TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Tuolumne Utilities District convened at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, 18885 Nugget Blvd., Sonora, California.

This meeting was held in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950, et seq.), and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act. No physical public meeting location was provided for this meeting. Instead, the Board held this meeting telephonically using Zoom. Members of the public were able to speak and provide oral comments during the meeting.

A verbal roll call was conducted by Melissa McMullen, Board Clerk.

Melissa McMullen, Board Clerk, conducted all voting by verbal roll call.

The following Directors and staff were present:

Director Balen, President
Director Ringen, Vice President
Director Boatright
Director Kerns
Director Murphy

Edwin R. Pattison, General Manager
Erik Johnson, District Engineer
Don Perkins, Operations Director
Steve Sheffield, Finance Director
Abby Parcon, Administrative Services Director
Melissa McMullen, Executive Secretary, Board Clerk
Jesse Barton, District Counsel

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

I. Public Forum

No public comment was heard.

II. Consent Calendar

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 12, 2021

2. Reject Claim for Damages – Claim No. 20-04 Phillip Ferreira; Claimant

Melissa McMullen stated that a correction was made to the minutes of January 12, 2021, Item #7 Consider Adopting CEQA Notice of Determination and Executing Agreement Regarding Construction and Transfer of Water and Sewer Main Line Extensions to Serve the Stone Mill Development Parcels —RC Equities, LLC and DG Investors, LLC. *The order of the motions by Director Murphy and Director Ringen were revised to show Director Murphy's motion was proposed before Director Ringen's motion.*

Director Balen pulled Item #1 of the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

Director Balen requested the following revision to the January 12, 2021 Board meeting minutes; Item #5 Consider Authorizing General Manager to Execute an Engineering Services Agreement with Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering (PACE) for Bidding and Construction Phase Support, Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) Programming, and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Integration Services for the Sonora Regional Wastewater Recycling Facility Project. *Director Balen requested that the current project title be the same as the original project title and to remove the word* ***"recycling"*** *as it was not in the original CEQA*

project title.

Director Ringen moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the revisions to Item #1. Director Boatright seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

III. Regular Business

By consensus the Board approved hearing Item #4 before Item #3 under Regular Business.

4. Consider Contract Extension for Legislative Advocacy Services

Ed Pattison presented a summarization of the request to consider approving a one-year contract extension for VNF Solutions and California Advocates for the 2021 calendar year.

No public comment was heard.

Director Kerns moved to approve a one-year contract extension for VNF Solutions and California Advocates for the 2021 Calendar year. Director Ringen, Vice President seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

3. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program in Accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for Sierra Pines Regional Water Treatment Facility

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:15 a.m.

Erik Johnson, Don Perkins and Dave Beauchamp, Environmental Science Associates (ESA), presented a summarization of the request to consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program in Accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for Sierra Pines Regional Water Treatment Facility and responded to questions.

Public comment was heard.

Director Balen closed the Public Hearing at 10:59 a.m.

Director Ringen made the motion to refer this item to the appropriate Committees. Director Murphy seconded the motion.

Director Balen made a motion to approve CEQA and Monitoring but to have the CEQA document referred to various committees for review and revision. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Director Ringen rescinded his motion to refer this item to the appropriate Committees. Director Murphy rescinded her second of Director Ringen's motion.

Director Ringen moved to approve the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration with the understanding that the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting program would be amended to address night sky, pond turtle, and fire protection concerns. Director Murphy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

5. Operational Update on the Water and Wastewater Departments

Don Perkins gave an Operational Update on the Water and Wastewater Departments and responded to questions.

No public comment was heard.

IV. Staff Reports

Abby Parcon reported on the following items:
-Tuolumne County Pubic Health: Availability of COVID-19 vaccines for employees

Ed Pattison reported on the following items:
-Scheduling of Board Committees for February 2021

-Scheduling:
Board Workshop: Water Availability is tentatively scheduled for February 11, 2021

Board Workshop: Update on the Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Phoenix Water Rights and Facilities Acquisition and the United States Bureau of Reclamation New Melones Central Valley Project Water Supply Contract is tentatively scheduled for February 18, 2021

Board of Directors Tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant is tentatively scheduled for late February

V. Directors Communication and Reports

Director Ringen reported on the following items:
-Participated in the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWMP Water Advisory Committee meeting

Director Balen reported on the following items:
-Mountain Counties Water Resources Association meetings

Director Balen recessed the meeting into Closed Session at 12:24 p.m.

VI. Closed Session

a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 Position: General Manager

VII. Reconvene to Open Session

a. Closed Session Disclosure

Director Balen reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 2:27 p.m. with no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Date: November 30, -1

ATTEST:

Barbara Balen, President
Board of Directors

Melissa McMullen,
Executive Secretary/Board Clerk