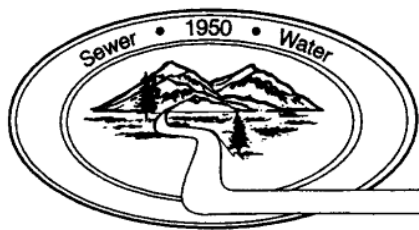


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## BOARD AGENDA ITEM 7d

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Paul Hughes, General Manager

**MEETING DATE:** October 5, 2023

**ITEM – PROJECT NAME:** Indian Creek Reservoir Emergency Repairs

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:** Approve Resolution 3257-23, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Tahoe Public Utility District authorizing the General Manager to exceed his spending authority in order to contract for urgently needed repairs to the Indian Creek Reservoir.

**DISCUSSION:** On September 27, 2023, during an annual inspection of the Indian Creek Reservoir dam, it was noted that the water release valve may not be operating correctly. On September 28, 2023, District staff added approximately 15 gallons of hydraulic oil to the valve and subsequently noticed the oil surfacing in the water of the reservoir. Staff immediately reported the incident to Lahontan and the Alpine County Health Department. Danger signage was already posted at the reservoir due to the toxic algae bloom, so no additional signage was necessary. Staff contacted Haen Constructors who was already under contract with the District on another project, and they responded and immediately began cleanup and containment work. Repair of the water release valve is necessary to maintain the appropriate water level in the reservoir, and it needs to be operational prior to winter. The work is unique due to the fact that the valve is located several feet below the water surface. Staff is planning to contact the contractor who performed underwater maintenance on this valve in 2008 to see if they are available to perform the necessary repairs. If not, we will contact other contractors who perform similar work. Our goal is to execute a contract and begin work as soon as possible, before the next Board meeting, which is why we are seeking approval of this Resolution authorizing the General Manager to exceed his spending authority for urgently needed repairs to the Indian Creek Reservoir.

**SCHEDULE:** As soon as possible

**COSTS:** Unknown but probable to exceed \$75,000.

**ACCOUNT NO:** N/A

**BUDGETED AMOUNT AVAILABLE:** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution No. 3257-23

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**CONCURRENCE WITH REQUESTED ACTION:**

**CATEGORY:** Sewer/Water

**GENERAL MANAGER:**      YES \_\_\_\_\_      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:**      YES \_\_\_\_\_      NO \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION NO. 3257-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXCEED HIS SPENDING AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO CONTRACT FOR URGENTLY NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE INDIAN CREEK RESERVOIR**

**WHEREAS**, the South Tahoe Public Utility District ("District") operates the Indian Creek Reservoir located in Alpine County (the "Reservoir"); and,

**WHEREAS**, District staff recently became aware of urgent repairs necessary to ensure the proper functioning of the Reservoir (the "Repairs"); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Repairs will likely require the expenditure of funds that exceed the General Manager's spending authority of \$75,000 as set forth in the District's Purchasing Policy; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the South Tahoe Public Utility District finds that the urgent need for the Repairs constitute "special circumstances" that exempt the project from competitive bidding requirements; and,

**WHEREAS**, the General Manager should be authorized to exceed his spending authority for the purpose of contracting for the urgently needed repairs to the Reservoir as quickly as possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. For the purpose of obtaining urgently needed repairs to the Indian Creek Reservoir, the General Manager is hereby authorized to exceed the spending limits set forth in the South Tahoe Public Utility District Purchasing Policy.

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED**, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors of the South Tahoe Public Utility District at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 5th day of October, 2023, by the following vote:

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AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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David Peterson, Board President  
South Tahoe Public Utility District

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melonie Guttry, Clerk of the Board  
South Tahoe Public Utility District

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