

**OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES #906  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023 ADJOURNED TO MARCH 3, 2023**

*Agenda with board packet and staff reports is available at the following link:  
<https://www.ovpsd.org/board-agenda-february-2023>*

The Regular meeting of February 28, 2023 was adjourned to March 3, 2023 pursuant to Gov. Code 54954.2(b)(3) due to the National Weather Service issuing a Blizzard Warning for the Greater Lake Tahoe Area, including Olympic Valley. Due to scheduling considerations the agenda was taken in the following order: A, C, D, E, F-1, F-2, F-4, F-5, B, F-3, G, and H. For simplicity, the minutes reflect the order of the meeting per the agenda.

**A. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.** President Cox called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

**Directors Present:** Dale Cox, Katy-Hover-Smoot, and Fred Ilfeld.

**Directors Absent:** Bill Hudson and Katrina Smolen.

**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:** Laney Griffio and Richard Koffler.

Dave Hunt 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) – None.
- B-4** Olympic Valley Municipal Advisory Council (OVMAC) – There was a joint meeting between the OVMAC and the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council (NTRAC) on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to discuss Regional Peak Winter Traffic Management and mitigation plans for the FIS World Cup. Mr. Geary provided a summary of the meeting and discussed the solution-oriented letter staff is preparing regarding transportation and traffic. There was a discussion about the importance of engaging legislators, petitioning for state and federal funding, and the challenges with the many involved jurisdictions. The Board stated the importance of widening State Route 89 to improve evacuation outcomes which can also alleviate traffic concerns.
- B-5** Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company (SVMWC) – Richard Koeffler provided an update on the water line replacement project. He noted that the Company is awaiting a response from Palisades Tahoe regarding the easement related to the Intertie Project, recently upgraded their Badger Meter Software, collected 100% of all billing, and will be meeting on March 6, 2023 to consider updated bylaws and rate structure. Chief Riley reminded Mr. Koeffler to have their operations crew dig out fire hydrants as quickly as possible after storms.
- B-6** Squaw Valley Property Owners Association (SVPOA) – None.

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- B-7** Mountain Housing Council of Tahoe Truckee (MHC) – Director Ilfeld said he and the policy working group traveled to Sacramento to speak with representatives, primarily about achievable housing which is not fully recognized in the legislature. In a few weeks, the group will visit again to advocate for specific bills.
- B-8** Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency (T-TSA) – Director Cox discussed the proposed changes in rates. The Directors are leaning towards an option with a 36% increase in year one followed by moderate annual increases. While the wastewater treatment plant has been running efficiently and cost effectively for approximately fifty years, the agency is behind in capital improvements and associated funding, having not increased rates since 2007.
- B-9** Capital Projects Advisory Committee (CAP) – Mr. Geary provided a summary of the joint meeting held February 15, 2023 between the CAP, the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) committee and the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) committee. The meeting discussed the expenditure of TOT and TBID funding and provided information about important initiatives such as housing and transportation. The Board noted concerns about the fragmentation of the various committees and requested that a representative from North Tahoe Community Alliance or Placer County join a future District Board Meeting to provide an overview of the committee structure and how the funding streams will be allocated.
- B-10** Firewise Community – Staff is working with the Firewise Community on 2023 Green Waste programs.

**C. Public Comment/Presentation.**

None.

**D. Financial Consent Agenda Items.**

Directors Hudson and Smolen convened with staff on February 27, 2023 from approximately 1:00 – 1:35 p.m. to review items D-1 through D-14 and other finance-related items on the agenda. Ms. Mueller provided a summary of the meeting.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion to approve the financial consent agenda which was seconded by Director Ilfeld. The motion passed.

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

**E. Approve Minutes.**

**E-1 Minutes for the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of January 31, 2023.**

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and approved the minutes for the Board of Director meeting of January 31, 2023.

Public Comment – None.

Director Ilfeld made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Director meeting of January 31, 2023, which was seconded by Director Hover-Smoot. The motion passed.

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

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**F. Old & New Business.**

**F-1 Fuels Management Program.**

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

Chief Riley and Ms. Asher reviewed the staff report. The Board asked how the green waste programs are funded. The six-yard green-waste-only dumpster rebate program is funded through rate revenue for garbage customers and through property tax revenue for customers in the fire protection area that are not garbage customers. The green waste days are funded through rates and the garbage fixed asset replacement fund (FARF) and the chipper program is paid for individually by those that utilize the services.

Public Comment – None.

**F-2 On-Call Forestry and Fuels Management Services – Feather River Forestry Professional Services Agreement.**

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, approved an on call professional services agreement with Feather River Forestry not-to-exceed \$20,000 annually, approved an amendment to the Fire Department’s FY 2022-2023 Operating Budget in the amount of \$20,000, and authorized the General Manager to execute all contractual documents.

Mr. Geary reviewed the staff report. Staff assured the Board that contracting the forestry and fuels management services is more cost effective than hiring additional staff at this stage, but that it would continue to be evaluated as the Fuels Management Program evolves.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion to approve an on call professional services agreement with Feather River Forestry not-to-exceed \$20,000 annually, approve an amendment to the Fire Department’s FY 2022-2023 Operating Budget in the amount of \$20,000, and authorize the General Manager to execute all contractual documents. The motion was seconded by Director Ilfeld. The motion passed.

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

**F-3 Budget Preparation Schedule.**

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

Ms. Mueller reviewed the staff report. There was a brief discussion about the proposition 218 notices which must be mailed by May 12, 2023.

Public Comment – None.

**F-4 California Special Districts Association (CSDA) – Board of Directors Nominations Seat C**

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and did not nominate a candidate.

Ms. Asher reviewed the staff report. The Directors voiced confidence in the incumbent Directors.

Public Comment – None.

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**F-5 Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) – Board of Directors Nominations.**  
The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and did not nominate a candidate.

Ms. Asher reviewed the staff report.

Public Comment – None.

**G. Management Status Reports.**

**G-1 Fire Department Report**

Chief Riley reviewed the report, and discussed the February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 avalanche which hit a multi-family residential building at the base of Tram Face. Chief Riley provided a summary of the response effort in unified command with Placer County Sheriff and thanked the many agencies, commercial entities, and resources involved. Chief Riley said the new water tender was delivered and that staff will bring a recommendation to the Board next month regarding how to dispose of the old water tender.

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

Mr. Burks reviewed the report. The public and Board commended the Operations staff on winter operations including the bike trail snow removal. There was a brief discussion about the bike path contract and staff noted that due to the high precipitation totals this winter more funding than budgeted would likely be expended on operations compared to saving for equipment replacement.

**G-3 Engineering Report**

Mr. Hunt reviewed the report.

**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)**

None.

**G-7 Directors' Comments (verbal)**

None.

**H. Adjourn.**

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion, seconded by Director Ilfeld to adjourn at 9:37 a.m. The motion passed.

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

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