

**OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES #886
AUGUST 31, 2021**

*Agenda with board packet and staff reports is available at the following link:
<https://www.ovpsd.org/board-agenda-august-2021>*

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 Manager; Chris De Deo, Fire Captain; Mike Geary, General Manager; Danielle Grindle, Finance & Administration Manager; Jessica Grunst, Account Clerk II and Human Resources Specialist; Dave Hunt, District Engineer; Allen Riley, Fire Chief.

Others Present: Steve Burke; Sean B.; Alison Ekers; Bob Barnett; Janean Foote; Erin Holland; Cheryl Koffler; Jean Lange; David Stepner.

Director 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) – Due to generous community support, FOSV will sponsor an additional green waste day September 19th from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. A volunteer has offered to help community members who do not have transportation.

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

B-4 Squaw Valley Municipal Advisory Council (SVMAC) – Mr. Stepner provided an update on the Granite View Condominium Project which will have spa/retreat amenities and approximately 40-50 housing units. Mr. Stepner can provide the presentation given to the SVMAC upon request. Mr. Geary added that the same developers are working on a single-family residential development at Washoe Drive for which staff are drafting a Development Agreement for the Board's consideration soon.

B-5 Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company (SVMWC) – Bob Barnett and David Stepner provided an update on the water main replacement project. The MWC has been negotiating with Alterra Mountain Company to replace the pipe between well #1 and #2.

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

B-7 Mountain Housing Council of Tahoe Truckee (MHC) – Director Ilfeld provided an update. A report from Stacy Caldwell was attached to the report and provides valuable information. Director Ilfeld provided highlights of active programs and studies. There was a discussion on short term rentals.

B-8 Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency (T-TSA) – President Cox reviewed the T-TSA Board Meeting summary and discussed a violation which was *not* the result of any discharge to the Truckee River.

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- B-9** Capital Projects Advisory Committee (CAP) – Ms. Grindle and Mr. Geary provided a summary. The deadline for Tourism Master Plan Grant submittals is October 14th. Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funding has historically been used to fund infrastructure capital improvements, transportation projects, and business associations. The newly formed North Lake Tahoe Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) is a new 1-2% tax on tourism related businesses which will increase revenue for marketing and business associations. Approximately one-third of the TOT previously allocated to the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association and business associations will be redirected to fund traffic management solutions and workforce housing initiatives. The structure of CAP involvement for newly allocated TOT funds is still being determined.
- B-10** Firewise Community – Chief Riley said that Green Waste Weekend in August was very successful and provided information on home hardening and defensible space inspections. Mr. Stepner said the Firewise Council is working with Alterra Mountain Company to host a virtual evacuation drill on Saturday September 18th. Mr. Stepner said the comment that Ms. Lange made at the last Board meeting regarding campfires along State Route 89 generated substantial discussion on Nextdoor and the community rallied to contact US Forest Service representatives about the issue.

There was a discussion about mandatory compliance with State requirements for defensible space. Chief Riley reviewed the defensible space inspection process and the *Hazardous Vegetation Memorandum of Understanding* with Placer County. Properties that are not compliant after the second round of defensible space inspections will be reported to Placer County who will mandate defensible space compliance or will complete the cleanup and charge homeowners on the property tax roll. Staff is limited in the amount of work that can be done on defensible space inspections, particularly while responding to wildfires.

This item was taken out of order.

G-1 Fire Department Report

Chief Riley reviewed the report including providing an update on the scheduled Green Waste Days, Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), Fuels Management Program and Defensible Space Inspections. The Department has two crews at the Caldor Fire and has been providing mutual aid response throughout the summer at the Tamarack Fire, Dixie Fire, and Caldor Fire. Chief Riley provided a list of resources for fire information and provided additional information on the Caldor Fire status. There are no evacuation orders or warnings in Placer County currently and the Chief does not anticipate evacuation in Olympic Valley. However, residents should be vigilant and prepared. If the area goes into an evacuation warning people should be packing their car, if an evacuation order is called, people should immediately leave the area per the orders. Sheltering in place should not be required due to the Caldor Fire. CalFire and the US Forest Service have been managing the incident while law enforcement manages evacuations. There was a discussion about how the ski area has started to prepare and how snow guns or water from the ski resort could be used in the event of disaster. There was a discussion about defensible space enforcement, applicable laws, insurance, and other matters related to fire preparedness including consideration of more stringent defensible space and/or home hardening requirements, enforcing requirements, offering incentives, advocating to encourage more rigorous state requirements, managing risk, and educating the community.

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C. Public Comment/Presentation.

There was a comment about overgrown forested areas where defensible space requirements are not enforceable, Chief Riley said these areas would be identified as potential projects in the CWPP. A member of the public voiced support of resuming curbside green waste pickup.

D. Financial Consent Agenda Items.

Directors Hover-Smoot and Mercer convened with staff on August 30, 2021, from approximately 3:00 – 3:40 p.m. to review items D-1 through D-7 and other finance-related items on the agenda. Mr. Geary and Director Mercer provided a summary of the meeting.

Public Comment – None.

Director Mercer made a motion to approve the financial consent agenda which was seconded by Director Hover-Smoot. 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 July 27, 2021.

E-2 Minutes for the Board of Directors Special Meeting of August 3, 2021.

The Board reviewed the minutes, accepted public comment, and approved the minutes for the Board of Directors meeting of July 27, 2021 and August 3, 2021.

Director Ilfeld said some instances where the time is designated “A.M.” need to modified to “P.M.”

Public Comment – None.

Director Mercer made a motion to approve the minutes for the Board of Directors meeting of July 27, 2021, and August 3, 2021, with the correction made, which was seconded by Director Hover-Smoot. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

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

F. Old & New Business.

F-1 Sewer Connection Fee Appeal.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and denied Mr. Steven Burke’s appeal of a second Sewer Connection Fee charged for a second unit at 1329 Sandy Way.

The Board conducted a hearing of the appeal of Mr. Stephen Burke regarding the charge of a second sewer connection fee for the residence and ADU constructed on his property, located at 1329 Sandy Way. After hearing testimony and argument presented by Mr. Burke, the Board deliberated and unanimously determined that the appeal be denied.

Public Comment – None.

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Director Hudson made a motion to deny Mr. Steven Burke's appeal of a second Sewer Connection Fee charged for a second unit at 1329 Sandy Way, 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-2 Commercial Lease – 1810 Squaw Valley Road – Perusse Law

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and approved the proposed lease of 1810 Squaw Valley Road (office space), and authorized the General Manager to execute the lease with Perusse Law.

Ms. Asher reviewed the staff report. There was a discussion about rental rates, utility and snow removal charges, and the eventual need for additional space for the Operations and Fire Departments.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion to approve the proposed lease of 1810 Squaw Valley Road (office space), and to authorize the General Manager to execute the lease with Perusse Law. The motion was seconded by Director Ilfeld. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

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

F-3 Commercial Lease – 1810 Squaw Valley Road – Alterra Mountain Company

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and approved the proposed lease of 1810 Squaw Valley Road (office space), and authorized the General Manager to execute the lease with Alterra Mountain Company.

Director Hudson left the room due to a conflict of interest as an employee of Alterra Mountain Company.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion to approve the proposed lease of 1810 Squaw Valley Road (office space), and to authorize the General Manager to execute the lease with Alterra Mountain Company, which was seconded by Director Ilfeld. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

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

Director Hudson rejoined the room.

G. Management Status Reports.

G-2 Water & Sewer Operations Report

Mr. Burks reviewed the report and provided an update on Operations Department activities including water production, Stage II Drought Restrictions, notifications about heavy water use, Hidden Lake Water and Sewer Line Replacement Project, SVMWC water line replacement project, backflow prevention program, leak detection program, a leak at Valley View Condominiums, and water service line repair work at Squaw Valley Lodge. The aquifer level decreased approximately three feet this month.

G-3 Engineering Report

Mr. Hunt reviewed the report and provided an update on active projects including Hidden Lake Water and Sewer Line Replacement Project, Water Meter Replacement, Granite View Condominiums, Rosser/Carville Single Family Residential; Resort at Squaw Creek Phase II Infrastructure, pressure reducing valve, and Well 18-3R; single family residential plan reviews; and 30% drawings for water and dry utilities for the Village Project.

G-4 Administration & Office Report

Ms. Asher reviewed the report.

G-5 General Manager Report

Mr. Geary reviewed the report.

G-6 Legal Report (verbal)

No Report

G-7 Directors' Comments (verbal)

The Directors asked staff to continue working to prepare for a garbage committee meeting to determine how to address green waste in Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal Contract. The recent and upcoming Green Waste Days are a great example of community collaboration.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion, seconded by Director Mercer to move to Closed Session at 12:05 p.m. The motion passed.

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

H-1. 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 Fire Department, was discussed, no action was taken.

Director Hudson made a motion, seconded by Director Hover-Smoot, to move to Open Session at 1:05 PM p.m. The motion passed.

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

I. Possible Action Resulting from Closed Session.

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

I-1 Fire Department Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and adopted Resolution 2021-21, approving the MOU with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Engineers, Local 39, for the Fire Department Personnel.

The Board waived the reading of Resolution 2021-21.

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Public Comment – None.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-21, approving the MOU with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Engineers, Local 39, for the Fire Department Personnel. The motion was seconded by Director Mercer. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

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

J. Adjourn.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion, seconded by Director Hudson to adjourn at 1:16 PM. The motion passed.

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

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