David Stepner announced a Town Hall meeting on May 28 at 2:00 PM. Several agencies will be giving updates and the meeting is open to all Valley residents. Friends of Squaw Valley is helping coordinate six green waste days. Geary noted one coming up on May 15 and six additional this summer including one at OVPSD offices on June 18.

B-3 Olympic Valley Design Review – Stepner reported OVDRC approved two projects at its last meeting; the residence at Queen of the Snows and the new location of the Red Dog Chairlift.

B-4 Olympic Valley MAC – Stepner said there will be a joint OVMAC and North Tahoe Regional Advisory Committee meeting on May 9 at the Kings Beach Event Center. The Notice of Preparation (NOP) for Granite View has been released.

B-5 Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company – Stepner reported Operational Technical Services has been hired to oversee operations of SVMWC. They will begin to work with OVPSD staff in May during a transitional period until July 1. A multi-year contract was signed with OTS, which was one of two contract companies to submit proposals.

B-6 Squaw Valley Property Owners Association – None

B-7 Mountain Housing Council – Ilfeld reviewed highlights of last week's meeting, including presentations on Placer County and the Town of Truckee deed restriction programs. Working with USFS, Palisades has secured space to house 30 employees at a campground along the Truckee River.

Ilfeld is part of a statewide policy group advocating for upcoming legislation that includes a line item in the budget for housing for the homeless.

A program is being considered to streamline the permitting and approval process for developers in this area, given there are so many jurisdictions to work with.

In response to a question about the status of Alterra's employee housing, Ilfeld offered to ask Jennifer Sharp. Stepner added employee housing is one of the first components of the Village required to be completed.

Ilfeld described his observations of how Napa County is addressing housing by limiting STRs and timeshare ownership.

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- B-8** Tahoe Truckee Sanitation Agency – Cox noted the report in today’s meeting packet. The TTSA Board will continue to meet via Zoom. Mercer asked for clarification on the Flow Report. Burks said there are weather related flow fluctuations.
- B-9** Capital Projects Advisory (CAP) – Mueller reported the group did not meet in April, but will meet in May. The new TOT Committee being formed as a result of the North Lake Tahoe TBID will address allocations for transportation and housing.
- B-10** Firewise Community – Riley noted the Green Waste Days coming up this summer.

C. Public Comment / Presentation

There were no comments on items not on today’s agenda.

D. Financial Consent Agenda

Director Cox convened with staff on April 25, 2022, from approximately 3:00 – 4:10 p.m. to review items D-1 through D-12 and other finance-related items on the agenda. Ms. Mueller provided a summary of the meeting.

Public Comment – None.

Director Ilfeld made a motion to approve the financial consent agenda which was seconded by Director Mercer. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

E. Approve Minutes

E-1 Minutes for the Regular Board of Directors meeting of March 29, 2022.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and approved the minutes for the Board of Directors meeting of March 29, 2022.

Public Comment – None.

Director Ilfeld made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of March 29, 2022, which was seconded by Director Mercer. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

Director Mercer made a motion to adjourn the OVPSD meeting and for this Board to reconvene as the Olympic Valley Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) Implementation Group, which was seconded by Director Hudson. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

A. OVGMP – Call to Order and Roll Call.

President Dale Cox called the meeting of the Olympic Valley Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) Implementation Group to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Directors Absent: None.

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B. OVGMP Advisory Committee Presentation.

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

Geary reported the GMP Advisory Committee, which is made up of all pumpers in the Valley, met on March 31, 2022 for the first time in several years. There were a lot of new representatives given changes in personnel at the Resort at Squaw Creek, Palisades Tahoe, and transitions with SVMWC. The meeting was to give a broad overview of the Olympic Valley Groundwater Management Plan and how it is implemented.

Geary gave a presentation on the history of the GMP, how and why it was developed and how it addresses the goals of water quantity, water quality, and environmental stewardship. Discussion followed as the presentation was clarified, the testing of groundwater and surface water as well as monitoring of wells and aquifer levels was explained, and what agency is responsible for what.

Public Comment – None.

C. OVGMP Advisory Committee Report.

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

The Advisory Committee recommends approval of conducting the six-year review and report.

Public Comment – None.

D. OVGMP – Adjourn

Director Mercer made a motion to adjourn Olympic Valley Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) Implementation Group meeting, which was seconded by Director Hudson. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

Director Mercer made a motion to reconvene as the OVPD Board, which was seconded by Director Ilfeld. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

F. Old and New Business.

F-1 Olympic Valley Groundwater Management Plan (OVGMP) – Six-Year Review & Report.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and authorized the General manager to execute the agreement with McGinley and Associates.

Hunt presented the request to approve the Six-Year Review and Report professional services agreement. He discussed the components and data to be included. Although annual reports are recommended, they have been deferred since they're expensive and there have not been significant changes to pumping in the aquifer. McGinley's proposal is for approximately \$52,000, which will be shared with the other pumpers in the Valley. OVPD will add a 10% administrative fee. Discussion followed as details of the report and cost-share agreement were clarified.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion to authorize the General Manager to executive an agreement with McGinley & Associates to prepare the Six-Year Review and Report for the OVGMP not to exceed \$51,990, which was seconded by Director Ilfeld. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

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F-2 Fuels Management Program.

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

Geary had a response from Calfire that although the OVPSD grant application scored high, the funding requested is not available. Calfire suggested submitting a scaled-back proposal. A new application for \$540,000 to reduce forest fuels in OV1 has been submitted.

A brief discussion followed regarding the areas already treated, how the work on OV1 may impact trail access, and how the OV1 boundary was determined. Details of the project will be included as the EIR is being prepared.

Public Comment – None.

F-3 Second Draft of FY 2022-2023 Budget and Rates and Prop. 218 Notice.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and approved the mailing and posting of the proposed rate structure in accordance with Proposition 218.

Mueller presented the report in today's meeting packet. She asked the Board to consider approving the Proposition 218 notice to begin the process to set rates. The recommendation is for a 5% increase in water rates, 5% increase in sewer rates, and 10% increase in trash rates, given increases from TTSD.

Included in the report was a budget summary based on projected revenues. Specific line items and assumptions made as the budget was being prepared were discussed. Archer was asked to clarify recusal requirements for OVPSD Board members who also are property owners within SVMWC.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hudson made a motion to authorize staff to send the Proposition 218 notice to customers, which was seconded by Director Mercer. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

F-4 Resolution 2022-14 – Olympic Valley Public Service District Election.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment and approved declaring an election be held, requesting Placer County Board of Supervisors to consolidate the election with any other election on November 8, 2022, and requesting election services from the Placer County Clerk by adoption of Resolution 2022-14.

Public Comment – None.

Director Ilfeld made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-14 – Olympic Valley Public Service District Election, which was seconded by Director Mercer. A roll call vote was taken, and the Resolution was adopted.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

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F-5 Purchase of Certificate of Deposit (CD).

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and approved the purchase of CD with Protective Securities, Inc.

Mueller recommends rolling the expiring CD into a new one in the amount of \$247,000 with a yield of approximately 2.9%.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hudson made a motion to approve purchase of a Certificate of Deposit with Protective Securities, Inc., which was seconded by Director Hover-Smoot. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

F-6 Award Contract – 2022 Sewer Television Inspection Project.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and approved the contract with ProPipe (Hoffman Southwest Corporation) and authorized the General Manager to execute all contractual documents.

Hunt described the sewer pipe inspection program saying one-quarter of the system is inspected each year. No inspections are conducted during the fifth year, then the cycle begins again. This is the last of the current four-year cycle. Digital scanning is now used, which produces a higher level of inspection. The data collected informs capital planning. Moving forward, Hunt recommends an eight-year inspection cycle. Discussion followed as the proposal and inspections were clarified.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion to direct the General Manager to execute the contract with ProPipe as presented for the 2022 sewer inspection project, not to exceed \$46,389.95, which was seconded by Director Hudson. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

F-7 West Tank Coating Project Construction Observation Services.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and approved the agreement with Bay Area Coating Consultants and authorized the General Manager to execute the agreement.

Hunt explained this is for inspection of the interior and exterior coating process for the 1.1-million-gallon West Tank.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement with Bay Area Coating Consultants not to exceed \$39,296, which was seconded by Director Ilfeld. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

F-8 Resolution 2022-11 – Residential Garbage Service Contract for FY 2022-2023.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and approved awarding the garbage collection contract to Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal Company and authorizing execution of the annual service agreement by adoption of Resolution 2022-11.

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Although the Board gave direction to close the dumpster facility permanently, Geary suggested the topic be open for public comment. Today's discussion will consider approval of the TTSD contract which includes the Board's direction, but it should be communicated to the public. Geary suggests putting the item on the May agenda, which will be appropriately posted. Discussion followed regarding strategies to communicate the issue to the public and solicit input.

The proposed contract was reviewed. It was noted that there could be changes based on continuing negotiations with TTSD resulting in fewer dumpsters on holiday weekends and how TTSD charges individual owners who put more than four cans out for collection.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hudson made a motion approve Resolution 2022-11 with possible non-substantive changes, which was seconded by Director Hover-Smoot. A roll call vote was taken, and the Resolution was adopted.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

G. Management Status Reports.

G-1 Fire Department Report

Chief Riley reported the Department is preparing for what could be a busy summer season. He discussed staffing and noted the call volume report is included in today's meeting packet.

G-2 Water & Sewer Operations Report

Burks presented the March report included in the meeting packet. He expects the state to implement Stage 2 drought restrictions. Burks noted other districts are considering a "drought surcharge" to make up what could be a drop in revenues as customers cut back on water consumption and suggested OVPSD might want to investigate the options.

Installation of the cellular meters is scheduled to begin this summer. All of the Operations Dept. staff will be involved in the project, so they are familiar with the equipment as part of succession planning.

Burks answered questions about his report, SVMWC's new operator, and staffing.

G-3 Engineering Report

Hunt presented his report included in the meeting packets.

G-4 Administration & Office Report

Mueller's report was in today's meeting packet. The next newsletter will focus on green waste days and updates on the dumpsters.

G-5 General Manager Report

Geary presented his written report included in the meeting packet.

G-6 Legal Report (verbal)

Archer submitted a memo to Geary regarding quorum requirements if there are Board conflicts. It will be forwarded to the Board.

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G-7 Directors Comments (verbal)

Hover-Smoot is happy projects are moving forward, despite the late snows and impacts from climate change.

Ilfeld hopes the intertie that has been considered with SVMWC continues to move forward as it is important to the customers of both agencies.

Cox thanked Geary for the comprehensive Groundwater Management Plan presentation.

Geary noted instances with Directors not being able to attend meetings in person, but still wanting to participate. He explained the agenda posting requirements that can allow a Director to attend remotely. Discussion followed. It was suggested that Geary present a policy with the options and setting limits on the number of meetings a Director can miss.

Director Mercer made a motion, seconded by Director Hover-Smoot to move to Closed Session at 11:55 a.m. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

H. Closed Session – Performance Evaluation of General Manager.

The Board met in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957 et al regarding the performance evaluation of the General Manager. Only the action on the agenda, the General Manager's performance evaluation was discussed, no action was taken.

I. Closed Session – District Labor Negotiations.

The Board met in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957 et al regarding District labor negotiations. Only the action on the agenda, District Labor Negotiations with the Operations Department, was discussed, no action was taken.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion, seconded by Director Hudson to move to Open Session at 1:10 p.m. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

J. Possible Action from Closed Session.

Mr. Geary said only the items on the closed session agenda were discussed and no actions were taken in closed session.

K. Adjourn

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion, seconded by Director Ilfeld to adjourn at 1:12 p.m. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Mercer – Yes

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