

MINUTES OF THE
STPUD CONTRACT COMMISSION
(SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT)

**Unapproved:
Subject to Correction**

PUBLIC MEETING
November 5, 2013 1:30 p.m.

Turtle Rock Park Community Center,
Markleeville, California

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order on, November 5, 2013, with the following appointed STPUD Contract Commission members present, constituting a quorum: Board of Supervisor Member Donald Jardine, Board of Supervisor Member Ron Hames, Environmental Health/Public Health Member Richard A. Harvey, M.D., Public Member Earl O'Neal, Public Member Shirley Taylor, Agriculture Member Russell Scossa and Community Development Member Brian Peters.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

These matters are routine and non-controversial and are usually approved by a single majority vote without discussion. Items can be removed from the consent agenda to be discussed and considered separately.

MOTION O'Neal / SECOND Hames approving the consent agenda as follows:

3.1 Minutes of 08/20/2013.

ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Update regarding Sorensen's Waste Water Treatment Package Plant. (Ref. 08-18-2009 and continuing every meeting)

Environmental Specialist Dennis Lampson reported that he spoke with John Brissenden regarding the Sorensen's Waste Water Treatment Package Plant; two 2,000 gallon settling/clarifying tanks were installed to meet the water quality standards. Lampson reported that the goal was to have three consecutive tests qualify within 15 days; the County would then approach South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) to connect to the STPUD discharge line.

STPUD Lands Application Manager Hal Bird reported that this project had been ongoing for the past 10 years and now was coming into realization; the next step would be to identify who the contact persons would be for the District and the County.

Community Development Director Brian Peters reported that he was researching the responsible party; it was anticipated that Sorensen's would meet the Lahontan Regional Water Quality standards.

Lampson reported that the County had the contract with STPUD and Sorensen's Resort would be the customer.

Chair Jardine reported that he looked forward to hearing the report after reviewing the contracts.

4.2 Presentation and update regarding STPUD recycled water monitoring wells in Alpine County (Ref. 08-02-2011 and continuing every meeting)

STPUD Lands Application Manager Hal Bird reported that monitoring was still being conducted.

In response to Board Member Shirley Taylor's question regarding a timeframe of long term trends, Bird reported that one year was short and five years was better.

4.3 Update on Diamond Valley STPUD Irrigation projects. (Ref. 08-02-2011 and continuing every meeting)

STPUD Lands Application Manager Hal Bird reported that a new well was drilled at the ranch house; the well will support a lawn, the house and the weather station. Bird reported that the weather station would be installed next summer.

In response to Board Member Shirley Taylor's question regarding well depth, Bird reported that the new well depth was 150'.

Bird reported that the CIMIS weather station was specific to agriculture relating to how much water was necessary to irrigate, wind and weather; the weather station would be available online for anyone to research.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Discussion and possible language change to the Consolidated Agreement between the South Tahoe Public Utility District, the County of Alpine and the Alpine County Water Agency Contract No. CC2002-69/WA2002-01 Section 15(i).

Because there were three Board of Supervisors discussing this item that would potentially go to the Board for approval, Chair Jardine recused himself.

Board of Supervisor Mary Rawson reported that she proposed to have the monitoring payment lowered from \$15,000 to \$10,000 from STPUD to the County; testing from independent lab and STPUD were similar; proposing to keep \$20,000 in trust and offer a language change to utilize the funds at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

Board Member Shirley Taylor requested a history of transactions that STPUD paid the county and how much was spent.

Supervisor Rawson reported that, according to the Auditor print out, about \$40,000 was held in trust and the County receives \$15,000 a year.

STPUD Land Applications Manager Hal Bird reported that STPUD pays the county up to \$15,000 for monitoring of the treatment plant or water soils related to recycled water; over the years about \$6,900 had been spent; the proposal must go through the Board of Supervisors and the STPUD Board for approval; the proposal would cost the District more money because it will be utilized each year.

Board Member Brian Peters reported that in 2011 the contract was amended to monitor the Mesa groundwater by Carson Water Subconservancy District.

In response to Board Member Richard Harvey's observation that there was no language that stated if the county did not use the funds it would revert back to STPUD, Peters reported that it was the basis of accounting interpretation.

Board Member Earl O'Neal asked if the funds could be used for a Markleeville septic tank study.

Supervisor Rawson reported that the amendment would expire in a couple months.

**MOTION O’Neal / SECOND Hames to pursue possible language change to the Consolidated Agreement between the South Tahoe Public Utility District, the County of Alpine and the Alpine County Water Agency Contract No. CC2002-69/WA2002-01 Section 15(i).
AYES: Board Members Hames, Harvey, O’Neal, Taylor, Scossa, Peters;
RECUSAL: Board Member Jardine;
MOTION CARRIED.**

6. ADJOURNMENT

The STPUD Contract Commission adjourned to the next scheduled meeting on January 21, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

Donald M. Jardine, Chair, STPUD Contract Commission
County of Alpine, State of California

ATTEST:

Barbara Howard, County Clerk and ex officio
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of
Alpine, State of California
By: Teola Tremayne, Assistant County Clerk