

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

Pursuant to notice given, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Alpine Springs County Water District, was held Friday, June 30, 2006, at 12:00 noon, District Board Room, 270 Alpine Meadows Road.

1 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

2 President Danz called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

3 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4 Those attending joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

5 **ROLL CALL**

6 Directors Present: Barbara Danz, President; Virginia Quinan, Vice President;
7 Janet S. Grant; Jon Northrop; Charles Nungester

8 Directors Absent: None.

9 Staff Present: John Collins, General Manager

10 Guests Present: Dwane Milnes/Citygate; Stewart Gary/Citygate

11 **2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

12 None.

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

14 **A. Unbudgeted Expenses:**

15 John Collins, General Manager, recommended that the following
16 unbudgeted expenses be approved:

- 17 • \$750 maximum to locate a sewer service line on a lot after a
- 18 request from a contractor;
- 19 • \$1,700 to repair the pump at the District Pump Station; and
- 20 • \$1,700 to repair the pump at the Todd residence pump station on
- 21 John Scott Trail.

22 Director Nungester made a MOTION that the Board approve the three
23 unbudgeted expenses. Director Northrop SECONDED the motion. All
24 Directors being in favor, the motion was APPROVED.

25 **The Board took a break between 12:15 and 12:25 p.m.**

26 **B. Fire Alternatives:**

27 Dwane Milnes and Stewart Gary from Citygate were in attendance to
28 report on their meeting with the North Tahoe Fire Protection District
29 (NTFPD) Board of Directors regarding a long-term contract for the
30 provision of fire protection and basic emergency medical services to
31 Alpine Meadows. They reported as follows:

- 32 • They met with the NTFPD Board for two hours in the morning and
- 33 reviewed the basic terms of a potential contract. There was no
- 34 disagreement with ASCWD on the basic contract terms. The key
- 35 areas of interest were level of service and financial considerations.
- 36 • NTFPD realizes that ASCWD cannot pay a significant amount of
- 37 money in the near term; the ramp-up will be two or three years. For
- 38 fiscal, political and emotional reasons, NTFPD expects that residents
- 39 of Alpine Meadows will pay the same as residents of the NTFPD
- 40 geographic area, i.e., \$600 per year per parcel. Dwane noted that it
- 41 would cost ASCWD approximately \$1 million annually to fund a fire
- 42 operation with two firefighters/paramedics on a 24/7/365 basis.
- 43 • Dwane and Stewart do not recommend staffing the Alpine Meadows
- 44 Fire Station on a 24/7/365 basis since the number of calls do not
- 45 warrant that type of staffing and neither ASCWD nor NTFPD can
- 46 afford that level of staffing. They recommend that fire service in Alpine
- 47 Meadows be based on a larger, integrated, turn-key operation like that
- 48 provided by NTFPD. Within the NTFPD geographic area, there are
- 49 variable pockets of coverage with some stations fully staffed and

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1 others with minimal or no staffing. No fire agency in the North Tahoe
2 region can stand alone and each requires the assistance of the
3 others.

- 4 • With an additional \$600 per parcel from Alpine Meadows residents
5 (about \$381,000 annually), NTFPD should be able to add three full-
6 time firefighters with associated equipment. The addition of these
7 firefighters will add to the ability of NTFPD to service reliably all their
8 areas.
- 9 • Stewart and Dwane recommended that ASCWD commit a percentage
10 of its property tax revenue to NTFPD to pay for fire services. At an
11 estimated increase in property tax revenue of 6-7% per year, ASCWD
12 should be able to reach the goal of \$600 per parcel per year in fiscal
13 year 2009. Director Nungester expressed the opinion that Alpine
14 Meadows residents should not pay the same amount as NTFPD
15 residents unless Alpine Meadows gets the same level of service.
16 Director Nungester also said that ASCWD could not pay more than
17 100% of its property tax revenue. Dwane noted that ASCWD property
18 tax revenues must also support park and garbage services. President
19 Danz pointed out that the ASCWD rate study assumed that the
20 majority of property tax revenues in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 would
21 be used to support fire services. In addition, the fiscal year 2007
22 budget has \$133,000 allocated to fire expense which includes the final
23 six months of the current contract. Based on these numbers, Dwane
24 calculated that 80% of fiscal year 2009 property tax revenue would be
25 \$380,000 which would satisfy NTFPD's request for equity among
26 residents of both districts. He suggested and the Board agreed that
27 Dwane and Stewart could go back to NTFPD's Board with those
28 numbers.
- 29 • President Danz stated that Alpine Meadows residents must receive
30 some benefit for the significant increase in dollars since the Alpine
31 Meadows community will not buy into the concept that the dollars
32 support the provision of fire services in the greater NTFPD area. In
33 specific, the additional benefit must be expressed as additional staff at
34 the Alpine Meadows fire station during agreed-upon times of the year.
35 Dwane and Stewart suggested that they would recommend to NTFPD
36 that they devise a specific phased-in level of service plan for the
37 Alpine Meadows fire station based on the phasing-in of the additional
38 revenue. Stewart pointed out that this may not be easy since NTFPD
39 would have to negotiate with the firefighters' union over hours and
40 locations.

41 **The Board took a break between 2:00 and 2:15 p.m.**

42 **B. Fire Alternatives (cont'd):**

- 43 • Dwane and Stewart summarized the other contract terms that NTFPD
44 requested, as follows:
 - 45 ○ A contract term of 15 years, with an evergreen clause (continuous
46 one-year extensions unless terminated) and a three-year
47 termination clause;
 - 48 ○ ASCWD gives its fire station and equipment to NTFPD at the
49 outset of the contract; NTFPD performs all maintenance on these

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- 1 fixed assets and pays all expenses associated with their
2 operation; at the end of the contract, NTFPD returns the fire
3 station and equipment to ASCWD in the same condition as at the
4 outset of the contract with the proviso that ASCWD pays the
5 remaining amortized cost of any capital improvements;
6 ○ Reporting mechanisms to be determined based on what is
7 operationally effective; ASCWD will disband the Fire Committee;
8 ○ ASCWD pay the cost to have an AB1600 mitigation fee study
9 performed which will set the fees that ASCWD will charge new
10 developers for their fair share of the cost of capital improvements
11 for fire and that NTFPD obtains the amounts paid by the
12 developers. The Board's perspective was that ASCWD would not
13 pay for the study (estimated at \$12,000-\$25,000) if NTFPD
14 received the fees.
15 ● Dwane and Stewart suggested that Chief Whitelaw and a
16 representative from ASCWD approach the Ski Area about paying their
17 fair share of the fire services cost. Since the Ski Area is on Federal
18 land, ASCWD is not required to respond to fires on their property. The
19 Board stated that ASCWD and NTFPD should share equally in any
20 additional revenues obtained from the Ski Area. Stewart mentioned
21 that, even if the Ski Area does not respond favorably, there may be
22 other opportunities to request additional reimbursement for fire
23 services if the Ski Area seeks to expand and requires the approval of
24 fire services agencies.
25 ● Dwane and Stewart left to meet with the NTFPD Board again.

26 **The Board took a break between 2:40 and 4:45 p.m.**

27 **B. Fire Alternatives (cont'd):**

- 28 ● Dwane and Stewart returned from their meeting with the NTFPD
29 Board and summarized their discussions:
30 ○ NTFPD buys into the concept of graduated levels of service;
31 ○ If NTFPD wants an AB1600 study performed, they will pay for it if
32 ASCWD will agree to implement the results. Dwane told them that
33 all proceeds must be spent in Alpine Meadows and suggested
34 they may want to treat single parcels differently from multi-unit
35 developments.
36 ○ Not all members of the NTFPD Board are convinced but Stewart
37 and Dwane believe that a majority will support a contract drafted
38 along these lines.
39 ● As a next step, Chief Whitelaw will draft a plan for staffing in Alpine
40 Meadows and forward it to Stewart and Dwane for review. Stewart
41 and Dwane will incorporate the staffing plan into a document
42 summarizing all the proposed contract terms discussed during the
43 meetings today. They will forward the document to the ASCWD Board
44 no later than July 6 and will meet with both Boards on Friday, July 7,
45 in the same format as the meetings today.

46 **4. CLOSED SESSION**

47 None.

48 **5. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

49 None.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved as submitted 6-14-06

Barbara Danz
Board President