TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 24, 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 Assembly Bill 361; and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act. AB 361 allows the Board of Directors to participate by teleconference.

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

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
Jesse Barton, District Counsel

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

I. Public Forum

Ron Ringen addressed the Board regarding the importance of agriculture in Tuolumne County, drought concerns, storm water capture and retention, and contacting our State Legislature to discuss these issues.

II. Consent Calendar

1. Minutes of the Special Board Meetings of May 9, 2022 and May 10, 2022

Director Kerns moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Ringen seconded the motion and it was approved (4-0).
Ayes: Director Balen, President, Director Kerns, Vice President, Director Boatright, Director Ringen
Absent: Director Murphy

III. Regular Business

The consensus of the Board was to hear the Regular Business Items in the following order to allow for participation of all Directors:
Item #5
Item #6
Item #4
Item #2
Item #3

5. Operational Update on the Water and Wastewater Departments April 2022

Eric Hall presented the Operational Update on the Water and Wastewater Departments for April 2022 and responded to questions.

No public comment was heard.

6. Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Progress Report

Erik Johnson presented the Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Progress Report for May 2022 and responded to questions.

Director Murphy arrived at 9:33 a.m. (Due to a known pre-existing conflict in work schedule)

No public comment was heard.

4. Implementation of Phases I and II of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan as directed by Executive Order No. N-7-22

Lisa Westbrook presented a summarization of the Implementation of Phases I and II of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan as directed by Executive Order N-7-22 and responded to questions.

No public comment was heard.

2. Review of the Draft Water Rate Study Report

Nancy Phan, Raftelis, presented the Water Rate Study Draft Report.

Nancy Phan and TUD staff provided clarifying information and responded to questions.

Public comment was heard.

3. Authorize Issuing the Proposition 218 Notice

Don Perkins and Steve Sheffield provided a summary regarding authorizing the issuing of the Proposition 218 Notice.

Nancy Phan, Raftelis, reviewed the proposed Proposition 218 Notice.

No public comment was heard.

Director Kerns, Vice President moved to authorize District staff to mail the Proposition 218 Notice to its water customers with the time change for the Public Hearing on July 19, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Director Boatright seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

IV. Staff Reports

Don Perkins reported on the following items:
-May 10, 2022: Special Joint Board meeting: Tuolumne Utilities District, Tuolumne County Board of Supervisor and City of Sonora City Council
-May 11, 2022: District Wide Staff meetings
-May 17, 2022: Met with President Balen to review Board agenda
-May 18, 2022: Met with Patti Ingalls, Jamestown Sanitary District General Manager
-May 19, 2022: Attended a Housing Symposium
-May 23, 2022: Met with Bureau of Reclamation
-May 25, 2022: CAL OES - Disaster Declaration and Recovery webinar
-May 26, 2022: TUD Special Board meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Erik Johnson reported on the following items:
-May 25, 2022: Sierra Pines Regional Water Treatment Facility Site Review

Steve Sheffield reported on the following items:
-Auditors have began interim testing, will be at the District in August to complete audit

Abby Parcon reported on the following items:

-Recognized the District employees who have earned certifications
-New Department of Transportation (DOT) guidelines for commercial drivers, the District is developing a program for training that corresponds with the DOT requirements for District employees that will obtain a commercial license

V. Directors Communication and Reports

Director Boatright reported on the following items:
-May 9, 2022: Attended the LAFCO meeting and provided an update on LAFCO activities

Director Murphy reported on the following items:
-May 17-18, 2022: Reported on attendance at the 2022 Special Districts Legislative Days

Director Ringen reported on the following items:
-May 17, 2022: Met with Rick Lind, MCWRA Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee President, and Justin Caporusso, MCWRA Executive Director to develop the agenda for the MCWRA Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee meeting
-May 17, 2022: Attended the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWM Outreach Committee meeting
-May 18, 2022: Attended the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWM JPA meeting
-May 19, 2022: Attended the Tuolumne County Climate Action Plan meeting
-May 20, 2022: Attended the MCWRA Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee meeting

Director Balen reported on the following items:
-California-United Water Conference: Caldor Fire Tour June 22-24, 2022
-County of Tuolumne Grand Jury Report - Tuolumne Utilities District: Water is Life May 12, 2022 is now available
-LA Times reported that residents will be allowed to water once per week, however trees are exempt and they are encouraging residents to continue to maintain the trees

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Date: June 14, 2022

ATTEST:

Barbara Balen, President
Board of Directors

Melissa McMullen,
Executive Secretary/Board Clerk