



Sun Valley General Improvement District Special Board Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2023

Board Members Present:

Susan Severt	Chairperson
Michael Rider	Vice Chair
Joseph Barstow	Secretary
Mark Neumann	Treasurer
Carmen Ortiz	Trustee

Board Members Not Present:

Staff Present:

Chris Melton	SVGID, General Manager
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Administrative Assistant
Maddy Shipman	SVGID, Legal Counsel

Other Members Present:

The meeting of the Sun Valley General Improvement District was called to order by Chairperson Severt at 5:30 pm in the Sun Valley District Administrative Building, 5000 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV.

Item# 1. Roll call and determination of a quorum.

Board members present; Chairperson Severt, Vice Chair Rider, Secretary Barstow, Treasurer Neumann, and Trustee Ortiz. A quorum was present.

Item# 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Led by Vice Chair Rider

Item# 3. Public comments for items not on the agenda.

None

Item# 4. Motion to approve the agenda.

Vice Chair Rider made a motion to approve the agenda. Secretary Barstow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Item# 5. Certify posting of the agenda.

Ms. Merritt certified posting of the agenda.

Item# 6. Discussion and action to authorize and/or ratify action of the General Manager in opting out of DuPont and 3M Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (PFAS) Products Liability Litigation Settlement Programs for public water systems.

Mr. Melton reported the District has been notified of a Class Action Settlement regarding both DuPont and 3M for PFAS contamination of public water systems. The District has two options; participate in the Class Action Settlement or opt out of the Settlement. By participating in the Class Action Settlement, the District will be precluded from pursuing claims against the DuPont and 3M in the future. Should the District opt out of the Class Action Settlement it must do so in writing no later than December 4, 2023. Mr. Melton reported he had several conversations with District's legal counsel and Truckee Meadows Water Authority's General Manager regarding the Class Action Settlement. After carefully considering the matter, Mr. Melton believes it is in the best interest of the District to opt out of the Class Action Settlement. Both the District and Truckee Meadows Water Authority are beginning its preliminary testing for PFAS, via the UCMR 5 testing, to see what our area contaminant levels are to help determine what the regulated levels will be set as going forward. Without knowing what the contaminant levels are and what the regulated levels will be, it is unknown how much additional treatment Truckee Meadows Water Authority will have to do in the future. Since the District is Truckee Meadows Water Authority largest wholesale customer, and as a good partner, Mr. Melton wants to follow Truckee Meadows Water Authority recommendation on this matter. The main reason he would like to opt out at this time is whatever Truckee Meadows Water Authority is going to be required to do in regards to treating PFAS, will ultimately affect the rate payers, including the District. Mr. Melton requested the board to ratify his actions to opt out of the Class Action Settlement due to the unknowns at this time. The District submitted its official opt out letters on November 21, 2023 to make sure it met the deadline of DuPont by December 4, 2023 and December 11, 2023 for 3M.

Ms. Shipman commented majority of the public water systems don't know what the contaminant levels are regarding PFAS; the rule hasn't been finalized and no standard levels have been determined at this time. Truckee Meadows Water Authority gets its water from various sources and they don't know what the initial impact will be until after the Safe Drinking Water Bureau sets the regulations. The Truckee Meadows Region is considered low impact at this time because each public water system is just now testing PFAS to determine the baseline. The District would still have an opportunity, should it need to, take additional action in the future by 2026, if there is a high impact of PFAS contaminants.

Treasurer Neumann made a motion ratify District's General Manager action to opt out of the Class Action Settlement regarding DuPont and 3M PFAS contamination of public water systems as presented. Vice Chair Rider seconded the motion. After additional discussion the motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Item# 7. Discussion and action to authorize and/or ratify of Stefanie Morris, Esq (CalNeva Water) in facilitating and handling the preparation and filing of any necessary paperwork for Item #6 (of approved) and ratify General Manager to execute same as needed.

Mr. Melton reported Truckee Meadows Water authority has offered to incur any expenses for Stefanie Morris, Esq. services to prepare and file necessary paperwork on behalf of Sun Valley General Improvement District. The District will be responsible for District's legal expenses and postage to send all the letters certified/priority mail.

Vice Chair Rider made a motion to ratify District General Manager action to authorize Stefanie Morris, Esq. (CalNeva Water) in facilitating and handling the preparation and filing of any necessary paperwork related to DuPont and 3M Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (PFAS) Products Liability Litigation Settlement. Treasure Neumann seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Item# 8. Public Comments.
None

Item# 9. Board Comments.

Mr. Neumann commented the Scolari's public notice bulletin board is currently blocked for building repairs.

Chairperson Severt commented she drove by Gepford Park and she is very pleased with the new scoreboards.

Vice Chair Rider thanked District staff for the tree pruning at Gepford Park, as well as, installing additional fencing to address safety concerns.

Item# 10. Adjournment.

Secretary Barstow made a motion to adjourn at 5:44 pm. Trustee Ortiz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the SVGID Board of Trustees on December 14, 2023
Minutes Prepared by: Jennifer Merritt, Administrative Assistant