

**SQUAW VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES #819  
October 25, 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:** Brad Chisholm, Dustin Gwerder, Andrew Lange, Ron Treabess and Hans Walde.

President Cox asked Danielle Grindle 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 said the final water meter in the service area was installed and now all homes are on metered water supply.

**B-6** Squaw Valley Ski Holdings – none

**B-7** Squaw Valley Property Owners Association – none

**B-8** Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency – Dale Cox provided an update on the Truckee River Interceptor (TRI) replacement project from MH 81-83, the State Route 89/Fanny Bridge project and related TRI relocation. Based on direction from the Board, Mr. Geary said he would contact the Tahoe Transportation District and Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency to provide a presentation about the project and impacts to the area.

Mr. Archer said item F-5, Resort at Squaw Creek Development Agreement Phase II Amendment has been removed from today's agenda.

**C. Public Comment/Presentation.**

Public Comment – none

**D. Financial Consent Agenda Items.**

Directors Poulsen and Hudson met with staff on October 24<sup>th</sup> from approximately 3:30 – 5:00 P.M. to review items D-1 through D-13 as well as other finance related items on this agenda.

Director Poulsen said staff is working with McClintock Accountancy on the audit which is

scheduled for presentation at the November Board meeting. He commended Danielle Grindle for her efforts in compiling the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 68 figures. The GASB 68 pronouncement revised and established new financial reporting for pensions.

The Committee reviewed revenue figures from various sources including Fire strike teams, Mutual Water Company operations and maintenance work, and tax revenues. The Fixed Asset Replacement program increased \$777,741 from the prior year.

Director Hudson said the Committee reviewed the financial reports and all items appear to be in order.

Mr. Geary said on this month's Capital Reserve Report, exhibit D-7, fixed assets are broken down into greater detail. Staff has been revising the financial reports to provide greater clarity and improve understanding of the District's finances.

Public Comment – none

A motion to approve the financial consent agenda was made by Directors Gustafson/Hudson 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 September 27, 2016.

Director Wilcox requested the following revision:

Page 3, the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph should read as follows: "Director Wilcox referred to a September 19<sup>th</sup> e-mail from Sierra Watch that contained one inaccurate and misleading statement about the water supply."

Public Comment – none

A motion to approve the minutes with the suggested revision for the Board of Directors regular meeting of September 27, 2016 was made by Directors Poulsen/Wilcox; vote was unanimous.

Cox-yes

Gustafson-yes

Hudson-yes

Poulsen-yes

Wilcox-yes

**F. Old & New Business.**

**F-1 Placer County's Measure M Presentation.**

The Board received a presentation on Placer County's Measure M and accepted public

comment.

Ron Treabess of the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association gave a presentation on Placer County's Measure M. Measure M proposes a county-wide, one-half cent sales tax increase that will last 30 years to fund road repairs and general transportation improvements, including bike path maintenance and public transit improvements.

Similar measures have gone to the ballot in other California counties to make up for the decline in federal and state funds available. Measure M is a county-wide tax and if approved, North Lake Tahoe would receive three percent of the tax revenue, which would go into effect on April 1, 2017 and remain in place for 30 years.

Mr. Geary and Chief Bansen commented on the impact approval of this measure would have on the District. While there may not be a direct benefit for the local bike trail, it will aid the overall support of local transportation improvements. This, in turn, may allow more funds to be available for projects such as bike trail snow removal.

Director Poulsen said he was unsure how he would vote on this measure as an individual, but that it seems that passage of the measure may have a positive impact for the District.

Director Hudson said he also had some reservations, but it seems that this measure may have a positive impact for the District.

Director Wilcox said he had mixed feelings about the measure. He commented on the lack of affordability and high cost of living in the area and how a sales tax increase may contribute to this problem. He commented on transportation and traffic issues impacting the area and whether passage of this measure will have a significant impact.

Director Gustafson expressed support of the measure as he believes it will improve the safety of roads and trails.

Public Comment –

Andrew Lange said he does not believe the District should be involved in any political issue such as Measure M, either in support or in opposition.

The Board declined to make a motion and thanked Ron Treabess for the presentation.

*Timed Item: 8:30 a.m. or as soon as the matter may be heard.*

**F-2 Fire Code Revisions – 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing – Introduce Ordinance 2016-02.**

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

Chief Bansen reviewed the item. The Fire Prevention Code serves as a supplement to the California Building Code, California Fire Code and National Fire Protection Association (“NFPA”) Standards in situations where local government finds a need to require a different construction standard to address unique local conditions.

The revisions proposed at this time address several issues:

- Correct and update references to California Codes
- Removal of obsolete Fire Prevention Code sections
- Revise language to clarify the intent of the Fire Prevention Code
- New language that regulates installation of LPG-fired fire pits
- New language that allows prohibition of open burning at certain times of the year
- Language regulating installation and permitting of gates on private roads

The bulk of the changes include removing obsolete or duplicative language and replacing outdated references to other codes, standards, and documents with current citations. Other changes include revising the code on key boxes to require them for all new construction rather than just for homes with alarm systems.

Director Poulsen said there is a typographical error in Division IX Security Gates, under item 9.01 B; second sentence should read as follows: "The frequency range may be up to fifty (50) feet maximum..."

Public Comment –

Andrew Lange asked Chief Bansen for a suggestion to install a fire pit on a wooden deck. Chief Bansen suggested installing a concrete pad.

President Cox said today's hearing is the first of two public hearings and no action will be taken until the second public hearing in November.

### **F-3 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 received an update, reviewed the proposed guest column, accepted public comment, and approved submittal of the guest column to a local newspaper.

Mr. Geary said the Placer County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider approval of the Village at Squaw Valley Specific Plan (VSVSP) and certification of the Environmental Impact Report on November 15<sup>th</sup>, but this date is subject to change. 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

Preparation of a Term Sheet for sewer collection services for the project is in draft form. It identifies development triggers for associated infrastructure improvements to increase conveyance capacity in the District's collection system.

### Fire/EMS

The Term Sheet for fire protection and emergency medical services for the project is also in draft form.

Misleading information continues to be widely distributed through e-mail blasts, guest columns in newspapers and on website blogs regarding the water supply for the proposed project which is a concern for the District's staff and Board of Directors. The concern for the District is the potential erosion of trust that District customers and the regional community have in the District's work evaluating and analyzing available water supply to meet the demands of the proposed project and, by inference, other work performed by the District.

At the September Board meeting, the Board directed staff to prepare a guest column for submittal to a local newspaper to respond to misleading claims made by opponents of the Village at Squaw Valley project regarding the available water supply proposed for the project.

President Cox and Director Wilcox expressed support of the guest column and recommended submittal to the local newspaper.

Mr. Archer said the guest column is not directed to any particular group or individual and is intended to preserve the community's trust of the District.

Director Hudson suggested adding a sentence which clarifies the services provided by the District. The group reviewed the column and found this was addressed satisfactorily.

Director Gustafson said he agrees with some elements of the column but does not support the column in its entirety as he believes the local water supply may not have a safe yield.

Public Comment – none

A motion to submit the guest column to the local newspaper was made by Directors Wilcox/Hudson; motion carried three to one and with one abstention as Director Poulsen was absent.

Cox-yes

Gustafson-no

Hudson-yes

Poulsen-absent

Wilcox-yes

### **F-4 Fire Department Purchase of Type III Engine.**

Director Poulsen returned to the meeting room.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, approved purchase of a Type III Engine for the Fire Department and authorized the Fire Chief to execute all necessary contractual documents.

Chief Bansen reviewed the item. The purchase of the engine with sales tax will require a budget amendment of approximately \$19,000.

Public Comment – none

A motion to approve the purchase of a Type III Engine for the Fire Department and authorize the Fire Chief to execute all necessary contractual documents was made by Directors Hudson/Wilcox; vote was unanimous.

Cox-yes

Gustafson-yes

Hudson-yes

Poulsen-yes

Wilcox-yes

### **Status Reports.**

#### **G-1 Fire Department Operations/Capital Projects Report.**

Chief Bansen reviewed the report and Fire Operations.

Public Comment – none

#### **G-2 Water & Sewer Operations Report.**

Mr. Burks reviewed the report. Mr. Geary commended Mr. Burks, Mr. Hunt and the operations staff for their work on the Truckee River siphon inspection. This inspection was very difficult and highly sensitive due to the proximity to the river.

Public Comment – none

#### **G-3 Engineering Report.**

Mr. Hunt reviewed the report.

Public Comment – none

#### **G-4 Administration Report.**

Ms. Obayashi-Bartsch reviewed the report and said Jessica Grunst, Accounts Payable Clerk II/HR Specialist, did not attend the CalPERS seminar as noted in the report.

Public Comment – none

#### **G-5 Manager's Comments.**

Mr. Geary reviewed the report and a letter the District submitted in support of the Friends of Squaw Creek Meadow Restoration project for the Proposed Expenditure of Squaw Valley Consent Agreement funds.

Director Poulsen said he also submitted a letter of support for the Friends of Squaw Creek Meadow Restoration project. He said this seems to be an appropriate use of the funds since the funds originated from non-compliance in Squaw Valley.

Public Comment – none

**G-6 Legal Report (verbal).**

Mr. Archer said the state passed legislation to address the shortage of affordable housing in California and entities such as the District will be limited in charging additional connection fees for property improvements such as a garage conversions or mother-in-law units.

**G-7 Director's Comments.**

Director Wilcox said the sample ballot distributed by Placer County contains errors including omission of the Squaw Valley Public Service District election information. He contacted Jennifer Montgomery, Placer County Supervisor, who then contacted the Placer County elections office. Placer County representatives have been responsive and he believes that the vote by mail ballot is correct.

President Cox commented on the impacts of Airbnb and VRBO on increasing short-term occupancies and a reducing the supply of long-term rentals. Chief Bansen said the District has no authority to inspect or monitor these properties and this is something that Placer County may need to address.

**J. Adjourn.**

Directors Wilcox/Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 a.m.; vote was unanimous.

Cox-yes

Gustafson-yes

Hudson-yes

Poulsen-yes

Wilcox-yes

By, K. Obayashi-Bartsch