

OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES #933
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

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A. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Cox called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Directors Absent: Fred Ilfeld

Staff Present: Jessica Asher, Program Manager & Board Secretary; Gary Bell, Legal Counsel; Brandon Burks, Operations Manager; Sam Donahue, Operations Superintendent; Dave Hunt, District Engineer; Danielle Mueller, Finance and Administration Manager; Charley Miller, General Manager.

Others Present: Ed Heneveld, Richard Koffler, Jean Lange, and David Stepner.

Mr. Burks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Community Informational Items.

B-1 Olympic Valley Watershed Alliance (OVWA) – None.

B-2 Friends of Olympic Valley (FoOV) – Dr. Heneveld stated that the FoOV continue to advocate for a reduced-density plan for the Village at Palisades Tahoe Specific Plan Project. He expressed concerns about the District's ability to implement the biological and hydrological mitigations outlined in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and requested clarification on how these efforts would be managed. He also inquired about the timeline for public input on the District's development agreement. In response, General Counsel recommended that the matter be placed on the agenda for further discussion at the next Board meeting, rather than addressing it during the current meeting. The Board agreed and requested that this item, along with a staff report addressing Dr. Heneveld's questions, be included in the October Board Agenda.

B-3 Olympic Valley Design Review Committee (OVDRC) – Mr. Stepner said the OVDRC approved the design of a residence proposed in Meadows End Court.

B-4 Olympic Valley Municipal Advisory Council (OVMAC) – Mr. Stepner summarized the Planning Commission meeting related to the Village at Palisades Tahoe Specific Plan Project. He also discussed the 85-page report provided by Sierra Watch and the potential timing of the Board of Supervisors' meeting to consider the Project.

B-5 Olympic Valley Mutual Water Company (OVMWC) – Mr. Stepner reported on the status of current projects, noting that all SCADA upgrades were completed to allow remote system operation and that fire hydrant maintenance is underway. He shared that the OVMWC is testing the durability of whips to replace the poles on the hydrants this winter. There will be an annual members meeting on October 17th at 10:00. There will be no election for the Board as there are no new candidates. Mr. Koeffler added that 98% of customers have paid their bills with six outstanding accounts.

- B-6** Firewise Community – Mr. Stepner said Green Waste Days (GWD) are going well, the last GWD will be on October 13th.
- B-7** Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency (T-TSA) – Director Cox reviewed the T-TSA Board Meeting summary, highlighting the high-strength nutrient study undertaken by the agency.

C. Public Comment/Presentation.

Ms. Lange asked about laundry detergent strips containing polyvinyl alcohol, and there was a discussion about PFAS chemicals contributing to water quality issues. Mr. Burks said there will be PFAS testing and potential treatment programs to remove these substances in the next three years. He highlighted that this is an emerging concern affecting water and wastewater systems.

Dr. Heneveld discussed a community concern about Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Cyanobacteria testing at Washeshu Creek, noting that the significance is unknown. Staff clarified that surface water concerns differ from groundwater concerns and that the District sources water from groundwater.

D. Financial Consent Agenda Items.

Directors Hudson and Smolen convened with staff on September 24th, 2024, from approximately 7:45 to 8:29 A.M. to review items D-1 through D-16 and other finance-related items on the agenda. Ms. Mueller summarized the meeting, highlighting that June and August financials were reviewed. She provided a summary of the year-end financials.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hudson motioned to approve the financial consent agenda, which Director Smolen seconded. The motion passed.

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

E. Approve Minutes.

E-1 Minutes for the Regular Board of Directors meeting of August 27th, 2024.

The Board reviewed the items, accepted public comment, and approved item E-1.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hudson moved to approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes of August 27th, 2024, which Director Hover-Smoot seconded. The motion passed.

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

F. Old and New Business.

F-1 Fire Impact Fee Program – Annual and Five-Year Findings Reports

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, and adopted Resolution 2024-28, which approved the Annual Report and Five-Year Findings Report for the Fire Impact Fee Program.

Ms. Mueller reviewed the Board Report and summarized the Annual and Five-Year Findings Reports for the Fire Impact Fee Program. There was a brief discussion about the Nexus Study for the Fire Impact Fee, which is underway, and minimizing fees for additional dwelling units (ADUs). Staff explained that legislation exempts ADUs under 750 square feet from fees, and the rate will be structured on a per-square-foot basis, making the fee proportional to the size of the structure.

Public Comment – None.

Director Hover-Smoot motioned to adopt Resolution 2024-28, which Director Hudson seconded. A roll call was taken, and the motion passed.

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

F-2 California Air Resources Board (CARB).

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

Mr. Donahue reviewed the staff report and provided a presentation, which was included in the Board Exhibit. There was a discussion about the impact of the new legislation, which is substantial for many agencies but relatively minimal for OVPSD.

Public Comment –

Mr. Stepner asked about the technologies that qualify under the legislation. Mr. Donahue clarified that hybrid vehicles do not qualify. Ms. Lange asked how these vehicles would be powered in an outage. Mr. Burks discussed the importance of redundancy in all of the District's infrastructure in the case of a multiple-day power outage.

F-3 Fuels Management Program.

The Board reviewed the item and accepted public comment.

Mr. Miller and Ms. Asher reviewed the staff report, detailing the status of active fuel reduction projects, green waste programs, and defensible space inspections. Director Hover-Smoot voiced concern about the door tags alerting homeowners about their defensible space inspections being lost in the wind over time. Staff said they would learn more from Fire Department personnel about how the information related to defensible space inspections is distributed and will inform the Board.

Public Comment – None.

G. Management Status Reports.

G-1 Fire Department Report

There was no verbal report.

G-2 Water & Sewer Operations Report

Mr. Burks reviewed the report, highlighting water production, aquifer levels, and the progress of the water meter replacement project, with over 500 cellular meters now installed. He also noted that the District is hiring for an Ops I or Training position. In response to a customer request, their water was retested for lead and copper, showing improved results from previous testing due to increased usage and the customer's internal plumbing upgrades. Additionally, Mr. Burks mentioned that the Department has completed the lead and copper service line database, as required by the State and that the 3rd notices for backflow prevention testing have been sent.

G-3 Engineering Report

Mr. Hunt reviewed the report and provided updates on several projects, including the OVMWC Emergency Intertie Project, the Granite Chief "A-Line" sewer replacement project, the Everline Resort Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) station and Development Agreement, the Olympic Valley Groundwater Management Plan's Groundwater Database update, the Village at Palisades Tahoe Specific Plan Development Agreement, and the District office boiler replacement project.

G-4 Administration & Office Report

Ms. Asher reviewed the report highlighting the timeline for the five-year strategic plan. She asked the Board if they would like to maintain the holiday meeting schedule set last year; they requested the meeting be moved from November 26th to 19th, with formal action to be taken next month. Additionally, the Board asked staff to explore improving the Board Packet functionality on the new website, expressing a preference for each exhibit to open in a new tab.

G-5 General Manager Report

Mr. Miller reviewed the report, highlighting the meetings he attended over the past month.

G-6 Legal Report (verbal)

None.

G-7 Directors' Comments (verbal)

Director Smolen thanked the Fire Department personnel for their letter regarding the extrication equipment and their thorough investigation into the best tools. Director Hudson requested that staff aim for more balanced meeting agendas, noting the contrast between this month's shorter agenda and previous, much longer ones. Director Hover-Smoot added that she looked forward to the upcoming consideration of the Everline Development Agreement.

J. Adjourn.

Director Hudson made a motion, seconded by Director Hover-Smoot to adjourn at 10:15 A.M. The motion passed.

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

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