



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA
SERVICE AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

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The Sierra County Service Area Board of Directors met in special session commencing at **6:00 p.m. on November 15, 2018 at the Sierra Brooks Lodge, 510 Longhorn Drive, Loyalton, CA.** This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor Beard

Present: Lee Adams, Supervisor, District #1
Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, District #2
Paul Roen, Supervisor, Chair, District #3
Jim Beard, Supervisor, Vice-Chair, District #4
Scott A. Schlefstein, Supervisor, District #5

Staff: Heather Foster, Clerk-Recorder
Joe Larmour, Deputy County Counsel
Tim Beals, Director of Planning and Transportation

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APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

APPROVED. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

REGULAR AGENDA

2. 6:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING - SIERRA BROOKS WATER SYSTEM PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

- 2.A. 1) Conduct public hearing on proposed assessments for the Sierra Brooks Water System for County Service Area 5, Assessment District No. 2015-01; 2) conduct the tabulation of assessment ballots received following the conclusion of the public hearing; and 3) discussion/direction regarding resolution confirming assessments for Assessment District No. 2015-01, ordering proposed improvements to be made, providing for notice of recording of assessment and designating the County Treasurer-Tax Collector to collect and receive money.

Chair Schlefstein introduced the item and explained that all assessment ballots must be turned in prior to the close of the public hearing.

At 6:03 p.m. Chair Schlefstein opened the public hearing.

Public comment was received by Robert Bayly, Sierra Brooks questioning the amount of new pipe to be laid and the financing for the project.

The Director of Public Works explained the new pipe to be placed underground will be to serve existing lots not connected to the system in order to provide the option for service to those lots and to develop a loop system.

The Director continued to provided background on the financing for the project; the amount of costs incurred by the county which will be refunded should the project proceed; the Board having committed to allocating approximately \$57,000 of the annual property taxes within Sierra Brooks to the water system operation and maintenance costs; and the proposed improvements to be made to the water system which will stabilize the system and provide for more storage.

Public comment was received by Sue Camara, Sierra Brooks questioning an increase in expenses due to possible change orders to the project and where this money will come from.

The Director responded that there are a number of options to address unforeseen change orders including a healthy contingency fund available; changing the scope of the

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project to reduce costs; requesting additional funding; and requesting a higher appropriation of tax proceeds within the County Service Area to cover any overage.

Supervisor Roen clarified that the fees cannot be altered without a vote of the people.

Catherine Puckett, Sierra Brooks questioned which lots are not currently connected to the system.

The Director responded that there are approximately 30 lots on Smithneck Road that don't have access to the system.

Discussion ensued between the Director and members of the public.

At 6:38 p.m. Chair Schlefstein closed the public hearing with no further members of the public addressing the Board.

The Board recessed the meeting from 6:38 p.m. to 8:04 p.m. for the Clerk to conduct the tabulation of assessment ballots received and reconvened with all members present.

The Clerk announced the results of the tabulation of the assessment ballots: 157 in favor of the proposed assessments to 82 against the proposed assessments.

Following brief discussion and by consensus, the Board directed the resolution confirming assessments for Assessment District No. 2015-01, ordering proposed improvements to be made, providing for notice of recording of assessment and designating the County Treasurer-Tax Collector to collect and receive money to the December 4, 2018 Board meeting for approval.

ADJOURN

At 8:06 p.m., with no further business, Chair Schlefstein adjourned the meeting.

SCOTT SCHLEFSTEIN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD