



## MINUTES

### **NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT Special Meeting held at the North Tahoe Event Center**

**Attendance by Teleconference:  
46-3907 Kapuna Rd., Honokaa, HI 96727**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The special meeting of the North Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at the North Tahoe Event Center. The Directors in attendance were Directors Daniels (via Zoom), Thompson, Mourelatos, Hughes, and President Coolidge. District Staff in attendance included General Manager Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Van Cleave, Engineering and Operations Manager Pomroy, and Administrative Liaison/Board Secretary Moga. District Legal Counsel Nelson was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no changes to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS (12:00 p.m.):** There were no requests for public comment.

**Water and Sewer Utilities Cost-of-Service Study Workshop** - Presentation by Shawn Koorn of HDR. The Board held a workshop and discussed escalation factors to operations, such as inflation. They discussed eventually phasing out of property tax allocation to allow funding General and Administrative costs allocated to the utility funds exclusively with utility rates. Director Mourelatos spoke about the need for a debt policy to address capital projects and private water system acquisitions.

Director Thompson requested to review property tax funding. He expressed concern about raising rates while spending surplus property tax allocations. He asked if we are going to accelerate capital or alleviate rates when we acquire grant funding. GM Johnson addressed Director Thompson's inquiry and spoke about fire hydrants and adequate infrastructure for fire suppression and postponing a significant portion of the water utility capital plan to outside the proposed five-year capital budget.

The Board and Staff discussed the need to be flexible to address current capital projects in water, wastewater, recreation, and workforce needs. GM Johnson mentioned that staff has pursued additional funding through grant acquisition, resulting in project acceleration. Director Daniels cautioned about the doubling of customers' utility bills. Director Hughes discussed the need to catch up with the current and upcoming rate increases in order to properly maintain our infrastructure, which had been neglected for many years. The Board agreed to an 11% rate increase, subject to annual review and optional deferral. The Board and Staff briefly discussed the future clean-up process of metering and EDUs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS:** There were no requests for public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.