# Board Policy Committee Meeting and Special SMUD Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Time: Scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting (online)





# AGENDA BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AND SPECIAL SMUD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

**Zoom Webinar Link: Join Board Policy Committee Meeting Here** 

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Phone Dial-in Number: 1-669-254-5252 or 1-833-568-8864 (Toll Free)

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e) and the Emergency Board Meeting Procedures adopted by the SMUD Board of Directors, the regular Board meeting and other public meetings are currently conducted solely via virtual (online/teleconference) meeting to align with state, local, and federal guidelines for the containment of the coronavirus.

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Members of the public may provide written public comments on a specific agenda item or on items not on the agenda (general public comment) by submitting comments via e-mail. Comments may be submitted to <a href="mailto:PublicComment@smud.org">PublicComment@smud.org</a> and will be placed into the record of the meeting.

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This Committee meeting is noticed as a joint meeting with the Board of Directors for the purpose of compliance with the Brown Act. The Policy Committee will review, discuss and provide the Committee's recommendation (if applicable) on the following items, and the Board of Directors will take action on the Discussion Calendar:

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Laura Lewis Discuss, with possible amendment, the **Meeting** 

**Procedures of the SMUD Board of Directors.** 

Presentation: 5 minutes Discussion: 15 minutes

2. Dave Tamayo Board Monitoring: **Governance Process GP-5**,

Election of President and Vice President; Governance Process GP-6, Role of the Board President; and Governance Process GP-9, Board

Committee Chairs.
Discussion: 5 minutes

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Heidi Sanborn Board Work Plan.

Discussion: 10 minutes

4. Public Comment

5. Dave Tamayo Summary of Committee Direction.

Discussion: 1 minute

Pursuant to Resolution No. 20-06-08 adopted on June 18, 2020, Emergency Board Meeting Procedures are in effect:

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Members of the public that are listening or watching the live stream of a Board meeting and wish to comment on a specific agenda item as it is being heard, may submit their comments, limited to 250 words or less, to <a href="PublicComment@smud.org">PublicComment@smud.org</a>. The Board Committee Chair may read the comments into the record, in his discretion, based upon such factors as the length of the agenda or the number of email comments received. Comments will be provided to the Board and placed into the record of the Committee meeting if it is received within two hours after the meeting ends.

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# **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

#### STAFFING SUMMARY SHEET

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Summary:

The Municipal Utility District (MUD) Act section 11908 requires this Board to establish rules for its proceedings. On March 17, 2020, to address the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (Executive Order) that suspended certain requirements under the Brown Act related to teleconference requirements during a declared State of Emergency. In response, the Board has been operating under some form of Emergency Board Meeting Procedures since March 17, 2020, which has included, among other things, the use of virtual meeting participation and public comment and adjustment to meeting time.

On October 17, 2022, Governor Newsom announced his intent to end the California State of Emergency on February 28, 2023, which will reinstate the teleconference provisions of the Brown Act.

In anticipation of a return to normal operations, the Board may wish to discuss revisions to the Board Meeting Procedures, including revisions to the time of Board or Committee meetings and the mode of public participation. Any proposed changes would be brought back to a February Board meeting for review and possible adoption.

**Board Policy:** 

Governance Process GP-3, Board Job Description – j) Take such other actions as may be required by law.

(Number & Title)

Benefits: Allows the Board to clarify procedures for conducting Board and Committee meetings and to allow the

Board the opportunity to make corrections, additions, or changes if necessary.

**Cost/Budgeted:** This item has no direct budgetary impact.

Alternatives: Maintain the existing Board Meeting Procedures.

Affected Parties: SMUD, Board of Directors, Public

**Coordination:** Executive Office, Board Office, Legal Department

Presenter: Laura Lewis, Chief Legal & Government Affairs Officer

Additional Links:

SUBJECT

Board Meeting Procedures

ITEM NO. (FOR LEGAL USE ONLY)

## **Meeting Procedures of the SMUD Board of Directors**

2021 Edition Supersedes all previous versions

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### Welcome Statement

Welcome to the Board of Directors meeting. These procedures are designed to assist the community in understanding how the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Board of Directors conducts its meetings. Copies of the Meeting Procedures are available upon request through the office of the SMUD Board Secretary or on the internet at www.smud.org.

#### **Authority**

The Board of Directors governs SMUD and is its policy-making body. The Board appoints a Chief Executive Officer and General Manager responsible for SMUD's operations.

#### **Board Tenure**

The Board of Directors is comprised of seven members elected by ward to represent different geographic areas of the Sacramento region. The Directors serve four-year terms which are staggered.

#### **Board Governance Policies**

The Board of Directors operates under a set of governance policies. The governance policies define the Board's purpose and how it operates; SMUD's vision and strategic direction; and its links and delegations to staff. Copies of the Board governance policies are available upon request through the office of the SMUD Board Secretary or on the internet at www.smud.org.

These meeting procedures complement the Board's policies, but do not supersede them. If there is an inconsistency between any of the Board's policies and these meeting procedures, the Board's policies control.

#### **CHAPTER I – BOARD MEETINGS**

#### **Rule 1.0 Time and Place**

(a) Regular Board meetings occur the third Thursday of the month except that the regular meeting in December occurs the second Thursday of the month. Unless otherwise designated on the Board meeting agenda, regular meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. except that the regular meetings in January, April, July, and October begin at 9:00 a.m.

All regular meetings are held in the SMUD Auditorium at 6201 S Street, Sacramento, California, unless otherwise designated on the Board meeting agenda.

- (b) In the event that the Thursday Board meeting falls on a legal holiday, unless otherwise determined by the Board President, that meeting will be held on the next business day following the holiday and begin at the time specified for that Board meeting.
- (c) Any meeting or session of the Board may be adjourned for cause, in good faith, at any time, or from time-to-time, when necessary for the expeditious transaction of business.
- (d) All meetings of the Board, including regular, special and emergency meetings, are called in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, California Government Code Section 54950, *et seq.*
- (e) Board members may participate in Board meetings by teleconferencing under the following conditions: (i) a quorum of the Board members are personally in attendance at the meeting; (ii) the teleconferencing Board member is unavailable to personally attend due to illness or is outside the boundaries of SMUD; (iii) the teleconferencing location is accessible to the public; and (iv) all other requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act of the California Government Code are met.
- (f) Members of the public may audio or video record Board meetings provided that they do not block aisles, exits or interfere with public sight lines.

#### **Rule 1.1 Parliamentary Procedures**

In all cases not provided for by these meeting procedures, or by SMUD ordinance or resolution, parliamentary procedures will be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order (current edition). The Board Secretary will act as parliamentarian to the Board.

#### **Rule 1.2 Order of Business**

Unless special circumstance apply, the regular order of business at each regular Board meeting is:

- (a) Call to Order
- (b) Pledge to the Flag
- (c) Roll Call
- (d) Cable Announcement
- (e) Customer Education Message

- (f) Approval of the Agenda
- (g) Approval of the Minutes
- (h) Committee Chair Reports
- (i) Statements from the Public (at the time the agenda item is considered)
- (i) Consent Calendar
- (k) Discussion Calendar
- (I) Public Comments (non-agenda items)
- (m) Directors' Reports
- (n) President's Report
- (o) CEO's Report
- (p) Adjournment

#### Rule 1.3 Quorum

- (a) Four members of the Board constitute a quorum for a regular, special or emergency Board meeting. No business will be acted upon until a quorum is present. No business will be conducted when the number of Board members is reduced below a quorum with the exception of information items. The presiding member of the Board meeting will note for the record when a Board member arrives late to a Board meeting or departs before adjournment.
- (b) Whenever two-thirds of the Board membership or two-thirds vote is required for approval of a matter, at least five members or five votes will be required to approve the matter.

#### Rule 1.4 Presiding Officer and Selection of Officers

- (a) The President of the Board will preside over Board meetings. In the absence of the Board President, the Vice-President of the Board will preside at meetings. In the absence of both the Board President and the Vice-President, the members of the Board attending the meeting will choose a president pro tem who will preside at the meeting and will be determined as the first order of business.
- (b) The Board President and Vice-President will serve one-year terms and will be selected through a nomination process which will be conducted in

December of each year. If no successor is named by the conclusion of the officer's term, the officer shall continue in office until a successor is named.

#### **Rule 1.5 Public Participation**

- (a) Members of the public may attend any meeting of the Board of Directors except for closed sessions of the Board as determined by the Ralph M. Brown Act of the California Government Code. Members of the public are required to switch pagers, cellular phones and similar electronic devices to a silent or off mode during Board meetings.
- (b) Members of the public may address the Board at a Board meeting on agenda items prior to or during the Board's consideration of that item, and on items of interest not on the agenda which are within SMUD's jurisdiction, except that no public comment will be taken on the form or content of the Board agenda itself except during the general public comment period.
- (c) To facilitate the SMUD Board's conduct of business, members of the public that wish to address the Board will have up to three (3) minutes during general public comment period and up to three (3) minutes on any individual agenda item on which the Board will take action. The Consent Calendar is considered a single item, and speakers are subject to the three (3) minute limit for the entire Consent Calendar. Items listed on the agenda but on which no Board action will be taken, including without limitation, Committee reports, Directors' reports, and the CEO's report shall be addressed in the general public comment period, and will be subject to the three (3) minute limitation. In addition to the above time limits, the total time allotted to any individual speaker shall not exceed nine (9) minutes for an entire Board meeting.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board President may, in his or her discretion, and based upon factors such as the length of the agenda, the substance of the agenda, the number of public comment speaker cards submitted, and whether the Board is in danger of losing a quorum, depart from the above referenced time limits for individual speakers, establish a time limit for particular issues, set a cumulative time limit, or otherwise regulate public comment. Speaking times may be extended at the discretion of the Board President. Speakers will be limited to the time allocated by the Board President and will not be allowed to accept time from other members of the public in attendance at the meeting.
- (e) Public speakers are expected to exercise decorum when addressing the Board.
- (f) Speakers are to direct their comments to the Board. The public comment periods are not intended to be "Question and Answer" periods or conversations

with the SMUD Board or SMUD staff. For non-agenda items, the Board members may not engage in an active discussion of the matter and are limited to making a brief statement, asking clarifying questions or directing staff to follow up on a matter.

- (g) Any person desiring to address the Board on an agenda item shall file a request to speak form with a Security Officer present at the meeting prior to the time the matter is called. The speaker shall designate on the request to speak form whether the speaker intends to address the Board on an item on the agenda or on a non-agenda item. Public speakers wishing to distribute written materials to the Board must hand the materials to the Security Officer who will distribute the written materials to the Board and staff. Distributed materials will be made a part of the record and will be available to the public for inspection, unless otherwise confidential. Public speakers speaking during the public comment period and on items on the agenda will not be allowed to use signs, posters, videos, taped recordings or overheads in making their public comments.
- (h) In the event that any Board meeting is willfully interrupted or disrupted by a person or by a group or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting infeasible, the Board President, unless there is an objection by a majority of the Board members present, may order the person, group or groups of persons willfully interrupting the meeting to leave the meeting or be removed from the meeting. In such case, the Board President will:
  - (1) Notify the person, group, or groups of persons that they are in non-compliance with meeting procedures;
  - (2) Request that they comply; and
  - (3) Inform them of the consequence of non-compliance
- (i) At least fourteen (14) days in advance of a scheduled Board meeting, members of the public may request the opportunity to be listed on the agenda for purposes of making a presentation at a Board meeting on matters within the SMUD's jurisdiction. Presentation requests must be initiated in writing and submitted to the Board President through the Board office. Requests must state the following information:
  - (1) Subject matter;
  - (2) Presenter's name, address and telephone number;
  - (3) Any action(s) which the requestor wishes the Board to take;
  - (4) Amount of time requested, not to exceed 10 minutes;
  - (5) Desired Board meeting date.

The Board President will review all complete presentation requests and, may at his or her discretion, direct the Secretary of the Board to list the presentation on the Board's agenda. If the Board President denies a presentation request, the requesting party may address the Board at a meeting on a matter within SMUD's jurisdiction, subject to the three (3) minute time limitation.

- (k) Members of the public are prohibited from bringing firearms, knifes or other weapons of any kind, as well as bio-waste or bio-hazards, into the Board meeting room or any SMUD building.
- (I) SMUD reserves the right to inspect packages, backpacks, purses, and similar containers prior to allowing members of the public entrance to Board meetings.

#### **Rule 1.6 Approval of Board Minutes**

The Board Secretary will provide a copy of the minutes of each regular meeting to each member of the Board with the next regular meeting agenda packet. The Board Secretary will provide a copy of the minutes of each special meeting at which Board action is taken to each member of the Board with the next month's regular meeting agenda packet. The minutes of the preceding meeting will not be read at any Board meeting unless a member of the Board requests it, but the Board President will inquire of the Board members whether there are corrections to the minutes. After any corrections have been made, the Board President will call for a motion to approve the minutes.

#### **Rule 1.7 Preservation of Minutes**

The minutes of the Board will be maintained by the Board Secretary as a corporate record. The minutes of each meeting will be signed by the Secretary and by the officer who presided at the Board meeting. The Secretary is charged with the custody of all papers, books and documents of the Board and will make the same available for public inspection at all reasonable times in accordance with the California Public Records Act.

#### Rule 1.8 Taping and Web Streaming of Meetings

The Board Secretary will arrange to have regular Board meetings video-recorded and cablecast on Metro Cable Channel 14, except for closed sessions. SMUD will store video-recordings of Board meetings for a period of four (4) years. Video of the regular Board meetings will be streamed live and, together with the Board agenda, will be archived on the SMUD website for a one-year period.

#### Rule 1.9 Addressing the Board President and Recognition to Speak

(a) When any Board member is about to speak, he or she will seek recognition to speak from the Board President; and when two or more members address the

Board President at the same time, the Board President will determine the speaking order. Once the Board President has recognized the right of the Board member to speak, the Board President will protect the speaker from disturbance or interference.

- (b) The Board President will not recognize a member to speak again, except to answer questions, until all other Board members have had an opportunity to be heard.
- (c) All members will have an opportunity to speak before the Board President enters debate on a regular item.

#### **Rule 1.10 Procedure Regarding Motions**

- (a) **Motions in General:** A resolution, or any other action of the Board, may be proposed by any member including the Board President, by a motion to adopt. Such a motion, if seconded by a member, including the Board President, will be on the floor and must be considered; if not seconded, the motion is lost for lack of a second, and will be so declared by the Board President.
- (b) **Amend a Motion:** A motion on the floor (with a second) may be amended at any time before adoption or rejection by an amendatory motion made by any member including the Board President.

An amendatory motion may be in the form of a substitute motion so that it replaces the original motion and can be adopted by a single vote, or it may be phrased so as to amend the original motion; if the substitute motion fails to carry, the original motion will then be voted upon; if the amendment is separately voted upon and is not adopted, the original motion will then be voted upon; if the amendment is adopted, the original motion as amended will then be voted upon.

- (c) **Withdraw a Motion:** A motion may be withdrawn by the maker at any time before adoption or rejection with the consent of the second. The second to a motion may be withdrawn by the seconding member at any time before adoption or rejection of the motion; the motion will then be lost for lack of a second and so declared by the Board President unless seconded by another member.
- (d) **Motion to Call the Question:** The purpose of a motion to call the question is to close debate and to vote immediately on a motion. After a motion has been seconded, any member may discuss or comment on the subject of the motion. When no member wishes to discuss or comment further, the Board President will call for a vote on the motion. At any time after a motion has been seconded, any member who has the floor, including the Board President, may move to call for the question. The Board President will then state, "the question has been called for." If four members, one of whom may be the Board President, then concur, the Board President will call for a vote on the motion. If less than four members

concur, discussion of the motion will then continue until the question is again called for or discussion terminates and a vote is called for by the Board President.

- (e) **Motion to Table:** The purpose of this motion is to terminate further consideration of the subject under discussion. At any time after a motion has been seconded, any member, including the Board President, may move to table the motion. If the tabling motion is seconded, the Board President will call for a vote on the tabling motion. If the tabling motion is adopted, the original motion will remain on the floor but may not again be considered at the meeting at which the tabling motion was adopted except following the adoption of a motion to remove the original motion from the table. The original motion may be considered and voted upon at the next regular meeting of the Board unless again tabled. If not considered at such meeting, it will be deemed lost. If the tabling motion is not adopted, consideration of the original motion will continue under these rules. For the purposes of this section, if the Board recesses the meeting at which a motion has been tabled, the reconvened meeting will be considered a separate meeting and the original motion may be considered and voted upon.
- (f) **Motion to Reconsider a Vote:** A motion to reconsider the vote may be made by any member who voted with the prevailing side. No question can be twice reconsidered unless it was amended after its first consideration. A motion to reconsider the vote may be made only at the meeting at which the original vote was taken or, if the Board recesses such meeting, at the reconvened meeting.

#### Rule 1.11 Roll Call

- (a) The Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel will conduct a roll call at the beginning of each publicly noticed Board and Committee meeting.
- (b) The roll need not be called in voting upon a motion except where specifically required by law or requested by a member. If the roll is not called, Board members will cast their votes electronically.
- (c) Each roll call of the Board will be in ward order, except that the Board President will be called last.

#### Rule 1.12 Overruling the Board President

A decision of the Board President with respect to the interpretation, applicability or enforcement of these rules may be overruled by majority vote of the Board.

#### Rule 1.13 Suspension of Rules

Any permanent rule of the Board may be suspended temporarily by a majority of the Board, provided that the temporary suspension will apply only to the matter under immediate consideration, and in no case will it extend beyond an adjournment.

#### Rule 1.14 Amendment of Board Meeting Procedures

These meeting procedures may be amended by a majority vote of the Board.

#### **CHAPTER II - COMMITTEES**

#### Rule 2.0 Time and Place

- (a) Whenever a standing Committee meeting is also noticed as a special Board Meeting, it shall be conducted as a Committee meeting and members of the Board that are not assigned to the Committee may attend and participate in the discussions, whether or not a quorum of the Board is present. In order to preserve the function of the Committee as advisory to the Board, no Board action will be taken at a Committee meeting.
- (b) Board members may participate at Committee meetings by teleconferencing under the following conditions: (i) a quorum of the Committee members are personally in attendance at the meeting; (ii) the teleconferencing Board member is unavailable to personally attend due to illness or is outside the boundaries of SMUD; (iii) the teleconferencing location is accessible to the public; and (iv) all other requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act of the California Government Code are met.
- (c) Members of the public may audio or video record Committee meetings provided that they do not block aisles, exits or interfere with public sight lines.

#### Rule 2.1 Purpose and Quorum

- (a) Board Committees assist the Board by gaining education, considering alternatives and implications, preparing policy alternatives, and making recommendations to the full Board. As a general rule, matters to be considered by the Board will first be referred to a Committee.
- (b) Two members of the Board will constitute a quorum for a Committee meeting. Where the number of Board members is reduced below a quorum during a Committee meeting, the Committee may continue to conduct business. Where a Committee lacks a quorum, the Board President, Board Vice-President or Committee Chair, in that order, may appoint a non-committee Board member to serve on the Committee for that meeting.

#### **Rule 2.2 Preparation and Preservation of Minutes**

- (a) Minutes of each Committee meeting will be prepared by the responsible Executive and reviewed by the Board Secretary. The presiding officer of the Committee will sign the minutes indicating approval of the minutes.
- (b) The minutes of Committee meetings will be maintained by the Board Secretary as a corporate record.

#### Rule 2.3 Taping and Web Streaming of Committee Meetings

Committee meetings will be audio recorded and will be audio streamed live to the public and archived on the SMUD website for one (1) year. The audio recordings of Committee meetings will be maintained for a period of four (4) years.

#### **Rule 2.4 Public Participation**

- (a) Members of the public may attend any Committee meeting of the Board. Members of the public are required to switch pagers, cellular phones and similar electronic devices to a silent or off mode during Committee meetings.
- (b) Members of the public may address the Committee at a meeting on agenda items prior to or during the Committee's consideration of that item.
- (c) Pursuant to Rule 2.1(b) of these Procedures, items may only be placed on a Committee agenda either by a decision by the full Board, the Board President, a Board member, or by the CEO and General Manager or his or her designee. Accordingly, no public comment will be taken on the form or content of the agenda.
- (d) Speakers will have up to three (3) minutes to address the Committee on items on the agenda; provided, however, the total time allotted to any individual speaker shall not exceed nine (9) minutes. The Board President may, in his or her discretion, and based upon factors such as the length of the agenda, the substance of the agenda, the number of public comment speaker cards submitted, and whether the Board is in danger of losing a quorum, depart from the above referenced time limits for individual speakers, establish a time limit for particular issues, set a cumulative time limit, or otherwise regulate public comment. Speaking times may be extended at the discretion of the Committee Chair. Speakers will be limited to the time allocated by the Chair and will not be allowed to accept time from other members of the public in attendance at the meeting.
- (e) Public speakers are expected to exercise decorum when addressing the Committee.

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- (h) In the event that any Committee meeting is willfully interrupted or disrupted by a person or by a group or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting infeasible, the Committee Chair, unless there is an objection by a majority of the Committee members present, may order the person, group or groups of persons willfully interrupting the meeting to leave the meeting or be removed from the meeting. In such case, the Committee Chair will:
  - (1) Notify the person, group, or groups of persons that they are in non-compliance with meeting procedures;
  - (2) Request that they comply; and
  - (3) Inform them of the consequence of non-compliance
- (i) At least fourteen (14) days in advance of a Committee meeting, members of the public may request the opportunity to be listed on the agenda for purposes of making a presentation at a Committee meeting on matters within SMUD's jurisdiction. Presentation requests must be initiated in writing by any individual and submitted to the Committee Chair through the Board of Director's office. Requests must state the following information:
  - (1) Subject matter;
  - (2) Presenter's name, address and telephone number;
  - (3) Any action(s) which the requestor wishes SMUD to take;
  - (4) Amount of time requested, not to exceed 10 minutes;
  - (5) Desired Committee meeting date.

The Committee Chair will review all complete presentation requests and, may at his or her discretion, direct the responsible staff to list the presentation on the Committee's agenda. If the Committee Chair denies a presentation request, the requesting party may address the Committee at a regular meeting subject to the three (3) minute time limitation.

- j) Members of the public are prohibited from bringing firearms, knifes or other weapons of any kind, as well as bio-waste or bio-hazards, into the Board meeting room or any SMUD building.
- (k) SMUD reserves the right to inspect packages, backpacks, purses, and similar containers prior to allowing members of the public entrance to Committee meetings.

#### **CHAPTER III – HEARINGS**

#### Rule 3.0 Hearings – General Procedures

- (a) Hearings required by law will be held in compliance with the Municipal Utility District Act (California Public Utilities Code § 11501, et seq.) or other relevant statute, ordinance, or regulation. Unless otherwise required by applicable law, the procedures set forth in this Rule 3.0 shall apply to all SMUD Board hearings that do not involve a change in rates or rate structure.
- (b) Any individual wishing to address the Board shall fill out a request to speak form and file the form with the Security Officer in attendance at the meeting. Public speakers wishing to distribute written materials to the Board must hand the materials to the Security Officer who will distribute the written materials to the Board and staff. Distributed materials will be made a part of the record and will be available to the public for inspection, unless otherwise confidential.
- (c) Speakers will be called in an order determined by the Board President.
- (d) Individuals will not be allowed to accept time from other individuals.
- (e) Individuals may speak up to three (3) minutes. The Board President may, in his or her discretion and based upon factors such as the length of the agenda, the number of public comment speaker cards submitted, and whether the Board is in danger of losing a quorum, depart from the above referenced time limits for individual speakers, establish a time limit for particular issues, set a cumulative time limit, or otherwise regulate public comment. Speaking times may be extended at the discretion of the Board President.
- (f) The Board will consider any written testimony or reports of reasonable length submitted by the public in advance of the hearing.

(g) All exhibits, including documentary materials, will be retained by the Board Secretary as part of the record of the hearings and will be available and will be available to the public for inspection.

#### Rule 3.1 Hearings – Rate Process

All rate hearings shall be conducted pursuant to the procedures set forth in Ordinance 15-1, attached hereto.

#### CHAPTER IV - CUSTOMER APPEALS OF DISPUTED BILLS

#### **Rule 4.0 Disputed Bill Appeals Procedure**

- (a) Section 12823 of the Municipal Utility District Act (California Public Utilities Code § 11501, *et seq.*) establishes the rights of customers regarding disputed bills. For purposes of clarification, these procedures do not apply to the nonpayment of charges and fees by customers that do not dispute the accuracy of a bill.
- (b) The following procedures shall govern the process by which a customer may file an appeal with the Board of Directors following an adverse determination by a SMUD Management Hearing Officer (Hearing Officer) under Section 12823(c) of the Municipal Utility District Act: .
- (i) Following the SMUD Management Hearing, the Hearing Officer will mail his/her decision to the customer. Included in the mailing of the decision will be an appeal form and instructions on how the customer may appeal the decision to the Board of Directors. Under Rule and Regulation 10, Customer Services may include a request for payment of a deposit as evidence of good faith if such a deposit was not requested previously.
- (ii) If the customer does not file an appeal form, the Hearing Officer's decision will be final. If the customer files an appeal form with Customer Services it must be received within ten (10) business days of the date of the Hearing Officer's letter or the customer's appeal will be rejected as untimely and the Hearing Officer's decision will be deemed final. Customer Services will notify the customer that the appeal is untimely. If the customer files an appeal form within 10 business days of the date of the Hearing Officer's letter, the appeal is considered timely. The appeal and appropriate documentation shall be forwarded to the appropriate SMUD Executive for processing, with a copy to the Board Office.

- (iii) The Executive shall review the appeal, gather information and provide appropriate documentation to the Board Member for the ward in which the appealing customer resides (service address for the account in question).
- (iv) The Board Member for the ward in which the appealing customer resides (service address for the account in question) shall review the information and may elect to contact the customer for additional information.
- (v) Once the Board Member's review is complete, the appeal, including the recommendation (if any) of the Board Member, will be placed on the agenda of the Board of Directors for an upcoming meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board Office will notify the customer in writing of the date that the appeal will be heard so that the customer may appear and be heard if he/she so desires.
- (vi) The appeal shall be heard by the Board of Directors, and a final decision on the appeal shall be rendered by the Board of Directors. Customer Services shall notify the customer in writing of the Board's decision.
  - (vii) The Board's decision represents final agency action.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 15-1**

**WHEREAS**, the Board-appointed citizens' Rate Advisory Committee conducted a thorough review of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District's rates and, on September 27, 1991, submitted its Report and Recommendation to the Board of Directors concerning General Policy Frameworks for Rate-setting; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 19, 1991 the Board adopted Ordinance No. 91-1 to establish certain procedures that govern its rate-making process; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has thoroughly reviewed its rate-making process and hereby determines it to be necessary and appropriate to amend the provisions of Ordinance No. 91-1 to clarify and update its rate-making process; NOW, THEREFORE:

# BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT:

**Section 1.** The following definitions are applicable for this Ordinance:

- (a) "Board" means the Sacramento Municipal Utility District Board of Directors.
- (b) "Business Day" means any day except Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday observed by SMUD.
  - (c) "Code" means the California Public Utilities Code.
- (d) "Report" means the proposals in the General Manager's Report and Recommendation on Rates and Services, including any addenda or errata.

**Section 2.** The following procedures are hereby adopted for considering rate changes and conducting hearings thereon:

- (a) These procedures shall be in addition to the procedures outlined in Sections 14401 through 14403.5 of the Code; provided, that in the event of any inconsistency between the procedures adopted herein and the Code, the Code shall govern.
- (b) After the General Manager has released the Report, the public may have access, upon reasonable notice, to SMUD staff's supporting information and documents (excluding confidential information and other information protected from disclosure by law).
- (c) For any change to SMUD rates and charges that intends to increase or decrease revenue, the following requirements shall apply:

- i. Public Workshops. No sooner than twenty (20) calendar days following release of the Report, the General Manager or his/her designees shall conduct at least two (2) public workshops.
- ii. Public Hearings. No sooner than fourteen (14) calendar days following completion of the first two (2) public workshops, the Board shall conduct one or more public hearings on the proposed change in accordance with the requirements of the Code.
- (d) For any change to SMUD rates and charges that does not intend to increase or decrease revenues, the following requirements apply:
- i. Public Workshops. No sooner than ten (10) calendar days following release of the Report, the General Manager or his/her designees shall conduct at least two (2) public workshops.
- ii. Public Hearings. No sooner than ten (10) calendar days following completion of the first two (2) public workshops, the Board shall conduct one or more public hearings on the proposed change in accordance with the requirements of the Code.
- (e) Notwithstanding paragraphs (c) and (d), when unanticipated events cause a sudden and significant change in SMUD's financial condition requiring an immediate response to make changes to rates and charges, the Board shall conduct at least one public hearing on the proposed change no sooner than ten (10) calendar days following release of the Report in accordance with the requirements of the Code.
- (f) Public Workshop Procedures. The public workshops shall serve as a forum for the public to question staff as to the recommended rate or rate structure, prior to the public hearing. During the public workshops, members of the public may ask questions and/or provide non-duplicative comments directly relevant to the Report. All workshops shall be recorded and transcribed. The General Manager or his/her designees may, in his/her discretion, set time limits for individual speakers, establish a time limit for particular issues, set a cumulative time limit, or otherwise regulate public comment.
- (g) Public Hearing Procedures. During a public hearing, members of the public may provide non-duplicative testimony for up to three (3) minutes and shall have a full and fair opportunity to present comments, recommendations and alternatives for the Board's consideration. Speaking times may be extended at the discretion of the Board President. The Board President may, in his/her discretion, and based upon factors such as the number of public comment speaker cards submitted, depart from the above referenced time limit for individual speakers, set a cumulative time limit, or otherwise regulate public comment.
- i. Members of the public that wish to address the Board with alternatives to the rate changes proposed in the Report and that desire additional time for public comment shall notify SMUD in writing at least ten (10) calendar days prior to

the public hearing(s). Such notice shall include the amount of time requested. The Board President may, in his/her discretion, grant additional time up to, but no more than, a total of twenty (20) minutes.

- ii. Members of the public desiring to submit written materials are requested to do so at least five (5) business days prior to the public hearing(s).
- iii. Notwithstanding any provision in this paragraph (g), the public hearing(s) shall be conducted in accordance with the Board's Meeting Procedures.
  - iv. The public hearing(s) shall be recorded and transcribed.
- (h) Members of the public may submit questions related to the Report in writing at any time after release of the Report up until five (5) business days prior to the public hearing. To the extent practicable, SMUD staff shall respond to such questions in writing within five (5) business days of receipt. Questions received after 5:00 p.m. shall be deemed to have been received on the next business day. SMUD staff will provide notice in the event that complex questions require additional time.
- (i) Written documents, including alternative rate proposals, made by members of the public that are directly relevant to the Report and submitted to SMUD shall be made available to the public on SMUD's web site.
- (j) Once the public hearing(s) have concluded, the Board shall make available for public review and comment for a period of at least ten (10) calendar days a draft resolution containing its proposed rate decision and the basis for the decision. However, if the Report proposes changes to rates due to circumstances in paragraph (e), the public review and comment period is at least five (5) calendar days.
- (k) Following completion of the public comment period, the Board may approve the proposed resolution. However, if the Board proposes any material modifications (i.e., modifications which change customer rates or billings) in the proposed resolution, such resolution as modified shall be made available for public review and comment for a period of at least ten (10) calendar days in normal circumstances; and at least five (5) calendar days if a change to rates is proposed due to circumstances in paragraph (e). The Board shall permit public testimony on the modified resolution prior to any Board action thereon. The final approved resolution shall contain the rate decision and basis for the decision.
- (I) Written notices, questions, comments, and other materials submitted by members of the public to SMUD shall be delivered in person, by mail, by facsimile, or by electronic mail.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance, to the extent it is inconsistent with any prior SMUD resolutions or ordinances, supersedes and repeals such inconsistent resolutions and ordinances.

Section 4. Board rate decisions are promulgated pursuant to Code Sections 11883 and 11885 and such decisions are only reviewable pursuant to Section 14402 of the Code. Nothing contained herein is intended to change, modify, or provide any additional remedies at law or inequity to persons seeking to challenge a rate decision.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance supersedes Ordinance No. 91-1 and shall take effect upon completion of publication as required by Section 11910 of the Code.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District's Board of Directors on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015, and was duly adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 at a regular meeting of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District's Board of Directors.

Adopted: March 19, 2015 by the SMUD Board of Directors

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President

**Board of Directors** 

Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Attested:

Laura Lewis Secretary

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# **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

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Policy – 01/18/23
Board Meeting Date
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SUBJECT

Board Policy Monitoring: GP-5, GP-6, GP-9

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ITEM NO. (FOR LEGAL USE ONLY)

#### SMUD BOARD POLICY

Category: Governance Process Title: Election of Board President and

**Vice President** 

Policy Number: **GP-5** 

Date of Adoption: **December 19, 2002** Resolution No. **02-12-14** 

Revision Date: October 16, 2003 Resolution No. 03-10-14

The Board shall elect each year a president and vice president to preside over it, under the following terms and conditions:

 a) The nominations for and selection of president and vice president for the ensuing year shall be accomplished by the Board no later than the first regularly scheduled meeting in January.

- b) The president and vice president shall be elected upon a vote of four or more Board members voting in approval.
- c) The terms of president and vice president shall be for a period of one year or until such time as a successor has been selected pursuant to these rules.
- d) The president may serve no more than one term in succession.
- e) During the absence of the president, the vice president will preside, and, in the event that both the president and vice president are absent, the members present shall select one of their members to act as president pro tem.
- f) In the event that the office of either president or vice president becomes vacant, the board, within 30 days from the date of such vacancy, will select one of its members to fill the term of that office.
- g) The president and/or vice president shall be recalled upon a vote of four or more Board members voting to recall. Nomination and election of a new president and/or vice president shall occur within 30 days from the date of the vote to recall.

**Monitoring Method: Board Report** 

Frequency: Annual

#### **SMUD BOARD POLICY**

Category: Governance Process | Title: ROLE OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Policy Number: **GP-6** 

Date of Adoption: **December 19, 2002** Resolution No. **02-12-14** 

Revision Date: October 16, 2003 Resolution No. 03-10-14

Revision Date: June 3, 2004 Resolution No. 04-06-07

Revision Date: January 12, 2006 Resolution No. 06-01-04

Revision Date: **December 21, 2006** Resolution No. **06-12-14** 

Revision Date: January 20, 2011 Resolution No. 11-01-08

Revision Date: February 20, 2014 Resolution No. 14-02-10

Revision Date: March 17, 2020 Resolution No. 20-03-03

The President of the Board shall assure the integrity of the Board's processes and assure Board representation to outside parties:

#### Specifically:

- a) The President shall ensure that the Board behaves consistently within its own rules and policies, and those legitimately imposed on it from outside the organization.
- b) The President shall preside over and facilitate Board meetings.
- c) The President shall ensure that meeting discussion focuses on those issues which, according to Board policy, belong to the Board to decide.
- d) The President shall ensure that deliberation is fair, open and thorough, but also timely, orderly and kept to the point.
- e) The President shall appoint the chairs of standing committees.

- f) The President shall schedule and coordinate the annual process of evaluating the General Manager.
- g) The President shall ensure that the Board's agendas meet the goals of the annual work plan.
- h) The President shall ensure a process is in place for regularly evaluating the Board's adherence to Board policies.
- i) The President shall assure a Board meeting procedures manual is adopted.
- j) The President shall ensure the Board is effectively represented to outside stakeholders, organizations, and other groups.
- k) The President has no authority to supervise or direct the General Manager, apart from authority expressly granted him or her by the Board.
- I) The President may delegate his or her authority, but remains accountable for its use.

**Monitoring Method: Board Report** 

Frequency: Annual

#### **SMUD BOARD POLICY**

Category: Governance Process | Title: Board Committee Chairs

Policy Number: **GP-9** 

Date of Adoption: **December 19, 2002** Resolution No. **02-12-14** 

Revision Date: October 16, 2003 Resolution No. 03-10-14

Revision Date: June 3, 2004 Resolution No. 04-06-07

Revision Date: January 12, 2006 Resolution No. 06-01-06

Revision Date: February 18, 2021 Resolution No. 21-02-07

The committee chairs shall preside over and facilitate committee meetings.

#### Specifically:

- a) Standing committee chairs shall approve the annual calendar of committee meetings.
- b) Standing committee meetings are generally scheduled monthly or as determined by the committee chair in consultation with the Board President and Board Office.
- c) Committee chairs shall reschedule and cancel meetings, in consultation with the Board President and Board Office.
- d) Committee chairs shall ensure that committee meetings focus on those issues which, according to Board policy, belong to the Board to decide.
- e) Committee chairs shall ensure that discussion is fair, open and thorough, but also timely, orderly, and kept to the point.
- f) Standing committee chairs shall present the committee results to the Board at the Board meeting following the committee meeting, as necessary.
- g) Standing committee chairs shall review the committee agenda prior to circulation of the public notice of the meeting.

**Monitoring Method: Board Report** 

Frequency: Annual

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BOD 2022-014

# **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

#### **STAFFING SUMMARY SHEET**

Committee Meeting & Date
Policy January 18,2023
Board Meeting Date
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Board Work Plan

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# **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

#### **STAFFING SUMMARY SHEET**

Committee Meeting & Date
Policy January 18, 2023
Board Meeting Date
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	Presenter	: Dave	Dave Tamayo, Policy Chair											

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