TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2022

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 the Governor's State of Emergency, declared on March 4, 2020; Cal/OSHA's recommendations for social distancing; the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code section 54950, et seq.) as amended by Assembly Bill 361; 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.

The following Directors and staff were present:

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

Don Perkins, General Manager
Erik Johnson, District Engineer
Steve Sheffield, Finance Director
Abby Parcon, Administrative Services Director
Eric Hall, Operations Director
Melissa McMullen, Executive Secretary/Board Clerk
Lisa Westbrook, Community Affairs Specialist

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

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

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 February 22, 2022

2. Approval of Reimbursement Claims for Directors Statement of Meetings Attended and/or Travel Expenses and Claim Summary for February 2022

   No public comment was heard.

   Director Kerns moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Ringen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

III. Regular Business

3. Public Hearing: Consider the Proposal to Establish Five (5) District Boundaries for District-Based Elections

   President Balen opened the Public Hearing at 9:06 a.m.

   The Board held discussion regarding the establishment of Five (5) District Boundaries. Matt

Rexroad from Redistricting Insights responded to questions from the Board.

No public comment was heard.

Melissa McMullen, Board Clerk, stated that no written comments were received from the public.

President Balen closed the Public Hearing at 9:15 a.m.

4. Presentation of the Tuolumne Utilities District Communication and Engagement Plan by Raftelis

Abby Parcon began discussions and introduced Samantha Villegas, Matt Wittern and Mary Zambrano from Raftelis. Raftelis developed a communications and engagement plan (plan) intended to guide the District's communication and engagement activities in support of a successful water rights acquisition.

Samantha Villegas and Matt Wittern of Raftelis presented an overview of the *"Our Water, Our Future"* communications and engagement plan and responded to questions.

No public comment was heard.

5. Consider Resuming In-Person Board Meetings and/or Adopting a Subsequent Resolution Making Findings in Support of Allowing Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB 361

Abby Parcon presented a summarization for the consideration of resuming in-person Board meetings and/or adopting a subsequent Resolution making findings in support of allowing remote meetings pursuant to AB 361. Abby Parcon responded to questions from the Board.

The Board held discussions to consider one of three options for Board member attendance at future Board meetings:
1. Resume full in-person Board member attendance
2. Continue full remote meetings pursuant to AB 361 by adopting subsequent Resolution
3. Allow hybrid model of both in-person and remote Board member attendance pursuant to AB 361 by adopting a Resolution

No public comment was heard.

Director Murphy moved to continue full remote meetings pursuant to AB 361 by adopting Resolution No. 6-22. Director Boatright seconded the motion. The motion failed (2/3)
Ayes: Director Murphy, Director Boatright
Noes: President Balen, Vice President Kerns, Director Ringen

Director Kerns moved to allow a hybrid model of both in-person and remote Board member attendance pursuant to AB 361 by adopting Resolution No. 6-22. Social distancing and face masks are recommended, but optional for participants attending in-person. Director Ringen seconded the motion and it was approved (4-1).
Ayes: President Balen, Vice President Kerns, Director Boatright, Director Ringen
Noes: Director Murphy

6. Discuss Strategic Planning Options

Don Perkins began discussions regarding the request for the Board to provide staff guidance on whether to initiate a new facilitated comprehensive strategic planning effort in 2022 and execute a contract with GEI Consultants or hold a facilitated workshop to update the 2020 Strategic Plan. Don Perkins responded to questions.

This item was brought to the Finance Committee on February 24, 2022. The Committee recommended this be brought to the full Board for discussion of the different options.

No public comment was heard.

Don Perkins stated that he will have Melissa McMullen poll the Board for an available date to hold a Board workshop to review the current Strategic Plan.

IV. Staff Reports

Don Perkins reported on the following items:
-March 2, 2022: TC Natural Resources Committee
-March 3, 2022: Staff met with Stephanie Suess, Chicken Ranch Rancheria

Abby Parcon reported on the following items:
-Lisa Westbrook will be providing an update to the Board in April on the District's grant process

V. Directors Communication and Reports

Director Kerns reported on the following items:
-February 24, 2022: Attended the Finance Committee meeting

Director Boatright reported on the following items:
-February 24, 2022: Attended the Finance Committee meeting
-Will be attending the March 14, 2022 Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Date: April 12, 2022

ATTEST:

Barbara Balen, President
Board of Directors

Melissa McMullen,
Executive Secretary/Board Clerk