

**SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JANUARY 23, 2001

PRESENT:

Jim Shaw, Chairman
Pete Sferrazza, Vice Chairman
Joanne Bond, Commissioner
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
Ted Short, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel
Paul Orphan, Senior Utility Engineer

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the agenda for the January 23, 2001, meeting be approved.

MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 28, 2000, be approved.

01-01STM PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE OF RATES, TOLLS, CHARGES, ETC.

Paul Orphan, Senior Utility Engineer, advised that the Local Managing Board held their public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Schedule of Rates, Tolls, Charges, Liens, Deposits, Penalties, Connection and Disconnection and Rules and Regulations for Service of Property from the Facilities of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District last week. Their unanimous action was to adopt the new schedule with the exception of Article 4.8, which added a provision for automatic annual increases by an amount equal to the increase of the Consumer Price Index for the western region. The Local Managing Board also added two definitions to clarify the difference between disconnection of service and termination of service.

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2:32 p.m. – Commissioner Galloway temporarily left the meeting.

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Commissioner Sferrazza stated there should still be a provision for rate adjustments and asked what would be substituted for Section 4.8. Mr. Orphan stated there is a provision for reviewing the rates bi-annually in Article 1.6.

Chairman Shaw opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak concerning this matter.

Dwight Blevins, Local Managing Board member, stated they do want the rates reviewed on a bi-annual basis in order to ensure the District is in complete cost recovery. Their board felt that if the CPI was used to adjust rates, there would be a perception in the District that they were no longer part of the process, plus a CPI adjustment may not be sufficient to take care of repair and replacement in a system that is starting to age.

Commissioner Short asked what the rate increase will amount to for the average metered customer. Mr. Blevins replied that it is very hard to assess the impact on individual customers because of the way the rate fluctuates with usage, but their estimate of the increase is approximately 14 percent for the metered users and 18 percent for the flat-rate users, depending on the usage. Commissioner Short stated the financial statements indicate the District is healthy; this is a significant increase; and the District should not make too much money.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Shaw closed the public hearing.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Galloway temporarily absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the amendments recommended by the Local Managing Board, deleting Article 4.8 and adding definitions, be accepted.

01-02STM RESOLUTION – ADOPTING AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEDULE OF RATES, TOLLS, CHARGES, LIENS, DEPOSITS, PENALTIES, CONNECTION AND DISCONNECTION FEES AND RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SERVICE OF PROPERTY FROM THE FACILITIES OF STMGID

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Galloway temporarily absent, it was ordered that the following resolution be adopted, and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEDULE OF RATES, TOLLS, CHARGES, LIENS, DEPOSITS, PENALTIES, CONNECTION AND DISCONNECTION FEES AND RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SERVICE OF PROPERTY FROM THE FACILITIES OF THE SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (STMGID)

WHEREAS, the proposed Schedule of Rates, Tolls, Charges, Liens, Deposits, Penalties, Connection and Disconnection Fees and Rules and Regulations for Service of Property from the Facilities of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID) has been thoroughly discussed and considered at numerous publicly noticed meetings over the past several months; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Schedule and Rules and Regulations were recommended for approval by the Local Managing Board of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Schedule and Rules and Regulations were approved after a public hearing before the STMGID Board of Trustees on January 23, 2001; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NRS 318.199, the Trustees may take action after the public hearing and adopt a Resolution amending the Schedule of Rates, Tolls, Charges, Liens, Deposits, Penalties, Connection and Disconnection Fees and Rules and Regulations for Service of Property from the Facilities of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID):

1. That the Schedule of Rates, Tolls, Charges, Liens, Deposits, Penalties, Connection and Disconnection Fees and Rules and Regulations for Service of Property from the Facilities of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District are hereby approved: and
2. That the Schedule and Rules and Regulations, a copy of which is placed on file with the Clerk, will be effective February 1, 2001.

01-03STM POLICY – CONVERSION OF FLAT RATE TO METERED RATE PAYING CUSTOMER

Paul Orphan, Senior Utility Engineer, responded to Board members' questions advising the proposed policy is that the first time a flat rate customer goes over

75,000 gallons in a billing period, they will be charged the metered rate for that cycle and put on notice that at the second occurrence, they will be put on the metered rate schedule for all future billings. The other ways to convert from flat rate to metered rate are at the customer's request or whenever there is a change of account such as ownership or tenancy.

Upon recommendation of the Water Rates Task Force Committee and the Local Managing Board, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Galloway temporarily absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the proposed policy for converting flat rate paying customers to metered rate paying customers under certain excessive water usage conditions be approved.

01-04STM MANAGEMENT REPORTS - DECEMBER 2000

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Galloway temporarily absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that receipt of the District's management and financial reports for the month of December, 2000, be acknowledged.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Dehne, a Reno citizen, wondered how STMGID water will fit in with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority wherein the local entities are buying Sierra Pacific's water business for \$350 million. He stated it will really cost \$700 million by the time the bonds are paid off. Mr. Dehne also discussed the Airport Authority.

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2:48 p.m. – Commissioner Galloway returned to the meeting.

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Gary Schmidt, local resident, alleged that the County is not in compliance with State statute concerning providing copies of public records and the charges assessed for same.

BOARD MEMBERS'/STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Short asked if there was any news on the arsenic rule being relaxed. Mr. Orphan responded he has only heard rumors, and nothing official has been announced.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

JAMES M. SHAW, Chairman
South Truckee Meadows General
Improvement District

ATTEST: **AMY HARVEY**, County Clerk

*Minutes Prepared By:
Sharon Gotchy
Deputy County Clerk*