

SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

MAY 28, 2002

PRESENT:

Pete Sferrazza, Chairman  
Joanne Bond, Vice Chairman  
Jim Galloway, Commissioner  
Jim Shaw, Commissioner  
Ted Short, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk  
Katy Singlaub, County Manager  
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel  
Paul Orphan, Senior Utility Engineer

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, with Chairman Sferrazza presiding. Commissioners Galloway and Short temporarily left the meeting just before it started. The Board conducted the following business:

**AGENDA**

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sferrazza ordered that the agenda for the May 28, 2002, meeting be approved with the following amendments: *Delete* Item 4, minutes of the April 23, 2002 meeting, and Item 8, concerning groundwater rights for Curti Ranch.

**MINUTES**

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sferrazza ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 26, 2002, be approved.

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Commissioner Galloway returned to the meeting.  
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**02-12STM PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEDULE OF RATES, TOLLS, CHARGES, ETC.**

**2:00 p.m.** This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing, published in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* on April 26, May 3, and May 17, 2002, to consider proposed amendments to the Schedule of Rates, Tolls, Charges, Liens, Deposits, Penalties, Connection

and Disconnection Fees and Rules and Regulations for Service of Property from the Facilities of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Chairman Sferrazza opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak concerning this matter. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

**02-13STM    RESOLUTION - ADOPTING AMENDED SCHEDULE OR RATES, TOLLS, CHARGES, ETC.**

On motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Resolution adopting amendments to the schedule of rates and charges be approved and Chairman Sferrazza be authorized to execute:

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEDULE OF RATES, TOLLS, CHARGES, LIENS, DEPOSITS, PENALTIES, CONNECTION AND DISCONNECTION FEES AND RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SERVICE OF PROPERTY FROM THE FACILITIES OF THE SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (STMGID)**

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Schedule of Rates, Tolls, Charges, Liens, Deposits, Penalties, Connection and Disconnection fees and Rules and Regulations for Service of Property from the Facilities of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID) has been thoroughly discussed and considered at numerous publicly noticed meetings over the past several months; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Schedule of Rules and Regulations were recommended for approval by the Local Managing Board of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Schedule of Rules and Regulations were approved after a public hearing before the STMGID Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to NRS 318.199, the Trustees may take action after the public hearing and adopt a Resolution amending the Schedule of Rates, Tolls, Charges, Liens, Deposits, Penalties, Connection and Disconnection fees and Rules and Regulations for Service of Property from the Facilities of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Trustees of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID):

1. That the Schedule of Rates, Tolls, Charges, Liens, Deposits, Penalties, Connection and Disconnection fees and Rules and Regula-

tions for Service of Property from the Facilities of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District are hereby approved; and

- 2. That the Schedule of Rules and Regulations, a copy of which is placed on file with the Clerk, will be effective July 1, 2002

**02-14STM WATER RIGHTS - COTTONWOOD ESTATES UNIT 6 AND WEDGE MEADOWS UNIT 5 AND EXCHANGE OF TRUCKEE RIVER RIGHTS**

Commissioner Galloway asked if there was a fixed ratio to exchange groundwater rights for river rights. Paul Orphan, Senior Utility Engineer, stated there is no set requirement, but in this case, a 1.5 ratio is being proposed.

Chairman Sferrazza asked about the current market value of the groundwater rights versus Truckee River rights. Mr. Orphan stated the STMGID rights are not saleable; there are very few groundwater rights left in the market; and the last he knew, groundwater rights were approximately \$8,000 and river rights were \$3,000 to \$3,500.

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Commissioner Short returned to the meeting.  
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Commissioner Bond asked what impact this would have on the issue of wells going dry in the South Truckee Meadows and whether there is a fiscal inequity here. Mr. Orphan stated this transfer would give STMGID more Truckee River rights to be able to import more Truckee River in the future, which increases the flexibility for service and recharge.

Commissioner Galloway expressed a concern about the long-term policy. Mr. Orphan stated this only allows STMGID to write will-serve letters for 50 acre-feet, which only leaves 24.5 acre-feet available, so this would not be a long-term issue. He further stated this does fit into the facilities plan very well.

Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, and Paul Orphan, Senior Utility Engineer, through Steve Bradhurst, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Chairman Sferrazza voting "no," it was ordered that the use of 25.31 acre-feet of STMGID's excess uncommitted groundwater rights approved by the State Engineer to write will-serves for Cottonwood Estates Unit 6 and Wedge Meadows Unit 5, in exchange for 37.97 acre-feet of Truckee River rights be approved.

Chairman Sferrazza stated he believes the District is being short-changed, as the value of the rights being exchanged should be equal.

**02-15STM    MANAGEMENT REPORTS - APRIL, 2002**

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sferrazza ordered that receipt of the District's management and financial reports for the month of April, 2002, be acknowledged.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no response to the call for public comments.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

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**PETER J. SFERRAZZA**, Chairman  
South Truckee Meadows General  
Improvement District

**ATTEST:**

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**AMY HARVEY**, Washoe County Clerk  
and Ex Officio Secretary, South Truckee  
Meadows General Improvement District

*Minutes Prepared By:  
Sharon Gotchy, Deputy County Clerk*