

TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2024
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at Sparks Council Chambers. Chair Dahir called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: *Paul Anderson, Clara Andriola, Jenny Brekhus, Kristopher Dahir, Naomi Duerr, **Alexis Hill, and Devon Reese.

**Director Anderson attended virtually via Zoom and left the meeting at 10:57 a.m.*

***Director Hill arrived at 10:07 a.m.*

A quorum was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Director Reese.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. POSSIBLE BOARD COMMENTS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

There were no board comments.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Director Reese, second by Director Andriola, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2024 MEETING

Upon motion by Director Duerr, second by Director Reese, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the January 18, 2024 minutes.

7. WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Bill Hauck, TMWA Water Supply Supervisor, reported that last year's snowpack ended the 3-year drought on the Truckee System; all reservoirs in the Truckee River system filled and spilled (Lake Tahoe filled about 90% capacity); an average winter this year means Lake Tahoe will fill again this summer (and latest projections show it will rise to within 1/2 foot from full by July); the snowpack season started out slowly, but recent storms have improved the conditions and runoff forecast; projected normal river flows through this year and into 2025; and the region is still well positioned from a water supply perspective.

8. PRESENTATION OF TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ACTIVITIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

Sonia Folsom, TMWA Executive Assistant, and Kara Steeland, TMWA Senior Hydrologist and Watershed Coordinator, presented the staff report.

Director Duerr expressed her gratitude for the success and increase of the Portland Loo installations along the Truckee River thus far.

Director Reese inquired when the next round of proposals would be presented to the Board. Ms. Folsom replied in March.

9. PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 Q2 YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL RESULTS

Matt Bowman, TMWA Chief Financial Officer, presented TMWA's financials.

10. PUBLIC HEARING ON RATE AND RULE AMENDMENTS

A. RATE AMENDMENT, SECOND HEARING, PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 323: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POTENTIAL WATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE MULTI-YEAR ADJUSTMENTS, WITH PROPOSED INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE IN JUNE 2024

Mr. Bowman presented the proposed rate adjustments, of 4.5%, 4% and 3.5% over the next three years, followed by proposed annual increases, maximum of 4.5% and minimum of 1%, tied to the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the western region, and recommended the Board adopt Resolution No. 323 effective the first billing cycle for June 2024. Mr. Bowman further clarified that staff will present future proposed rate increase to the Board for final approval prior to implementation.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Dahir opened the public hearing. There was no public comment.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Dahir closed the public hearing.

Members of the Board appreciated staff's due diligence and extensive public outreach to explain the proposed increases needed due to the cost of inflation.

Director Brekhus agreed with the proposed rates, but opposed the minimum and maximum CPI-U increases even though it would go before the Board for final approval and implementation.

Upon motion by Director Duerr, second by Director Hill, which motion duly carried six to one with Director Brekhus dissenting, the Board adopted Resolution No. 323: A resolution to adopt potential water rate adjustments, including possible multi-year adjustments, with proposed initial implementation for the first billing cycle in June 2024.

11. REQUEST FOR BOARD ADOPTION OF UPDATED ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS A-11 LEAVE POLICY AND A-12 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY

Jessica Atkinson, TMWA Director of Human Resources, presented the staff report and updated administrative instructions.

Director Andriola thanked staff for addressing her questions from December's meeting.

Director Brekhus appreciated staff including the leave for victims of domestic abuse.

Upon motion by Director Reese, second by Director Hill, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board adopted the updated Administrative Instructions A-11 Leave Policy and A-12 Family and Medical Leave Policy and approved adoption of conforming changes throughout TMWA's Administrative Policies.

12. OVERVIEW OF TMWA'S STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Andy Gebhardt, TMWA Director of Distribution, presented the staff report.

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION CONFIRMING GENERAL MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF KELLY MCGLYNN AS A TRUSTEE TO FILL THE REMAINING TERM OF JUAN ESPARZA TO THE §501-C-9 POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL PLAN & TRUST ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2024

Ms. Atkinson presented the staff report.

Upon motion by Director Reese, second by Director Hill, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board confirmed General Manager's Appointment of Kelly McGlynn as a trustee to fill the remaining term of Juan Esparza to the §501-c-9 Post-Retirement Medical Plan & Trust ending on December 31, 2024.

14. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

John Zimmerman, TMWA General Manager, reported that TMWA is now at a savings of over \$400,000 annually on the paperless billing effort, which Marci Westlake and Matt Bowman spearheaded, staff has received quite a few compliments on the PAFR so thanks to Robert Charpentier and the communications and finance teams, and are scheduling Board Member tours of Chalk Bluff Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Zimmerman also thanked Mayors Schieve and Lawson regarding the low-income household water assistance program and agreeing to put their names on a letter of support to Congress.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

16. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Dahir requested an update on the American Flat project at a future meeting.

17. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Chair Dahir adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Approved by the TMWA Board of Directors in session on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Sonia Folsom, Board Clerk.

****Director Anderson was present for agenda items one through 12 only.***

*****Director Hill was present for agenda items seven through 17 only.***