TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 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 Lisa Westbrook, Community Affairs Specialist.

Lisa Westbrook, Community Affairs Specialist, 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

Don Perkins, Interim General Manager
Erik Johnson, District Engineer
Steve Sheffield, Finance Director
Abby Parcon, Administrative Services Director
Lisa Westbrook, Community Affairs Specialist
Matt Nolte, Distribution Superintendent
Eric Hall, Water Master

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 August 24, 2021 and Special Board Meeting of August 25, 2021

2. Approval of Reimbursement Claims for Directors Statement of Meetings Attended and/or Travel Expenses and Claim Summary for August 2021

   Director Ringen asked questions regarding the Claim Summary and District Staff responded.

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

III. Regular Business

3. Consider Approval of Variance Agreement for Water and Sewer Service to Non-Adjacent Parcel - Carlson and Piche-Carlson

4. Consider Executing Agreement Regarding Construction and Transfer of Water and Sewer Main Line Extensions to Serve the Cuesta Heights Development - SV 110, LLC

Don Perkins asked that Items #3 and #4 be postponed to a future Board meeting. President Balen agreed and the items were postponed.

5. Board Consideration and Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Department of Water Resources Small Community Drought Relief Program Grant Application for the Mill Villa Well Replacement Project

Lisa Westbrook and Don Perkins presented information regarding the Mill Villa Well Replacement Project and responded to questions.

Director Kerns moved to approve Resolution 17-21 Authorizing the Submission of a Department of Water Resources Small Community Drought Relief Program Grant Application for the Mill Villa Well Replacement Project Director Murphy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

IV. Staff Reports

Don Perkins reported on the following items:
- Attended the CSDA conference in Monterey. It was a great conference and he learned a lot of information by attending and networking with other agencies. Tuolumne County will be starting a fuels reduction project soon around the Cedar Ridge area.

Erik Johnson reported on the following items:
- Working with Kiewit Construction on moving forward with construction on the Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. We are planning a groundbreaking ceremony to be held in October.

Steve Sheffield reported on the following items:
- The District has been having frequent conversations with USDA regarding funding for the upgrades to the Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Finance Department is working on completing the audit to present to the Board at a future meeting.

Abby Parcon reported on the following items:
- CalFire responded quickly to the Washington Fire and it was greatly appreciated by everyone at TUD. Communications received by the District from public expressing appreciation for District staff. Updated the Board on the status of AB361 legislation.

Eric Hall reported on the following items:
- Reported on the current water supply status for Pinecrest Lake and Lyons Reservoir.

V. Directors Communication and Reports

Director Ringen reported on the following items: -August 25, 2021: Attended the City of Sonora EAP meeting
-August 26, 2021: The Water Committee meeting was cancelled.
-August 27, 2021: Attended the Wastewater Committee meeting.
-September 2, 2021: Attended an anti-harassments training.
-September 8, 2021: Attended the Tuolumne County Natural Resources Committee meeting.
-September 13, 2021: Met with Don Perkins about various District related items.

Director Boatright reported on the following items:
-August 27, 2021: Participated in the Wastewater Committee meeting.

Director Balen reported on the following items:
-August 27, 2021: Participated in the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) Board of Directors meeting. The Board selected a new Executive Director, Justin Caporusso
-August 31- September 2, 2021: Attended the California Special District's Association Conference (CSDA) in Monterey, CA
-October 27, 2021: Upcoming MCWRA event being held in Loomis.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Date: September 28, 2021

ATTEST:

Barbara Balen, President
Board of Directors

Melissa McMullen,
Executive Secretary/Board Clerk