

Minutes of the Special Meeting of TCSD Board of Directors
Held at 301 Tennessee Valley Road, Mill Valley
January 30, 2010
10:00 am

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Work Session of the Tamalpais Community Services District Board of Directors was called to order by President Steffen Bartschat at 10:08 a.m. on Sunday, January 30, 2010.

2. **ROLL CALL.**

Board Members Present: The following members were present: President Bartschat and members Linda Johnson (L. Johnson), Jim Jacobs, Gretchen Stagg, and Richard Johnson (R. Johnson). As five of five of the Board was present at Roll Call, a quorum was constituted. Gretchen Stagg arrived at 8:56 a.m.

Staff Present: General Manager Jon Elam, Finance Director Jerry Taylor, Park and Recreation Director Carol Buchholz, and Recording Secretary Claudia Laughter.

Not Present: Superintendent Bob Bunce

Others Present: None

3. **APPROVE AGENDA**

4. **PUBLIC EXPRESSION.** President Bartschat invited public expression on non-agenda items, in response to which there was none.

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS.** It should be noted that GM Elam (and Staff) provided this work session's reports, financials, and other written materials.

A. REVIEW YEAR 2009 GOALS – Jon Elam. GM Elam presented a review of the Board's 2009 Goals and also included copies of yearly Board goals dating from 2006.

B. GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE – Jon Elam. GM Elam reviewed each component of his report and walked the Board through his review. In discussing TCSD's landscaping chips that are made available to residents, GM Elam requested that a reminder be posted in the next newsletter. The Board added that the speed of the refuse trucks should be reduced when driving in the neighborhoods.

C. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – Steffen Bartschat. President Bartschat thanked the Board for their cooperation and commitment to the issues in the District. Looking ahead to 2010, it will be interesting to see if the public continues to support TCSD as they have quietly done in the past. President Bartschat's goals for 2010 include determining a plan for SASM/SMCSD issues as well as obtaining a contract amendment with SMCSD. Once President Bartschat completes meeting with the other Districts, we can start to negotiate EDU purchases with them. President Bartschat also commended Director Buchholz on the Park and Recreation programs and wanted to find out if it would be possible to coordinate with local farmers to sponsor our own Farmer's

Market year round which she will be looking into. President Bartschat requested that this topic be revisited at a future Board meeting to include our current market coordinator.

D. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION – The Board discussed the sewer rate increases and comments recently received from concerned community members.

E. GOALS FOR 2010 – President Bartschat, serving as the Board’s facilitator, requested the Board’s participation in narrowing down issues to make up the 2010 Goals. The categories were issues that make the Board and Staff “Happy”, “Frustrated”, and “Worried”. Below are the top items voted on by the Board and Staff for each category as well as the 2010 Goals now associated with them:

HAPPY

1. Strong sense of community/engagement/leadership
2. Great GM, Staff, energy & Board – synergistic
3. Making progress and moving forward every month, despite challenges; proactive
4. Environmental stewards
5. Parks look great/Tam Valley looks great

FRUSTRATED

1. No control over our destiny
2. Lack of recognition for our talents/accomplishments with other agencies
3. Not getting enough outside funding
4. Sewer rates are too high
5. Not enough progress on wet weather flow

WORRIED

1. Sewer District finances affect other departments
2. SASM/SMCSD flow shift timing, decisions, impact, costs, contract
3. Outside politics intrude

GOALS:

1. Continue with effort to shift flow to SASM. Specifically:
 - Obtain a “binding” agreement from other SASM agencies to purchase additional EDUs (April)
 - Complete definition of plans for storage at SASM and conveyance to SASM (December)
 - Build an initial consensus of political consolidation for treatment within SASM and SMCSD spheres (December)
2. Implement an amendment to our SMCSD contract in order to clarify what happens in 2014 when our current contract terminates and also to finance its capital costs beginning with the 2010/11 budget year (June)

3. Investigate options for tying our sewer rates to usage
4. Begin implementation of phase II of our wet weather plan
5. Complete a 5 year plan for TCSD finances
6. Complete a disaster preparation plan for our agency (begun in 2009)
7. Complete a Construction & Demolition (C&D) policy for Refuse (begun in 2009)
8. Continue our outreach efforts by repeating our Leadership Forum, as well as creating a new Business Forum
9. Complete our volunteer brochure project begun in 2009
10. Continue our efforts for board members to connect with the TCSD commissions

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**


MOTION MOVE TO AJOURN

M/S/C J. Jacobs/R. Johnson

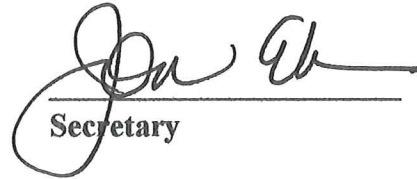
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NAYS: 0

AJOURNED 2:05p.m.



President



Secretary

Next Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Time: 7:00p.m.

**Location: Tam Valley Community Center
203 Marin Avenue, Mill Valley**