

**OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES #899
AUGUST 30, 2022**

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

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

Directors Present: Directors: Dale Cox, Bill Hudson, and Fred Ilfeld.

Directors Absent: Director Katy Hover-Smoot (*participated via phone as a non-voting Director*)

Staff Present: Thomas Archer, District Counsel; Jessica Asher, Board Secretary; Brandon Burks, Operations Manager; Mike Geary, General Manager; Dave Hunt, District Engineer; Danielle Mueller, Finance & Administration Manager; and Allen Riley, Fire Chief.

Others Present: Jeff Collins, Janean Foote, Laney Griffio, Patti Guilford, Scott Halterman, Cheryl Koffler, Ray Labadie, Jean Lange, Katrina Smolen, David Stepner, Edward Torres

Brandon Burks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Community Informational Items.

- B-1** Friends of Squaw Creek (FOSC) – Ms. Smolen thanked the Board on behalf of the FOSC for continued work on fuels management and provided information about Truckee River Day on October 16th.
- B-2** Friends of Squaw Valley (FOSV) – None.
- B-3** Olympic Valley Design Review Committee (OVDRC) – Mr. Stepner noted that AT&T is considering installation of a new 72-foot cell tower “tree.”
- B-4** Olympic Valley Municipal Advisory Council (OVMAC) – The Council will meet on September 7th to learn more about the Palisades at Tahoe Specific Plan.
- B-5** Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company (SVMWC) – Mr. Stepner provided an update on summer construction projects. The Company will meet at 305 Olympic Valley Road on September 4th.
- B-6** Squaw Valley Property Owners Association (SVPOA) – None.
- B-7** Mountain Housing Council of Tahoe Truckee (MHC) – Director Ilfeld provided an update on legislation related to housing initiatives. The MHC has taken a position on nine bills.
- B-8** Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency (T-TSA) – Director Cox reviewed the T-TSA Board Meeting summary and provided an update on current operations.
- B-9** Capital Projects Advisory Committee (CAP) – Ms. Mueller said the Tourism Master Plan Grant Guide and Application for the FY 2022-23 Allocation of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funds will be released on September 1st. The funding is expected to be at least \$5M, the highest amount to date. Mr. Geary requested the community contact the District with any ideas for projects that could be funded by the TOT program. While not TOT funded, Mr. Geary noted that he anticipates two of the four benches along the bike path will be installed this fall. Ms. Guilford asked about lighting at the bus stop.

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B-10 Firewise Community – Chief Riley said 120 CY of green waste was collected at the last collection day. He thanked Palisades Tahoe for the use of Lot 4 and Friends of Squaw Valley for volunteering to staff the events. Chief Riley also thanked Palisades Tahoe for organizing the evacuation drill, which had approximately 40 participants. David Stepner said Palisades Tahoe is looking for matching funds from the Community for the NEPA study for an Alpine/Palisades Fuel Management project (a map of which was included in the F-1 Exhibit).

C. Public Comment/Presentation.

Director Cox said that Director Mercer has resigned, her participation on the Board and within the community was extremely valuable and she will be greatly missed. There was a discussion about the process to appoint a new Director. The Board directed staff to fill the vacancy through appointment by the remaining Board Members in accordance with Government Code Section 1780. A Special Meeting will be held on October 24th, 2022, to make an appointment within 60 days of the vacancy notice and allow the new Director to participate in the October Board Meeting.

Ms. Smolen asked that the District consider coordination with Truckee Donner Recreation and Parks District, Tahoe City Public Utility Department and the Kings Beach Boys and Girls Club to evaluate if public school attendees/full-time Olympic Valley youth could have preferred enrollment in neighboring District's recreation programs since Olympic Valley does not have the capacity to offer similar programs. The Directors supported this effort.

Mr. Torres discussed the traffic light programming change at Highway 89 and Olympic Valley Road. Staff responded that this is County/Caltrans authority.

This item was taken out of order.

F-3 Community Dumpster – Permanent Closure.

The Board reviewed the items, accepted public comment, and directed staff to close the Community Dumpster Facility.

Mr. Geary reviewed the staff report. This item was also discussed at a garbage committee meeting on July 6, 2022, the notes of which were attached to the staff report. Director Cox provided background on the history of the community dumpster facility (CDF). Director Cox said that while he has historically supported continued operation of the CDF, he no longer endorses the continued maintenance of the facility and supported staff's recommendation to close the CDF. Staff discussed the closure of the CDF at Alpine Springs County Water District including that the Staff and Board felt they made the correct decision in closing it, there was no increase in litter or illegal dumping after closure. Jeff Collins and Ray Labadie, Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal (TTSD), were in attendance and provided background and response to the public's comments.

The Directors noted that solid waste is a global issue and wants the District to advocate for better collection regionally, despite known hurdles. The Board supported keeping rates low and equitable as solid waste is not the District's primary mission and the processing facility is nearby. The Board directed staff to propose ways to reduce the impact of the CDF closure, including incentivizing bear box installation, considering community dumpster days, and working with TTSD to protect private dumpsters from abuse. Jeff Collins said that TTSD is committed to working with District and the Granite Chief property owner's association to make transition as smooth as possible.

Public comment –

Three members of the public said that while they utilize the CDF, they were in support of closing the facility due to abuse and the curbside pickup being adequate for household waste. There was concern that neighboring private dumpsters may see increased abuse and there was a request to have TTSD lock those bins temporarily. Upon hearing that the CDF is helpful for cardboard waste, Mr. Collins responded that cardboard could be left curbside for sorting at the processing facility. There was a suggestion to have community dumpsters twice annually for residential use to reduce the burden of the CDF removal. One member of the public opposed to closure, anticipated negative impacts in the community given the large tourist population, and requested hearing alternatives and proposed rate increases to keep the facility with a gated system. Ms. Smolen, speaking on behalf of Friends of Squaw Creek, discussed the waste problem within the water way.

Director Hudson made a motion to close the community dumpster facility which was seconded by Director Ilfeld. The motion passed.

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

D. Financial Consent Agenda Items.

Directors Hudson and Ilfeld convened with staff on August 29, 2022, from approximately 3:00 – 4:10 p.m. to review items D-1 through D-16 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 Hudson. The motion passed.

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

E. Approve Minutes.

E-1 Minutes for the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of July 26, 2022.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and approved the minutes for the Board of Director meeting of July 26, 2022.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Director meeting of July 26, 2022, which was seconded by Director Ilfeld. The motion passed.

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

F. Old & New Business.

F-1 Fuels Management Program.

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

Mr. Geary and Chief Riley reviewed the staff report and briefly discussed the proposed Palisades Tahoe/Alpine Meadows fuels reduction project.

Public Comment – None.

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F-2 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Grant Award.

The Board reviewed the items, accepted public comment, and adopted Resolution 2022-19 for the District to enter into an agreement with the State of California for the Olympic Valley Fuel Reduction Project.

Mr. Geary and Ms. Asher reviewed the staff report.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hudson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-19 authorizing the District to enter into an agreement with the State of California for the Olympic Valley Fuel Reduction Project, which was seconded by Director Ilfeld. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

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

F-4 Water and Sewer System Annual Report.

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

Mr. Burks reviewed the 2021 Water and Sewer System Annual Report. Topics discussed included water production, aquifer recharge, water loss trends, water conservation measures, the SCADA server upgrade, water consumption modeling, sewer infiltration and inflow, and vehicle air quality requirements. There was a brief discussion about Well 4, which is not used due to water quality and operational constraints; easements; and monitoring wells.

Public Comment – None.

F-5 District Policy – Director Attendance.

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

Mr. Geary reviewed the staff report. The Directors discussed the agenda item and determined that while in-person participation should be maximized, occasional remote participation would be allowed. The Board decided not to adopt a formal policy or attendance requirement and requested revisiting this topic in January 2023.

Participation and noticing will be in accordance with Brown Act requirements, which may be experiencing legislative changes, for the remote member to actively participate (i.e., vote).

The Directors preferred utilizing the Zoom platform and suggested trying the Owl 360 video/audio hardware. The remote Board member will be available via video on the projector screen.

At a minimum, a quorum of the Board will join the meeting in-person such that business can move forward with remote Directors abstaining if required due to technical challenges.

Public Comment – None.

F-6 Placer County Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) – Election of Alternate Special District Representative.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and made a motion to cast a ballot for William Kahrl for Alternate Special District Representative.

Ms. Asher reviewed the staff report.

Public Comment – none

Director Hudson made a motion to cast a ballot for William Kahrl for LAFCO Alternate Special District Representative, which was seconded by Director Ilfeld. The motion passed.

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

Director Hudson made a motion, seconded by Director Ilfeld to adjourn to closed session at 12:10 p.m. The motion passed.

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

This item was taken out of order.

H. Closed Session – District Labor Negotiations.

The Board met in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957 et al regarding District labor negotiations.

Director Hudson made a motion, seconded by Director Ilfeld to adjourn to open session at 12:30 p.m. The motion passed.

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

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

I. Possible Action from Closed Session. – Operations Dept. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and adopted Resolution 2022-20 approving the MOU with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Engineers, Local 39, for the Operations Department Personnel.

Director Ilfeld made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-20 approving the MOU with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Engineers, Local 39, for the Operations Department Personnel, which was seconded by Director Hudson. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

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

Director Hudson left the meeting.

G. Management Status Reports.

G-1 Fire Department Report

Chief Riley reviewed the report and discussed the recent Fire Committee meeting, the draft regional ambulance study, concerns related to air quality emissions standards for District vehicles, the 2022 Fire Code adoption process, relocation of the radio repeater to the Federal Aviation Administration facility and recently changed Operational Software from Incident View to First Due. The District has not been able to send many strike teams though Firefighter-Paramedic Halterman will be going out as a single resource.

G-2 Water & Sewer Operations Report

Mr. Burks reviewed the report. The discussion included aquifer levels, water production, precipitation, water conservation measures, Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company operational transition, and concerns related to air quality emissions standards for District vehicles.

G-3 Engineering Report

Mr. Hunt reviewed the report and provided an update on the West Tank Coating Project.

G-4 Administration & Office Report

Ms. Asher reviewed the report.

G-5 General Manager Report

Mr. Geary provided a brief verbal report summarizing his work over the past month.

G-6 Legal Report (verbal)

None.

G-7 Directors' Comments (verbal)

The Board noted appreciation for Director Mercer's contributions to the community, and the Community Dumpster Facility process and decision. Director Hover-Smoot said that she recently sold a novel and may have travel obligations this fall related to the upcoming release.

J. Adjourn.

Director Ilfeld made a motion, seconded by Director Cox to adjourn at 1:02 PM. The motion passed. Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Absent | Hudson – Absent | Ilfeld – Yes

By, J. Asher