

1 **ALPINE SPRINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
2 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
3 **March 11, 2022**

4 **NOTE: Due to continued COVID restrictions, this meeting was a “hybrid” of an in-person meeting for Board and staff and**  
5 **Zoom for additional attendees**  
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7 **A. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**

8 President Grant called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

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10 Directors Present: President Janet S. Grant, Vice-President Janice Ganong, and Christine York

11 Directors Absent: Dave Smelser and Evan Salke

12 Staff Present: General Manager Joseph Mueller, O&M Supervisor Miguel Ramirez, District CPA Mike  
13 Dobrowski, and Recording Secretary Judy Friedman

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15 Guests included David Stepner, Liz Zang, John Mecklenberg, Pippin Mader, Jen Faber and NTFPD Fire  
16 Marshall Brent Armstrong,

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18 **B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

19 There were no comments on items not on today’s agenda.  
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21 **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

22 **C1) FEBRUARY REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

23 **It was moved by Ganong and seconded by York to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2022 as**  
24 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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26 **D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

27 **D1) FINANCIAL REPORT**

28 District CPA Mike Dobrowski presented the February 2022 financial statements, which were included in the  
29 meeting packets. There are no significant issues and cash flows are good.

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31 **It was moved by York and seconded by Ganong to approve the February 2022 financial reports as**  
32 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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34 **It was moved by Ganong and seconded by York to approve payment of checks #32361 – 32406,**  
35 **payroll, and electronic fund transfers. Motion carried unanimously.**  
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37 **D2) FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

38 Fire Marshall Armstrong reported:

- 39 • NTFPD responded to 32 calls in Alpine last month, including some major incidents
  - 40 • Staffing updates, including interviews for Forest Fuels Manager
  - 41 • Grant application updates
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43 **D3) GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

44 General Manager Joe Mueller presented his written report highlighting activities addressed in February 2022.  
45 He clarified the TTSD contract renewal.

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47 In response to a question about AT&T upgrades. Mueller explained that the representative the Office  
48 Manager spoke with was not actually with AT&T. In checking with AT&T, Mueller determined that no  
49 upgrades to the current system are needed. That said, the current service and hardware will be reviewed to  
50 see if there is an opportunity to reduce costs.

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52 **D4) OPERATION & MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

1 Miguel Ramirez presented the February 2022 Operations Report, noting wastewater flows and maintenance  
2 addressed during the month. Scheid has addressed errors in the Collection System Map as he continues to  
3 transfer data to the Diamond Maps program.

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5 Included in the meeting packet were photographs of broken trees in the park resulting from winter storms  
6 and debris found in manholes. A brief discussion followed regarding repairing manhole damage from snow  
7 removal operations.

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9 Non-revenue water for February was approximately 1.1 million gallons. The number continues to trend  
10 downward as leaks are addressed.

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12 **D5) TTSA REPORT**

13 Smelser's written report of the Feb 16, 2022 meeting was in today's meeting packet. Mueller noted the  
14 Corollo report which anticipates \$144.6 million will be needed over the next 25 years to address  
15 replacements, upgrades, and unfunded mandates. TTSA currently has approximately \$50 million in  
16 Reserves, half of which is restricted.

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18 **E. BUSINESS ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION**

19 **E1) SQUAW VALLEY MUTUAL WATER COMPANY**

20 David Stepner, President of the Board of the Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company, provided history on  
21 how the Company is run. The Olympic Valley PSD has provided operations and maintenance functions for  
22 the past seven years by contractual agreement. OVPSD has advised SVMWC it will not renew the contract  
23 as of July 1, 2022 due to staffing issues. Stepner said SVMWC can use private contractors for O&M, but is  
24 also asking local agencies to provide that service. He added that the SVMWC system has been doing major  
25 upgrades over the past few years, funded by USDA loans.

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27 Discussion followed regarding the options SVMWC is considering. Mueller reported OVPSD budgeted for  
28 one full-time employee (FTE) to address SVMWC needs. When asked about the possibility of SVMWC  
29 consolidating with OVPSD, Stepner said staffing is the issue, not money.

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31 There was agreement that ASCWD is not in a position to consider this request. Staffing is a major  
32 consideration. Mueller will contact Stepner about the Mutual Aid Agreement.

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34 **E2) DISTRICT PARK POLICY AND PARK USE FEES**

35 York presented the report in today's meeting packet regarding Park Policies and Use Fees. Discussion  
36 followed as the pros and cons of the price and limiting the sales of park passes was considered. There was a  
37 perception that the park is getting more and more use, but data on how many people and who is using the  
38 park is hard to quantify . Passes have historically been sold not only to full-time Alpine residents, but second  
39 homeowners and Tahoe City and Squaw residents. Discussions included if , family members may use the  
40 park without the primary owner present.

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42 There was general agreement to offer passes to those who purchased last year and impose a guest fee , while  
43 collecting data this year on the park use.

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45 Action on this item was tabled pending clarification of the fee structure. Also, a full complement of the  
46 Board was not present. Mueller will update the report based on today's discussion and this item will be on  
47 next month's agenda for possible action. Space in the April newsletter will be held for park news.

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49 Ganong left the meeting at 10:44 AM and there was no longer a quorum. All items below were tabled.

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51 **E3) RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFITS**

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