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

Monday, November 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM

The special meeting of the North Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors was held on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the North Tahoe Event Center. The Directors in attendance were Directors Daniels, Thompson, Mourelatos, Hughes, and President Coolidge. District Staff in attendance included General Manager Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Van Cleave, Engineering and Operations Manager Pomroy, Utility Operations Manager Fischer, Public Information Officer Broglio, Recreation, Parks, and Facilities Manager Oberacker, and Administrative Liaison/Board Secretary Moga. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS (10:00 a.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 and Staff discussed transitioning utilities out of property taxes as a source of revenue. Director Mourelatos stated property taxes could be a mechanism to give the District more flexibility to adjust to inflation and review it annually. They discussed the 218 process for transparency, information, and a vehicle for the public to give a formal protest to the rate increase. The Board members requested an annual board meeting item to focus on deciding whether to raise rates or not based on other factors such as inflation and grant revenue.

In response to Director Daniels, GM Johnson spoke about a scenario if we reduced rates. He stated we have a plan, and we are working collaboratively to set priorities. The District's demand is for capital due to years of underinvestment. We have neighborhoods that don't have comprehensive fire flow or fire hydrants in a fire-risk community.

The Board and Staff discussed the reserve balance.

The Board and Staff discussed potential growth, Accessory Dwelling Units, and potential impacts on the current water system. President Coolidge requested an agenda item about the impact of growth for future discussion.

In response to the board discussion about the hydraulic model study, GM Johnson noted we are still in the fact-finding stage.

Director Hughes left the meeting at 11:48 a.m. and returned at 12:03 p.m.

The board and staff discussed a potential rate assistance program in partnership with the Sierra Community House. President Coolidge shared sentiment about the rate increase's impact on community members, but we need to address infrastructure. It's a balance.

Director Mourelatos left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

PIO Broglio spoke about key messaging and information. Director Hughes recommended virtual participation in the public hearing.

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 12:07 p.m.