

**OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES #905
JANUARY 31, 2023**

Agenda with board packet and staff reports is available at the following link:

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

Directors Present: Dale Cox*, Katy-Hover-Smoot, Bill Hudson, Fred Ilfeld, and Katrina Smolen.

*Directors joined via noticed teleconference.

Directors Absent: None

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: Mike Carabetta; Laney Griffo; Jason Hansford; Ed Heneveld; Richard Koffler; Jean Lange; Richard Pallante, T-TSA General Manager; Bob Shull, California CLASS; Dwight Smith, McGinley and Associates; and David Stepner.

Danielle Mueller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Community Informational Items.

B-1 Friends of Squaw Creek (FOSC) – None.

B-2 Friends of Olympic Valley (FOOV) – None.

B-3 Olympic Valley Design Review Committee (OVDRC) – David Stepner discussed the design of the base to base gondola maintenance building on the Olympic Valley side.

B-4 Olympic Valley Municipal Advisory Council (OVMAC) – There will be a joint meeting between the OVMAC and the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council (NTRAC) on February 9th to discuss traffic concerns and mitigation plans for the FIS World Cup. There was a brief discussion about how traffic impacts the District's operations and on-call response. The Board requested staff to submit a letter to the County regarding traffic impacts to the District.

B-5 Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company (SVMWC) – David Stepner provided an update on the water line replacement project and introduced Richard Koffler, the SVMWC treasurer.

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

B-7 Mountain Housing Council of Tahoe Truckee (MHC) – Director Ilfeld discussed the evolution of the MHC and the development of the Truckee Tahoe Workforce Housing Agency, which will work on housing issues from the employee/employer side and the Housing HUB, which will work on housing issues driven from the developer side. The North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (NLTRA) has changed its name to the North Tahoe Community Alliance (NTCA) to acknowledge the shift in the organization's focus from marketing to management. The NTCA will be supporting transportation and housing projects. Director Ilfeld discussed how the reduction in the state budget has cut housing funding and said that he and others will be going to Sacramento to lobby for housing funds.

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- B-8** Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency (T-TSA) – Director Cox reviewed the T-TSA Board Meeting summary and provided detail on the proposed changes in rates which are charged regionally on the tax bill. Richard Pallante, T-TSA General Manager, provided a presentation, included in the Board packet. District staff noted they have been working well with the agency through the General Manager transition. Director Ilfeld asked if T-TSA monitors wastewater for COVID indicators; Mr. Pallante said the agency was approached and has responded that they are willing to monitor but currently does not.
- B-9** Capital Projects Advisory Committee (CAP) – Ms. Mueller said the Placer County Board of Supervisors recently approved the projects recommended by the CAP. The Committee recommended \$4.5M in capital projects and reserved \$2.7M to fund future projects. The CAP bylaws were recently changed to allow funding of transportation and housing projects, however the County and NTCA are working to determine how the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) funding should be spent. Staff requested feedback from the Board in advance of an upcoming meeting on the topic. The Board expressed concern in diverting funds that have been used for capital projects in alignment with the Tourism Master Plan priorities, such as multi-use trail construction, towards housing projects if the projects are not well defined and there is not a similar housing master plan. In addition to trails providing recreational opportunities, they are a valuable means to alleviate traffic in the summer months. The Board supported completion of the resort triangle bike paths. Directors and members of the public acknowledged that assets such as the Olympic Valley Park and the bike paths in Olympic Valley need maintenance and that many regional trail systems lack infrastructure such as restrooms and water. They also noted that public transportation to point of use needs to be improved. They voiced concern about the need to fund maintenance and redevelopment of existing recreational assets as well as complete new capital projects. There was also clear acknowledgement that the workforce housing issues are critical to the District’s ability to retain and recruit staff and be able to continue to provide high-level services to our community. Staff encouraged the community to look for and submit a survey related to how TOT and TBID funding will be allocated.
- B-10** Firewise Community – Mike Carabetta said the National Fire Protection Association renewed the Olympic Valley Firewise Community for the 2022-2023 year. Renewal is required annually which is time consuming and the group hopes to streamline the process through use of a QR code for self-reporting of defensible space hours at green waste days. District staff have been working with Placer County to organize *Chipper Days* – the Firewise Community would like to try to capture the data associated with chipping. The Firewise Community had a financial deficit last year; while they have been successful with fundraising, they may charge for curbside collection of green waste in the future. The Alpine Meadows/Olympic Valley fuel reduction project is fully funded and progress on the required environmental documentation will be underway shortly. Director Smolen said FOSC was considering applying for a CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grant.

Item F-2 was taken out of order.

F-2 Fuels Management Program.

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

Chief Riley and Ms. Asher reviewed the staff report. The Directors voiced support for long-term fire prevention staffing and applauded the fuels management work by the District and Firewise Community.

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Public Comment –

Ed Heneveld said that Katrina Smolen is working on grants for the Firewise Community and suggested the District and Friends of Squaw Creek/Firewise Community coordinate grant applications. Mike Carabetta said that the Firewise Community often hears complaints about how people’s neighbors are managing their defensible space and said more public education is important.

C. Public Comment/Presentation.

None.

D. Financial Consent Agenda Items.

Directors Hudson and Smolen convened with staff on January 30, 2023 from approximately 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. to review items D-1 through D-14, F-5, F-6, and other finance-related items on the agenda. Ms. Mueller provided a summary of the meeting. Item D-14 was removed from the consent agenda.

Public Comment – None.

Director Cox made a motion to approve the financial consent agenda which was seconded by Director Hover-Smoot. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

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

E. Approve Minutes.

E-1 Minutes for the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of December 13, 2022.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and approved the minutes for the Board of Director meeting of December 13, 2022.

Public Comment – None.

Director Ilfeld made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Director meeting of December 13, 2023, which was seconded by Director Cox. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

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

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion to adjourn the OVPSD meeting at 10:02 AM and for the Board to reconvene as the Olympic Valley Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) Implementation Group, which was seconded by Director Smolen. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

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

A. OVGMP – Call to Order and Roll Call.

Director Hudson called the meeting of the Olympic Valley Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) Implementation Group to order at 10:02 a.m.

Directors Present: Dale Cox, Katy Hover-Smoot, Bill Hudson, Fred Ilfeld, and Katrina Smolen

Directors Absent: None

Ms. Asher announced that Pursuant to Government Code section 54952.3, the Board does not receive any additional compensation over and above their \$600 monthly compensation.

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B. Six Year Review and Report.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment and adopted Olympic Valley Groundwater Management Plan (OVGMP) Implementation Group Resolution – 2023-01 incorporating the Six-Year Review and Report (SRR) for water years 2016-2021 into the OVGMP.

Mr. Hunt provided a summary of the staff report and project status. The Advisory Committee met on November 9, 2022 and recommends approval of the Six-Year Review and Report.

Mr. Smith, McGinley and Associates, provided an overview of the changes made to the Draft report based on direction from the December 13, 2022 Board meeting. These changes included integrating recommendations regarding climate change, providing additional information regarding water quality items, and differentiating snowmaking and irrigation water demands.

Public Comment –

Mr. Heneveld asked about the transmissivity related to Well 18-4; Mr. Smith responded that testing of the new Well 18-4, which has not been in use to date, was performed in 2017 and there has been some monitoring in adjacent areas. While there is some reporting available, the District would need to work with the Resort at Squaw Creek for further information. Director Smolen asked if the District’s development agreement included monitoring. Mr. Geary responded that monitoring may be addressed in the Supplemental EIR but it is not addressed in the development agreement. Mr. Heneveld also discussed the water quality concerns in the SRR and the Technical Review Committee CHAMP meetings. Mr. Geary said staff attends the CHAMP meetings and will report updates to the Board.

Jason Hansford read a letter from Todd Groundwater related to proposed groundwater modeling for assessing water supply sufficiency with climate change. The letter stated that due to the unique conditions of Olympic Valley’s aquifer, future changes to the annual water budget for the Olympic valley Groundwater Basin are likely to be small and proposed climate change analyses are likely to have limited benefit. The comment letter stated that if the climate change analyses were completed for the Village at Palisades Tahoe Specific Plan’s (VPTSP) Water Supply Assessment (WSA), [as proposed by the District in its response to the VPTSP’s Partially Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (PRDEIR)], the analysis would not substantially change the results of the District’s future supply sufficiency analysis presented in the WSA.

The letter read by Mr. Hansford resulted in a conflict of interest for Directors Hudson and Smolen who are either employed by, or perform contractual services for, Palisades Tahoe. They both stated their conflict and left the room.

Mr. Hunt said that the SRR does not address future development. The Directors thanked Mr. Smith for incorporating the Board’s concerns related to climate change into the OVGMP and noted that it is an essential element to groundwater management.

Director Cox made a motion to adopt Implementation Group Resolution 2023-01 to incorporate the Six Year Review and Report for Water Years 2016-2021 in the OVGMP. The motion was seconded by Director Hover-Smoot. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

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

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C. Adjourn

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion to adjourn OVGMP Implementation Group meeting at 10:28 AM, which was seconded by Director Cox. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

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

Director Cox called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. Directors Hudson and Smolen returned to the room.

F. Old & New Business.

F-1 Village at Palisades Tahoe Project Update.

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

Mr. Archer said the Village at Palisades Tahoe Specific Plan is a matter of large community concern. Due to the conflicts of interest of Directors Hudson and Smolen’s employment and contractual relationship with Palisades Tahoe, they sat in the audience with the public to listen to the item as members of the community.

Mr. Geary reviewed the staff report and discussed the comments submitted by the District to Placer County in response to the Partially Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (PRDEIR), which were included in the Board Packet.

Mr. Smith provided a summary of the scope of work included with the comment letter. Director Hover-Smoot noted that the impacts of climate change on the District’s operations have been regularly discussed at Board meetings for several years. She said she hopes the applicant will move forward with climate change modeling to be equipped with more knowledge and a clean conscience. Director Ilfeld said he supported the letter as provided to the County.

Director Ilfeld asked which agency is responsibility for evacuations along SR 89. Staff said law enforcement would be responsible for evacuations and does not know if CalTrans or California Highway Patrol provided comments in response to the PRDEIR.

Public Comment -

Ms. Lange asked for clarification about how future water demands are incorporated into the numeric groundwater model. Mr. Geary responded that the estimated water demands at build out are modeled including the proposed residential units, the mountain adventure center, irrigation and snowmaking.

Mike Carabetta submitted a letter from the Friends of Olympic Valley requesting that the District inform the County that the redundant water supply study has concluded and that no viable alternative water supply was found; and that information from the Community Wildfire Protection Plan regarding the District’s wildfire risk should replace the opinions of the OVFD’s former Fire Chief from 2016 .

David Stepner asked how the updates to the Water Supply Assessment (WSA) would be funded. Mr. Geary said the applicant would reimburse the cost to prepare the WSA if the County directed it be updated. Mr. Stepner asked how the District would proceed if the County does not direct the District to update the WSA. Mr. Geary said the County is the lead agency since the District is not considered a

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“public water system” under SB 610 and that the District could update the WSA as a matter of information outside the CEQA process, but that option has not been discussed.

Mr. Heneveld noted that Dwight Smith’s scope of work does not include updating the water model to include data since 2015, and asked how costly and how valuable incorporating this data would be. Mr. Smith responded that a medium priority from the OVGMP SRR is to update the water model, complete a model audit, and recalibrate if required. This effort may be significant. However, since the driest time frame is from 1999-2000 and the model seems to be fairly accurate, he does not anticipate significant changes that would substantially affect the WSA. Mr. Heneveld voiced concern about the evacuation, future shelter in place options, and voiced support for the Jitney Road.

Jason Hansford said he and Palisades Tahoe look forward to working with the District. He said that climate change is an important issue and briefly discussed the modeling science. He said that challenging wildfire conditions exist today and those concerns are not related to the Village development. The Specific Plan will be consistent with the wildfire prevention plan for the District. There is a unique opportunity for shelter in place, but the development will also be hardening buildings with ventilation for shelter in place scenarios. He noted that the solutions related to wildfire preparedness require a variety of approaches.

Katrina Smolen and Bill Hudson rejoined the Board.

F-3 Annual Review of Purpose and Mission Statements, and Core Values.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and determined that no changes are needed.

Mr. Geary introduced the staff report. A review of the District’s Purpose Statement, Mission Statement and Core Values is part of the Board’s annual activities. The Board said that they may want to expand the mission statement to more fully include the District’s fire prevention work, but that it would be best considered in a future strategic planning session.

Public Comment – None.

F-4 Fire Department – Mission and Vision Statements, and Core Values.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and determined that no changes are needed.

Chief Riley introduced the staff report. An annual review of the Department’s adopted Mission and Vision Statements and Core Values is part of the Board’s annual activities. Chief Riley said the statements are reviewed with the crews annually and the Fire Department has no proposed changes to the Statements. The Directors said that no changes are needed at this time.

Public Comment – None.

F-5 Purchase of Certificate of Deposit (CD) with Protective Securities, Inc.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and authorized staff to transfer funds into three new CDs, each worth \$246,000, for a range of 2- to 5-year maturities, with Protective Securities, Inc.

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This item was discussed at the Finance Committee, Ms. Mueller reviewed the staff report.

Public Comment – None.

Director Smolen made a motion to authorize staff to transfer funds into three new CDs, each worth \$246,000, for a range of 2- to 5-year maturities, with Protective Securities, Inc., which was seconded by Director Hover-Smoot. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

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

F-6 Enrollment in California CLASS

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, adopted Resolution 2023-01, authorized the General Manager to execute registration documents, and approved an initial funding investment of \$2,000,000.

This item was discussed at the Finance Committee. Bob Shull, Director of Investment Advisory Services for California Class, provided a brief overview of the local management investment pool via telephone. Ms. Mueller reviewed the staff report. There was a discussion about the investments of California CLASS which are limited per Government Code 53601 which directs investment of public funds. While the pool does not have FDIC Insurance, the investments are very conservative. Director Cox voiced concern about the pool not having FDIC insurance. Staff and other Directors appreciated the concern but disagreed that all District investments should be FDIC insured.

Public Comment –

Jean Lange asked what percent of the District’s funds would be moved to California CLASS; Ms. Mueller responded that the initial investment would be \$2M, which is approximately 15% of the District’s funds.

Director Ilfeld made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-01, to authorize the General Manager to execute registration documents, and to approve an initial funding investment of \$2,000,000, which was seconded by Director Hover-Smoot. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Cox – No | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Ilfeld – Yes | Smolen – Yes

F-7 AB 2449 – Brown Act Legislation

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and provided direction regarding hybrid meeting and Director attendance policies.

Ms. Asher reviewed the staff report. There was a discussion about hybrid meetings and the Board directed staff to continue business as usual and to teleconference under traditional Brown Act legislation as needed.

Public Comment – None.

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G. Management Status Reports.

G-1 Fire Department Report

Chief Riley reviewed the report, discussed his attached resignation letter, increased call volume and the traffic considerations as related to emergency response.

G-2 Water & Sewer Operations Report

Mr. Burks reviewed the report and discussed succession planning, staff training, winter operations, bike trail snow removal and equipment maintenance, water tank and fire hydrant snow removal, the water meter replacement project, and the Zone 3 Tank recoating project.

G-3 Engineering Report

Mr. Hunt reviewed the report and provided an update on the Department's projects including the Village at Palisades Tahoe Specific Plan, the SVMWC/OVPSD Intertie Project, the Zone 3 Recoating Project and updates to the District's Capital Replacement Plan.

G-4 Administration & Office Report

Ms. Asher reviewed the report and discussed the recruitment for an Administrative Assistant or Program Analyst I, the Brown Act, and Board Meeting Length. The Board said that meetings over 4-5 hours are challenging mentally but that snacks do alleviate some of the burn-out. The Board generally wanted to proceed with business as usual rather than increasing the use of committees or special meetings but suggested that especially for longer agendas we streamline the community information items and consider using the committee structure and consent agenda more.

G-5 General Manager Report

Mike Geary introduced Laney Griffo, a journalist for the Sierra Sun, in the audience. Ms. Griffo said the publication would like to have more coverage of Olympic Valley and that she intends to increase her attendance at Board Meetings.

G-6 Legal Report (verbal)

None.

G-7 Directors' Comments (verbal)

The Directors requested the District write a letter to Placer County regarding the traffic impacts to operations, noted that Santa's visit to the District was very successful and voiced appreciation for the Directors not voting unanimously on some agenda items. There was concern about Amerigas not filling propane tanks. Staff responded that they have reached out to the Office of Emergency Services on the issue but has not received a meaningful response.

H. Adjourn.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion, seconded by Director Ilfeld to adjourn at 12:51 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

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

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