

**ALPINE SPRINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Pursuant to notice given, the special meeting of the Board of Directors, Alpine Springs County Water District, was held Wednesday, August 29, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., District Board Room, 270 Alpine Meadows Road.

1 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

2 Director Quinan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

3 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4 Those attending joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

5 **ROLL CALL**

6 Directors Present: Janet S. Grant; Jon Northrop; Virginia Quinan.

7 Directors Absent: Vice President Nungester

8 Staff Present: John Collins, General Manager; Jancis Martin, Recording  
9 Secretary

10 Guests Present: Dina Morrison/resident; Alan Kozlowski/resident; Donald  
11 Priest/resident; Evan Salke/resident; David Smelser/resident; Brian  
12 Todd/resident

13 **2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

14 None.

15 **3. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION**

16 **A. Interview Candidates to fill Vacant Seat on the ASCWD Board of**  
17 **Directors:**

18 The Board met with candidates interested in serving the remainder of the  
19 term of the vacant Board position.

- 20 • Director Quinan told the candidates that their duties would include  
21 attendance at monthly Board meetings, possible assignment to a  
22 Board committee and coming to the Office to sign checks from time to  
23 time. She told them their pay would be \$125 for each regular Board  
24 meeting they attend and \$25 for each committee meeting.
- 25 • Director Quinan asked the candidates if they were all registered  
26 voters in Placer County, a requirement for the position. The  
27 candidates all responded in the affirmative.
- 28 • She asked the candidates to speak to the Board one at a time, in  
29 alphabetical order, answering in particular the questions: 1) why did  
30 they wish to serve on the Board? and 2) what skills would they bring  
31 to the Board? Director Grant added a third question for all the  
32 candidates to answer: 3) considering there had recently been a call  
33 for candidates to apply for two open elective positions on the Board,  
34 had they applied for the elective positions and if not, why not?
- 35 • Alan Kozlowski said he is a full-time resident of the Alpine Meadows  
36 Condos, serves on their association board, knows all the members of  
37 the association, brings management skills from his previous  
38 employment, and is a consultant with marketing skills. He said he  
39 was interested in serving on the Board because the size of the  
40 District's bills made him want to learn more about where the money all  
41 went. Alan said he knew nothing about the upcoming Board election,  
42 so hadn't applied. He is still employed by the ski area.
- 43 • Dina Morrison said she was interested in serving on the Board  
44 because of an \$11K water bill she received. In the course of learning  
45 why she had received such a high bill, she researched how local  
46 water agencies were run and wants to be proactive because of that.  
47 She did not know about the upcoming election so didn't apply as an  
48 elective candidate. She said the skills she would bring to the Board

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- 1                    were those she uses to run the two businesses she owns: a real  
2                    estate business and a chiropractic agency.
- 3                    • Donald Priest said he is interested in serving on the Board because  
4                    he feels the Board has done a terrific job managing the District, the  
5                    fee system is well thought out, and he wants to maintain the work  
6                    they've done. The skills he would bring to the Board are those  
7                    learned while acquiring a Master's degree in city planning from UC  
8                    Berkeley in the 1960s, from his experience in professional planning  
9                    for both public and private firms, and from his various jobs: director of  
10                   research for the Urban Land Institute in Washington DC, the  
11                   development management business, and president of a large  
12                   development firm in Virginia. During his retirement, he has served in  
13                   the Alpine Meadows area as a member of BCPC for 6 years while  
14                   they were involved with difficult issues including a case that went  
15                   through the Supreme Court; as a board member of the Juniper  
16                   Mountain homeowners association; and as a member of the ASCWD  
17                   Long Range Planning Committee. Don said he contributed to all  
18                   these organizations and feels he can continue to contribute as a  
19                   member of the ASCWD Board. He did not know about the upcoming  
20                   election so did not apply as an elective candidate.
  - 21                   • Evan Salke said his interest in serving on the Board was initiated  
22                   during his tenure on the Alpine Meadows fire department, when he  
23                   learned from Buz and Lew about the water infrastructure and  
24                   challenges facing the District. He has been a full-time resident in the  
25                   valley for over 22 years and wants to maintain the quality of water and  
26                   do what is in the best interests of the other residents of the valley. His  
27                   background includes work in the finance industry, an MBA in finance,  
28                   extensive experience with operational and capital budgeting projects  
29                   in non-profit and for-profit environments. Evan did not know about the  
30                   upcoming election and therefore did not apply as an elective  
31                   candidate.
  - 32                   • David Smelser said he wanted to help the Board continue the way it  
33                   has gone, water system and all. He said he has been around long  
34                   enough to know how it works. He has been on BCPC for 7 years,  
35                   feels it is in good shape and that he has served long enough and is  
36                   ready to leave. He said his skills were that he can drive ships and has  
37                   been involved in construction. He felt he would be an asset to the  
38                   Board. He said he read about the upcoming election the day before  
39                   the deadline, went to sign up, but the staff there was unhelpful and left  
40                   early, before he could submit his application.
  - 41                   • Brian Todd said he was a part-time resident in the valley. His  
42                   background is in civil engineering with an MBA in finance. He said he  
43                   understands about water resource management, serves on the board  
44                   of a groundwater resource firm called Todd Engineers, and is very  
45                   interested in conservation and resource management of the valley's  
46                   watershed. He said that the valley would continue to grow, that  
47                   challenges lay ahead for the water system, and that his understanding  
48                   of water resources would help the Board understand and manage the  
49                   water. He said he would be able to attend all Board meetings. He

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1 said he had not known about the upcoming election and therefore did  
2 not apply as an elective candidate. He said he has been in the valley  
3 since he was a child. He was here in 1967, built his home in 1969,  
4 knows the old-timers in the valley and cherishes the valley.

- 5 • The candidates being done speaking, Director Grant said to them that  
6 only one candidate would be chosen today, but she hoped the others  
7 would keep that in mind that in two years three Board positions would  
8 be opening up and she hoped they would apply as candidates in the  
9 election at that time. Director Quinan added that the quality of the  
10 candidates was going to make their decision a difficult one.
- 11 • Director Quinan told the candidates that the Board needed to discuss  
12 the selection now and suggested it would be more comfortable for the  
13 candidates not to be present during the discussion. She thanked the  
14 candidates for their attendance. The candidates left the room.
- 15 • Manager Collins told the Directors they could either make a  
16 nomination now, or discuss candidate qualifications first before  
17 making a nomination.
- 18 • Director Northrop said he liked Don and Brian.
- 19 • Director Grant said she felt Evan's resume stood out from the rest,  
20 that Don and Brian also sounded well-qualified, and that she sees  
21 Dina around the valley a lot.
- 22 • Director Northrop said Don's steadfastness and stick-to-it-iveness with  
23 the problems BCPC faced impressed him. He said Brian was  
24 qualified, too, but that he trusted Don and would nominate him.
- 25 • Director Quinan said she was impressed by the quality of the  
26 candidates. She said she knew Don best and felt he was a good  
27 board member. She said Brian was new to her but was well-qualified.
- 28 • Director Northrop said the Board should encourage the unselected  
29 candidates to attend ASCWD Board meetings.

30 Director Northrop made a MOTION that the Board appoint Don Priest to  
31 serve the remainder of the term of the vacant Board position. Director  
32 Quinan SECONDED the motion. Director Northrop being in favor and  
33 Director Grant opposed, Director Quinan voted in favor and the motion  
34 was APPROVED. Manager Collins said he would notify the candidates of  
35 the Board's decision.

36 **4. CLOSED SESSION**

37 None.

38 **5. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

- 39 • Director Grant said she would be unable to attend the September Board  
40 meeting. With respect to the resolution for Barbara Danz, Director Grant said  
41 would like to be included in supporting it. Manager Collins said she should  
42 send him an email prior to the meeting indicating her support, and that the  
43 email would be read to the Board and made part of the public record at the  
44 September meeting.
- 45 • The Directors agreed that they should consider better ways of advertising  
46 when they next need to fill vacant positions.
- 47 • Manager Collins said he would swear in Don Priest at the September Board  
48 meeting.

49 **6. ADJOURNMENT**

