

**TWAIN HARTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors Special Meeting**  
**April 24, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Mannix called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors, Staff, and Community Members Were Present:

**DIRECTORS:**

Vice President Mannix  
Director Johnson  
Director Knudson  
Director Sipperley

**STAFF:**

Tom Trott, General Manager  
Carolyn Higgins, Board Secretary/Finance Officer  
Robb Perry, Operations Manager

**AUDIENCE:**

Ron Ringen and a member of the Press

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:**

Director Sipperley announced that President Maxwell is unable to be here due to health reasons.

**Public Hearing:**

***The Public Hearing was opened at 9:02 a.m.***

- A. Discussion regarding current and forecasted water supply status.
- GM Trott stated that it will be another difficult water year but the district implemented several things since last year that will help with water consumption including the leak program, water recycling and drilling a well. All of these things will be very helpful, but a significant amount of conservation will still be needed to make it through the year. A second well will be drilled in mid-May – completion date is somewhat unknown because it will depend on the water quality of the water.
- B. Discussion regarding draft water conservation regulations developed by the State Water Resources Control Board.
- Trott stated that the governor mandated 25% water conservation and the department of water resources is proposing a conservation standard matrix that urban water suppliers will be subject to. As a small water district our mandate will be 25%. However, our specific water situation will require a higher level of conservation due to the specific issues in our local water shed and reservoir levels.

- C. Receive public comment and protests regarding implementation of Phase III Mandatory Water Conservation Measures.
- Phase III conservation measures would include landscape watering restrictions, hardscape washing restrictions, implementation of penalties and other things as listed in Article 7 of the water ordinance.
  - Ron Ringen, a concerned TUD ratepayer, commended THCS D for everything they do and asked for support at the county level to encourage forward-motion of water issues that will encourage water conservation such as new building techniques.
  - No public or written protests were submitted.
- D. Discussion/action to adopt Resolution #15-05, Declaration of a Continued Water Shortage Emergency and Implementation of Phase III Mandatory Water Conservation Measures.

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION #15-05 - Johnson**

**MOTION : Director Sipperley made a motion to approve Resolution #15-05**

**SECOND: Knudson**

**AYES ROLL CALL: Mannix, Knudson, Johnson, Sipperley**

**ABSENT: Maxwell**

***The public hearing was closed at 9:56 a.m.***

**NEW BUSINESS:**


- A. Discussion/action regarding mandatory conservation enforcement and alternate means of ensuring conservation goals are met.

G.M. Trott explained a recent court case decision that determined actual cost information must be shown to justify the differences in price between tiers in tiered water rate structures. Due to this, he recommended that we not rush a change in rate structure for drought purposes, but instead continue implementation of penalties. Director Johnson agreed and stated that penalties have been effective and to continue on with the same process as last year


**ADJOURNMENT:**

The open session was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Carolyn Higgins, Board Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Eileen Mannix, Vice President