

OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES #921
DECEMBER 22ND, 2023

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

President Cox called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.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; Mike Geary, General Manager; Dave Hunt, District Engineer.

Others Present: Mike Carabetta, Ed Heneveld, and Dwight Smith.

Director Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Hudson and Katrina Smolen acknowledged their conflict of interest related to the Palisades Tahoe Village Development and thus are not participating in the meeting.

B. Public Comment/Presentation.

Mike Carabetta announced that the Olympic Valley Firewise Community received their annual certification.

C. Climate Change Modeling for the Sufficiency of Supply Assessment.

The Board reviewed the item, accepted public comment, approved the proposal from UES to perform climate change groundwater modeling, authorized the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with UES in an amount not to exceed \$33,288, and approved a budget amendment in the same amount.

Staff reviewed the board exhibit. The proposed scope of work is the same as the scope of work previously prepared to accompany the District's comments to Placer County in response to the Partially Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Village at Palisades Tahoe Specific Plan (Village PRDEIR) with adjustments to reduce peer review and coordination that would be needed only if the additional modelling were directed by the County.

The climate change analysis will utilize change factors provided by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in 2018 that are specific to the District's watershed area for the 2070 central tendency, and the two climate extremes. The 2070 central tendency climate scenario with a two month shift in cessation of intermittent flow in Washeshu Creek will be used as the most likely climate change scenario and to gage the sufficiency of supply. The two climate extremes will be modeled for informational purposes, to inform the OVPSD and water resources stakeholders of the range of uncertainty reflected amongst the differing climate change models. The model is limited in that it was last calibrated in 2015, however, staff feels that use of water years 1992-2014 remain

appropriate as the single- and multiple-dry year events would likely not change and use of the same data allows for consistent comparison with the 2015 Water Supply Assessment. Staff confirmed that the model will use water demands as determined in 2015 which include the then existing demands, the project demands (Palisades Tahoe Village at full-build out including the Mountain Adventure Center), and cumulative development demands.

The Board discussed alternatives to completing this study including engineered solutions to retain water in the Valley. The Board discussed its fiscal responsibility to the community and concerns regarding funding a study that could be the responsibility of the developer. However, it was determined that this guidance is critical for the District to understand the impact of the project on the sole-source aquifer with the best available science related to climate change.

Public Comment –

Mr. Carabetta voiced his concerns with the Village PREIR. In response to questioning from Mr. Heneveld; Mr. Hunt described the project team for the Water Supply Assessment and Mr. Smith provided detail on the model data. Mr. Heneveld agreed that the scope of work should be completed but that the study should be paid for by the developer.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion to approve the proposal from UES to perform climate change groundwater modeling, authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with UES in an amount not to exceed \$33,288, and approve a budget amendment in the same amount. Director Ilfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

D. Closed Session.

D-1 Closed Session – Public Employment.

This item was not considered.

E. Possible Action from Closed Session.

E-1 General Manager's Employment Contract.

This item was not considered.

F. Adjourn.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion, seconded by Director Ilfeld, to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 P.M. The motion passed.

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

By, J. Asher