

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

**September 14, 2007**

The Board of Directors of Sierra Lakes County Water District met in regular session at the hour of 5:05 p.m., Friday, September 14, 2007 at the regular meeting place of the Board, 7300 Short Road, Soda Springs, California.

**ROLL CALL:**

The Directors in attendance at the Sierra Lakes Board Room were Gene Bowles, Ulrich Luscher, and Bill Oudegeest. Director Bern was present by telephone from 560 Mission Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, California. Director Wade Freedle was absent. Staff member present was Dianna Smith. The guest present was Cheryl Lebel.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The Agenda for the September 14, 2007 meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Luscher and seconded by Oudegeest to approve the September 14, 2007 Agenda, as presented. Ayes: Bowles, Luscher, Bern, and Oudegeest. Noes: None. Absent: Freedle. Abstention: None. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

There was no public comment.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Proposed 2007/08 Sewer/Water Service and Sewer/Water Base Rate Increases.**

The Board opened the Hearing for public comment on the proposed increases to water and sewer service charges and water and sewer base charges. Smith reported the Notice of Proposed 2007/08 Sewer and Water Service Rate Increase was posted in a timely manner and that two letters were received from the public.

Luscher's Suggested Responses to the letters received were presented to the Board for review and consideration. Bowles agreed with Luscher's statement that the majority of the costs of running the District are fixed costs for staff and facilities. Bern noted that the staff and facilities costs are allocated to all properties that have connected to the system. The additional costs related to quantity of use (of both water and sewer) are quite small, and the additional costs to collect the information to consider the quantity of use in the billing would exceed the benefits of billing by quantity of use.

The Board concurred Freedle would respond to the two property owners using Luscher's suggested responses.

A motion was made by Luscher and seconded by Oudegeest to close the public hearing and return the meeting to regular session. Ayes: Bowles, Luscher, Bern, and Oudegeest. Noes: None. Absent: Freedle. Abstention: None. The motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 80 – Concerning Water and Sewer Service Charges and Water and Sewer Base Charges.**

Ordinance No. 80 – Concerning Water and Sewer Service Charges and Water and Sewer Base Charges was presented to the Board for review and adoption.

A motion was made by Luscher and seconded by Oudegeest to adopt Ordinance No. 80, as presented. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Bowles, Bern, Luscher, and Oudegeest. Noes: None. Absent: Freedle. Abstain: None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Luscher and seconded by Bowles to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Ayes: Bowles, Bern, Luscher, and Oudegeest. Noes: None. Absent: Freedle. Abstain: None. The motion passed unanimously.

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Administrative Assistant II

**APPROVED BY:**

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President