

**SQUAW VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES #818
September 27, 2016**

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, Carl Gustafson, Bill Hudson, Eric Poulsen and John Wilcox.

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: LaRue Griffin, Fred Ilfeld and Jay Parker.

President Cox asked Jay Parker 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) – none

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

B-5 Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company (SVMWC) – Brandon Burks provided an update on SVMWC's operations including water line abandonment.

B-6 Squaw Valley Ski Holdings – none

B-7 Squaw Valley Property Owners Association – none

B-8 Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency (T-TSA) – Dale Cox introduced LaRue Griffin, General Manager and Jay Parker, Managing Engineer of T-TSA. Jay Parker provided a video presentation about the proposed Truckee River Interceptor (TRI) MH 81-83 replacement project. The project encompasses 1,800 linear feet, is scheduled for construction from May to October of 2017 and the estimated cost is approximately \$3.5 million.

C. Public Comment/Presentation.

Public Comment – none

D. Financial Consent Agenda Items.

Directors Poulsen and Hudson met with staff on September 26th from approximately 3:30 – 5:00 P.M. to review items D-1 through D-11, as well as other finance related items on this agenda.

Director Poulsen said the committee reviewed the reports and the percentages were on target. Jessica Grunst, Account Clerk II/HR Specialist, attended the meeting as well and is working to find savings on various expenses, such as phone service.

Mr. Geary said the Placer County tax allocation, known as the "September Surprise," was just

released and the District will receive \$38,600 less than what was used to develop the District's budget.

Director Hudson said the financial reports have been revised to provide more clarity of the District's finances.

Public Comment – none

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

Cox-yes

Gustafson-yes

Hudson-yes

Poulsen-yes

Wilcox-yes

E. Approve Minutes.

E-1 Minutes for the Board of Directors meeting of August 30, 2016.

Director Poulsen referred to page 9, item G-2, the 2nd sentence should read as follows:

"Mr. Burks said the July 2016 reading shows the aquifer at 6,186.5' which is higher than the July 2015 reading at 6,185.6'."

Public Comment – none

A motion to approve the minutes with a revision for the Board of Directors regular meeting of August 30, 2016 was made by Directors Gustafson/Wilcox; vote was unanimous.

Cox-yes

Gustafson-yes

Hudson-yes

Poulsen-yes

Wilcox-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 staff will provide updates as to the status of negotiations to the Village Ad Hoc Committee and to the Board as additional progress is made.

The Placer County Board of Supervisors meeting, where they will consider approval of the Village at Squaw Valley Specific Plan and certification of the Environmental Impact Report, is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th in Kings Beach.

District staff is scheduled to present the results of the Water Supply Assessment 2015 Update and information on emergency preparedness in Squaw Valley.

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.

Director Wilcox referred to a September 19th e-mail from Sierra Watch that contained one inaccurate and misleading statement about the water supply. Mr. Geary said he will be preparing a fact sheet or letter to correct inaccurate information regarding water supply and other issues.

On September 29th, the Keep Squaw True group will conduct a Town Hall meeting. Sierra Watch is sponsoring this meeting and will be presenting information about the proposed development. Board members expressed concern that Sierra Watch has, and continues, to publish and promote inaccurate information about water supply and emergency services, which may be eroding the public's trust in the District. In the past, the District attempted to clarify any misunderstandings, but it appears that Sierra Watch may be intentionally promoting misleading information to support their opinions.

Director Gustafson questioned the wisdom of becoming involved with Sierra Watch due to potential litigation. Mr. Archer said he believes it is unlikely that the District will be named in the lawsuit as Placer County is the lead agency.

Public Comment –

Fred Ilfeld asked if a District representative will attend the September 29th Town Hall meeting. He believes a District representative should attend to correct inaccurate information published and promoted by Sierra Watch.

President Cox asked Counsel to comment on sending a District representative to the meeting to make corrections to the inaccurate information and misleading statements.

Mr. Archer said the District does not take a stance to advocate for or against the proposed project. He said the District should convey the message that the District's concerns are related to maintaining the public's trust and preserving the District's obligations. The Redundant Water Supply project should not be brought into the discussion at all as the proposed project has been shelved; it is a separate issue and unrelated to the Village at Squaw Project. He said the appropriate forum is the Placer County Board of Supervisors meeting on November 15th, which will provide a more balanced forum than the Town Hall meeting.

The Board directed staff to prepare a fact sheet/letter to correct the inaccurate information published by Sierra Watch. This fact sheet/letter will be sent to the local newspaper for publication and posted on the District's website.

Director Wilcox requested that he and other Board members have an opportunity to review the fact sheet/letter and the presentation that Mr. Geary will be preparing for the Board of Supervisors meeting. He commended the Friends of Squaw Valley for their fair approach to the issue.

Status Reports.

G-1 Fire Department Operations/Capital Projects Report.

Chief Bansen reviewed the report and Fire Operations. The purchase of a Type III engine was discussed. This item was identified in the Fire Department budget and staff will present the purchasing contract for Board approval at the October Board meeting.

Public Comment – none

G-2 Water & Sewer Operations Report.

Mr. Burks reviewed the report.

Public Comment – none

G-3 Engineering Report.

Mr. Hunt reviewed the report.

Public Comment – none

G-4 Administration/Office Report.

Ms. Obayashi-Bartsch reviewed the report.

Public Comment – none

G-5 Manager's Comments.

Mr. Geary reviewed the report. He said the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (NLTRA) Joint Capital Infrastructure/Transportation Committee approved \$70,000 in support of the District's Bike Trail Snow Removal Project, which will be before the full NLTRA Board for final approval.

The District also co-signed the Tahoe City Public Utility District's application for a section of trail maintenance, involving slope stabilization, which was also approved by the committee and will be before the full NLTRA Board for final approval.

Public Comment – none

G-6 Legal Report (verbal).

none

G-7 Director's Comments.

Director Wilcox commented on the popularity of the new pickle ball courts in Squaw Valley Park and noted that most people using the courts are not Squaw Valley residents.

H. Adjourn.

Directors Wilcox/Poulsen made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m.; vote was unanimous.

Cox-yes

Gustafson-yes

Hudson-yes

Poulsen-yes

Wilcox-yes

By, K. Obayashi-Bartsch

REMNANT