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1. CALL TO ORDER

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President Quinan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those attending joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

<u>Directors Present</u>: Virginia Quinan, President; Janet S. Grant; Don Priest; Evan Salke.

<u>Directors Absent</u>: Jon Northrop.

<u>Staff Present</u>: John Collins, General Manager; Mike Dobrowski, CPA (by telephone); Buz Bancroft, Operations & Maintenance; Pam Zinn, Office Manager; Jancis Martin, Recording Secretary.

<u>Guest Present</u>: Pat Davison/CATT; Chief Mike Schwartz/NTFPD; Tim Alameda/NTFPD; Glenn Spiller/Squaw Alpine Association; Peter Schweitzer/Squaw Alpine Association.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Glenn Spiller and Peter Schweitzer presented information about an effort they are leading to incorporate Squaw Valley, or possibly incorporating Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows together. They have presented their information to Squaw Valley Public Service District (SVPSD), Squaw Valley Municipal Advisory Council and LAFCO, and have a website (SquawAlpine.Org). Glenn said the two points he wanted to make today were:

- 1) Squaw Valley has enough registered voters to incorporate alone, but since he sees advantages to Alpine Meadows residents in joining the new town, he and Peter wanted to get the word out here if Alpine Meadows residents are against the idea, Squaw Valley can incorporate alone; and
- 2) their proposal suggests no changes to SVPSD or to ASCWD. Director Priest asked what their motivation was; Glenn said it was to control tax dollars locally rather than in Auburn. He said fiscal analysis showed the new town could provide better services, especially snow removal and road maintenance, and would provide local control over future land use and development. President Quinan pointed out that LAFCO's main purpose was to consolidate local agencies; Glenn said that his plan was not for Squaw Valley to take over the ASCWD water supply or to combine utility agencies. President Quinan asked if the purpose of the incorporation was to stop the Squaw Valley development; Glenn said no, it was about land use and controlling development. Director Salke asked how contracting with the county for snow removal would be an improvement over current snow removal services; Glenn said the new town could contract with the county or with private companies, but the important thing was it would be the local residents' decision, rather than a decision made in Auburn. President Quinan pointed out that only about 20% of the population of Alpine Meadows were registered voters.

3. <u>ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION</u>

A. Financial Reports:

Mike Dobrowski, District CPA, participated in discussion of this agenda item by telephone.

- Mike said that on a year-to-date basis the District's net income was \$60K greater than at this time last year.
- The figure reported as "Cash available for operations" (bottom of the first page of Mike's summary) is incorrect; it should be about \$530K.

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- He did a lot of work on the draft budget for next fiscal year.
- March Month-end Financial Statements: Director Priest made a MOTION that the Board accept the March 31, 2013 month-end financial reports. Director Grant SECONDED the motion. Directors Grant, Priest and Salke being in favor, the motion was APPROVED.
- ii. March Expenses Paid & Payable: The Directors reviewed the monthly check register. Director Grant made a MOTION that the Board approve the Expenses Paid & Payable (the debits for payroll and checks 26744 through 26796). Director Priest SECONDED the motion. Directors Grant, Priest and Salke being in favor, the motion was APPROVED.
- iii. **Quarterly Reports:** Director Grant made a MOTION that the Board accept the quarterly statements and the trial balances. Director Priest SECONDED the motion. Directors Grant, Priest and Salke being in favor, the motion was APPROVED.

B. Approval of Minutes:

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Director Grant made a MOTION that the Board approve the minutes of the March 8, 2013, Regular Board of Directors Meeting. Director Priest SECONDED the motion. During discussion, President Quinan suggested that on page 6, line 16 the name "Doug" be replaced with "Doug Clyde". Director Grant AMENDED the motion to include the suggested modification. Director Priest SECONDED the amended motion. Directors Grant, Priest and Salke being in favor, the amended motion was APPROVED.

C. Fire Department Report:

Chief Schwartz and Tim Alameda from NTFPD were in attendance and reported the following:

- Dispatch Calls: There were 22 dispatch call(s) in the valley, all except one for the ski area.
- Fire Station Staffing: NTFPD has staffed the Alpine Meadows fire station 166 days so far this fiscal year, which is more than the contracted amount. They will continue to staff it on an as-needed basis, using a predictive model which helps them determine which of their six stations to staff.
- Tahoe Basin Fire Protection: January, February and March were the driest they have ever been in Tahoe City's history. The National Interagency Fire Center is predicting fire season to start as early as June. Due to the local dryness, NTFPD and its national and state partners are gearing up a month earlier for fire season. Chief Schwartz is grateful that CalFire will have a crew at Carnelian Bay this season, starting May 15, as they provide direct access to resources like aircraft and hand crews. Thanks to a recent change in the Tahoe area Balance of Acres agreement, 30,000 acres are being shifted from federal protection to state protection (i.e., USFS to CalFire), which has the added advantage of shifting the burden of fire-fighting costs away from NTFPD and local taxpayers.
- SRA Fee: There were 87,000 protests to the fee. Chief Schwartz believes CalFire is going to suspend the next round of bills so locals may not receive an SRA fee bill this July. Recently proposed

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 - the Board. The report includes a section on ASCWD.
 - D. **Capital Facilities and Fire Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan:** Chief Schwartz and Tim Alameda from NTFPD participated in this agenda item.

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- NTFPD provided the Board with copies of two documents: the "Capital Facilities and Fire Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan" (6 pages) and the "Update of the Fire Facilities Impact Fee Study" (referred to as the Goodwin Study, a 21-page document prepared by the Goodwin Consulting Group). The Plan is based on information in the Study.
- Tim presented the draft Plan. Mitigation fees are used to purchase facilities and equipment at the Alpine Meadows fire station. As an example, Tim reminded the Directors that last month NTFPD asked them for approval to use mitigation funds to purchase a gas monitor to be kept on the engine housed at the Alpine Meadows fire station.
- The Plan has to be updated every 5 years. At today's meeting, the presentation is for information only. Part of the approval process is for a public hearing to be held at a later date. Since the public hearing cannot be held prior to 30 days after today's meeting, Tim recommended that the public hearing be scheduled for the June ASCWD Board meeting. After approval by the ASCWD Board, the

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- Plan will go to the Placer County Board of Supervisors for approval, probably in October or November.
- The current mitigation fee in ASCWD is \$1.00 per square foot. Per the Goodwin Study, the fee would be adjusted to \$1.14 per square foot. The fee applies to new construction, not replacements.
- Director Grant asked if the basic text in the Plan had changed since the last time the Board reviewed it. Tim said no.
- President Quinan asked why the Plan showed expected population growth in Alpine Meadows when the population has actually dropped. Tim said the projection was based on information in the Goodwin Study. He said he would check into it.
- Director Priest made a MOTION to introduce the ASCWD Capital Facilities and Fire Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan and to schedule a public hearing for June 14 at 9:00 a.m. Director Grant SECONDED the motion. Directors Grant, Priest and Salke being in favor, the motion was APPROVED.
- Pat Davison introduced herself. She is the executive director of CATT (Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe), a local trade organization of about 300 suppliers, contractors and sub contractors. She represents them and attends meetings when mitigation fees are being changed. She had the same question regarding population change. Pat didn't think a drop in population would change the mitigation fee, but might change how long it would take to accumulate funds for equipment. At this time, Pat plans to attend the June meeting and lend support with no objections to adoption of the new Plan.

E. General Manager's Report:

 John Collins, General Manager, provided a written report on his activities during the month of March, with discussion on the following topics:

- Alpine Meadows Road Bridge: See agenda item 3J.
- Alpine Sierra Subdivision: Manager Collins requested payment from the developer for the cost of preparing the updated evaluation report. They agreed to pay it. He signed and returned the Stantec contract.
- Alpine Meadows Road Pipeline Project: Manager Collins signed and returned the contract for evaluation of the alternate alignment. He also scheduled a meeting with USFS to review the project, since some of the project crosses USFS lands. Director Priest asked to see where the alternate alignment is. Manager Collins showed the Directors on a District map. It follows the sewer line.
- AME Well Re-drill: The video, E log, water quality sampling, step draw down and constant rate pump test of the bore hole were completed. The water quality testing indicated that the water met arsenic and manganese standards but was slightly over the iron standard, probably due to drilling and casing. Manager Collins is not worried about it. The water yield seems to be in the 250-350 gpm range. The test pump and all equipment were removed from the site and the well sealed until the next step. Manager Collins completed easement/deed restriction documents for two adjacent property owners. One property owner agreed to sign, the other requested wording changes, which Manager Collins is working on. He is putting

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- Avalanche Risk Reduction Report: Manager Collins asked District Counsel if the District would have greater or lesser liability if it permitted avalanche protection grading on District property, compared to taking no action. He has not heard back yet. Director Grant asked if the children's playground was located on the same piece of property. Buz said he thought so. Director Grant wondered if the District had any reason to continue to own that parcel, rather than selling it and thereby removing any liability issues.
- USFS permits: Manager Collins started researching special use permits. So far references to three such permits have been discovered, but physical copies of the permits have not been located. He found a permit for Spring 1 (although none for Springs 2 or 4) and the agreement for the transfer from the ski area to the District.
- Manager Collins worked on capital and operating budgets for next fiscal year.
- Manager Collins also attended the monthly TTSA managers meeting. the National Utility Management conference and three committee meetings; worked on the long-range master plan; and took his turn at serving "On Call".

F. **Operations & Maintenance Department Report:**

Buz presented a written report for the month of March that included status updates on water, sewer, garbage and other services provided by the District.

Maintenance: Staff worked on repair and adjustment of the Tank 2 pressure reducing valve, which had developed a leak over the winter; worked with the well driller to prep the AME well for drilling; continued equipment maintenance; accomplished partial training on use of

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Director Grant SECONDED the motion. Directors Grant, Priest and Salke being in favor, the motion was APPROVED.

H. Agreement with Richard (Rick) Maddalena:

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The Board reviewed an agreement with Rick Maddalena to assist the District in the review of existing authorizations for use of USFS lands in the Bear Creek Watershed and to help with possible upgrade of District utility lines that cross USFS lands.

- Manager Collins said the agreement with Rick would replace the Stantec contract to research documentation of District assets on USFS lands (approved during last month's Board meeting at a maximum cost of \$4,900). Rick retired from the USFS and knows the system well. He charges less than Stantec. USFS is happy to work with Rick; they would like the District to accomplish a complete survey of its assets on USFS lands. Manager Collins recommended approval of Rick's agreement on a time and materials basis.
- President Quinan asked if Rick's services to the District would put him in conflict with his USFS obligations (as a member of an Incident Management Team); Manager Collins said only during wildfires.

Director Priest made a MOTION that the Board approve the agreement with Rick Maddalena to assist the District in the review of existing authorizations for use of USFS lands in the Bear Creek Watershed and to

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1		help with possible upgrade of District utility lines that cross USFS lands.
2		Director Grant SECONDED the motion. Directors Grant, Priest and Salke
3		being in favor, the motion was APPROVED.
4	I.	Resolution 3-2013: Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll:
5		Pam was in attendance during this agenda item to participate in
6		discussion. Approval of a resolution like this one is required annually, to
7		authorize the County to collect funds for unpaid accounts via property
8		taxes and to refund the money to the District. Pam noted that there were
9		13% fewer parcels in default (15% less money) than last year, possibly
10		due to the District's new provision for customers to pay with credit cards.
11		Director Grant made a MOTION that the Board approve Resolution 3-
12		2013, Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll. Director Salke
13		SECONDED the motion. Roll was called to approve the Resolution.
14		Ayes: Directors Grant, Priest, Salke and President Quinan. Noes: none.
15		Absent: Director Northrop. The Resolution was APPROVED.
16	J.	Grant Temporary Construction and Permanent Drainage Easement
17		to Placer County:
18		The Board reviewed a temporary construction and permanent drainage
19		easement to Placer County for construction, installation and maintenance
20		of drainage facilities in support of the Alpine Meadows Bridge Project.
21		Manager Collins said the County would pay \$1,022 for the District
22		easement, where they plan to install a larger culvert under the road. One
23		document covers a temporary easement, the other a permanent
24		easement so they can leave a pipe in the ground. He recommended
25		granting the easement.
26		Director Priest made a MOTION that the Board approve the Right-of-Way
27		Contract with the Placer County Department of Public Works, and
28		authorize the General Manager to sign appropriate documents. Director
29		Grant SECONDED the motion. Directors Grant, Priest and Salke being in
30		favor, the motion was APPROVED.
31	K.	TTSA Report:
32		Director Northrop provided agendas and his own written reports for the
33		March 13 and April 10, TTSA Board meetings.
34		 The plant is operating normally and efficiently.
35		 All waste water discharge requirements are being met.
36		The next TTSA Board meeting is scheduled for May 8.
37	L.	Committee Reports:
38		i. Budget & Finance Committee: President Quinan presented a written
39		report of yesterday's Committee meeting.
40		a. Non-standard Transactions: None.
41		b. Investments/cash: The March 25, 2014 CD has an interest rate
42		of 0.45%, not the 0.04% noted in the Treasurer's Report.
43		c. Requests from Customers for Adjustments to their Bills:
44		None.
45		d. Requests for Unbudgeted Expenses: None.
46		e. Budgets: The Committee reviewed the draft operations and
47		capital budgets for fiscal year 2013/2014. A revised draft will be
48		presented to the Board at the May meeting.
49		f. Next meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m.

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1	ii.	Administration & Personnel Committee: Director Salke presented a
2		written report of the March 28 Committee meeting.
3		a. 2013-2014 Goals & Objectives: The Committee recommends the
4		following changes to the Goals & Objectives:
5		 Board Goals and Objectives: drop item #6, as the rate study
6		has already been implemented
7		 General Manager Goals and Objectives: add "Alternative" to
8		item 3a iii so that it reads "Continue with the Alpine Meadows
9		Alternative Road Pipe Project."; add item v "Continue with the
10		design process of the Alpine Meadows Bridge Project."
11		 For Evaluation Purposes: continue to suggest working on
12		private homeowner easements as an area for improvement.
13		b. General Manager's Annual Review: Director Salke requested
14		that a conversation ensue during the next Board meeting to help
15		the Board objectively evaluate Manager Collin's performance.
16		c. District Mission Statement: The Committee recommended not
17		changing the current District Mission Statement and Objectives
18		document.
19		d. Employee Handbook: The Committee requested that Manager
20		Collins speak with Lew, Buz and Pam to get their feedback about
21		the handbook. The Committee has no suggested changes for the
22		document as it currently exists.
23		e. Lew's Retirement: The Committee agreed with Manager Collins
24		that Buz's salary should be increased to what Lew has been
25		earning. The Committee also agreed that a new employee should
26		be hired to assist Buz and that the new employee should receive
27		the same benefits as the current full-time employees. It became
28		apparent that the District lacks a document showing the
29		requirements for hiring and for meeting promotion criteria.
30		Manager Collins will prepare an appropriate document. He will be
31		looking at adjacent districts for requirements and pay levels. Various certifications in distribution, collections and treatment are
32		required to operate the District's infrastructure.
33 34		f. Schedule for Annual Review: President Quinan asked that Pam
35		distribute the modified Goals & Objectives, showing the
36		recommended changes in red. The plan will be for the Directors
37		to provide feedback between May and June, with the review at the
38		June meeting.
39	iii	Park, Recreation & Greenbelt Committee: Director Grant had
40		intended to report back on the Easter Egg Hunt, but has not contacted
41		Dawn Grass for an update. Director Salke said his wife and daughter
42		were there and enjoyed it. Pam said fewer people attended than in
43		past years, despite nice weather; she said there were about 8 children
44		there. Ski conditions were not great, possibly resulting in fewer than
45		usual families being in residence in the valley that weekend, and a
46		children's race at the ski area may have drawn children away. Dawn
47		asked Pam if she had sent out a reminder email, which she had, and
48		suggested that maybe next year the District could post a sign by the
49		entrance, advertising the Easter Egg Hunt. Pam felt a sign like that

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would attract out-of-town skiers, rather than the valley residents for whom the event was intended. Director Salke suggested posting such a sign during the week and removing it Friday. Director Salke asked what traffic was like on the District website; Pam said she hasn't checked recently but will do so.

iv. Long Range Planning Committee: Director Priest said it was important that the Directors familiarize themselves with the original plan. Manager Collins will provide information about what was in the plan, what has been done to meet goals of the plan and what is planned to meet the remaining goals. Manager Collins' report should be available at next month's meeting, at the same time as the draft budget. Manager Collins said next month Mike would report on the ISO letter and how the water system improved the insurance rating in the valley.

M. <u>Tour of Well R-1</u>:

Following the meeting, Manager Collins conducted a tour of Well R-1 to show the Board what is happening with capital project funds.

- N. Open Items: None.
- O. Correspondence to the Board: None.

4. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

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- President Quinan attended a meeting in Squaw Valley regarding incorporation. The leaders' main goal was to have more of a say in the Squaw Valley project. She said she heard no compelling reason for Alpine Meadows residents to join the incorporation project. In fact to the contrary, she pointed out that if Alpine Meadows were to join Squaw Valley, LAFCO might be encouraged to merge the districts, which would not be beneficial to Alpine Meadows. President Quinan said she did not feel that Alpine Meadows residents need to be concerned about development control or replacement of county services like roads, animal control and snow removal. Director Priest said that unless Alpine Meadows were to benefit fiscally, he saw no reason for getting involved in the incorporation. To initiate action by LAFCO, an organization needs approval by 25% of registered voters and \$25,000 (in the case of the Squaw Alpine Association, provided by an "angel"). A simple majority of registered voters is required to finalize the merger. Once approved, an organization cannot back out of a LAFCO merger.
- Director Grant requested that the Board consider changing the next meeting from Friday, May 10 to Thursday, May 9. Director Priest said he can probably attend on May 10 but not on May 9. Director Salke said he had a potential conflict with May 9. The Directors agreed to provide information about their schedules soon to finalize scheduling the May meeting.
- President Quinan distributed copies of Policy 2.2.0 (Directors' Pay) for the Directors to review. She pointed out a discrepancy between the maximum monthly Director salary as reported on the Policy vs. on the District website. The Budget & Finance Committee will update the policy if necessary and bring it back to the Board for approval.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

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