

**SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

TUESDAY

5:00 P.M.

MAY 23, 2006

PRESENT:

**Bob Larkin, Chairman**  
**Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman**  
**Jim Galloway, Commissioner**  
**David Humke, Commissioner**  
**Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner**

**Amy Harvey, County Clerk**  
**Katy Singlaub, County Manager**  
**Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel**  
**Paul Orphan, Engineering Manager**

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

**06-17STM    AGENDA**

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the agenda for the May 23, 2006 meeting be approved.

**06-18STM    MINUTES**

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 28, 2006 be approved.

**06-19STM    RESOLUTION - AUGMENTING FY 2005/06 BUDGET**

Chairman Larkin asked if the current operating budget was estimated too conservatively. Jerry McKnight, Finance and Customer Service Manager, replied the budget was approved by the Local Managing Board (LMB) based on historical experience. He said when the LMB reviewed the budget, they reduced it by approximately \$200,000. Mr. McKnight commented the LMB hoped that would contain costs and they review the expenditures as they occurred; however, he concluded it was too conservative. He said the resolution would give the LMB the authority to avoid a violation of State statute between now and the fiscal year. He commented the LMB reviewed the budget for the 2006/07 fiscal year and made the appropriate corrections.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Mr. McKnight stated there would be a lower ending balance.

Upon recommendation of Ted Rolfs, Fiscal Compliance Officer, and Mr. McKnight, through Steve Bradhurst, Water Resources Director, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following resolution be adopted and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same:

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT THE SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS  
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FUND (FUND 568)**

**WHEREAS**, the Water Utility Enterprise Fund of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District is expected to expend above their budgeted operating expense for the utility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Utility Fund has sufficient resources to pay the required expenditures,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:**

**Section 1.** That the budget of the Water Utility Enterprise Fund be augmented as follows:

Increased Appropriations

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
568-674310-710100	Professional Services	\$200,000

**Section 2.** This resolution shall be effective on adoption and passage by the Board of Trustees, South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District.

**Section 3.** The County Clerk is hereby directed to distribute copies of the Resolution to the Department of Taxation, the Comptroller, and the Finance Division.

**06-20STM INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING DATE SCHEDULED**

Commissioner Galloway asked why the commercial consumption was increased. Ted Rolfs, Fiscal Compliance Officer, replied the increase was due to a change in how the rates were calculated. He said the irrigation was included with the domestic

consumption previously and this time the rates were built with the irrigation rate as separate, regardless of commercial or residential.

Chairman Larkin asked if the base rate change from \$8.26 to \$9.51 reflected an increase in operating costs. Mr. Rolfs replied it did not. He stated it reflected the additional costs of billing collection. Mr. Rolfs said the commodity cost was 1,000 gallons on top of the base charge. Chairman Larkin remarked on average the rates for residential users would be raised approximately 14 percent, and Mr. Rolfs agreed.

Commissioner Humke inquired on the spacing of amendments to the Ordinance. Mr. Rolfs replied the amendments were not always domestic consumption related changes. Commissioner Humke asked why the rate sheet reflected comparisons with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA), the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID), and the County. Mr. Rolfs explained the customers always inquired about that.

Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, explained the Board would set the hearing date today, hold the first reading of the new rates, and then return to the Trustees for formal action because of the specific requirements that pertain to General Improvement Districts.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Rolfs, and Jerry McKnight, Finance and Customer Service Manager, through Steve Bradhurst, Water Resources Director, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the introduction, first reading, and the public hearing, concerning proposed revisions to the District's schedule of rates, tolls, charges, liens, deposits, penalties, connection and disconnection fees, and rules and regulations for provision of water service, be held on June 27, 2006.

**06-21STM    MANAGEMENT REPORTS - MARCH AND APRIL 2006**

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that receipt of the District's management and financial reports for the months of March and April 2006 be acknowledged.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gary Schmidt commented on the way the public comment item was written on the agenda.

**BOARD, LOCAL MANAGING BOARD, STAFF COMMENTS**

Steve Cohen, Local Managing Board Chairman, explained the rate increase was due to the Sierra Pacific Power increase and the price to run pumps. He added there were now three potential sites for Well No 12. Mr. Cohen said the District

still had not approved the interlocal agreement voted on at the May 4, 2006 joint meeting of water purveyors.

In response to Commissioner Humke, Paul Orphan, Engineering Manager, stated the sites for Well No. 12 were being analyzed by the Engineering Department. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, noted the Engineering Department had been working on this for some time, but there had been a delay since some of the properties were being evaluated. Mr. Orphan stated the Engineering Department was in contact with the consultants.

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

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**ROBERT M. LARKIN**, Chairman  
South Truckee Meadows General  
Improvement District

**ATTEST:**

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

*Minutes Prepared By:*  
*Stacy Gonzales*  
*Deputy County Clerk*