

# STRATMOOR HILLS WATER DISTRICT

Board of Director's Meeting

January 9, 2024, 3:00 PM

Agenda

**I. Approval of Minutes**

a. December 6, 2023, Regular Meeting

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**III. Public Comment**

**IV. Unfinished Business**

**V. New and Miscellaneous Business**

**W-1. Adopting Official Meeting Place/Time and Posting Places – Action Item (Medina)**

The purpose of this Agenda item is to set the official meeting place and time of the Board of Directors meetings and places of posting for notices of the district meetings in 2024.

Suggested motion . . . “to approve the designation of the location, dates and time of the 2024 Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors for the Statmoor Hills Water District as follows: To be held at the Stratmoor Hills Fire Department, 2160 B Street in El Paso County on the third Wednesday of each month, beginning at 3:00 PM, except for the January Meeting which will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup>, the June meeting which will be held on June 12, and the December meeting, which will be held on December 11, at 3:00 PM. The annual Budget Workshop will be held on October 2, 2024. All required District notices will be prominently posted at the Stratmoor Hills Fire Department, the Stratmoor Hills Water District office, located at 1811 B Street, and the Stratmoor Hills Elementary School located at 200 Loomis Avenue.”

**W-2. 2024 Water Rate Increase – Action Item (Colgrove)**

A public hearing was held on December 6, 2023, where the public had an opportunity to comment on the proposed 2024 Water District rates and fees. After carefully evaluating the existing water rate structure, the Board has determined that a 4% rate increase, as presented in the proposed rate table, is needed to provide adequate funding for the Water District in 2024. This increase will raise the average water bill by roughly \$3 per month and it will allow infrastructure improvements to continue as needed.

Suggested Motion “... to approve Resolution (No. 2024-001) Amending Water Rates and Fees as presented, effective February 1, 2024.”

**W-3. 2024 Budget Updates - Informational Item (Medina)**

The 2024 Budget with budget message and associated paperwork, along with the certification of a mill levy of zero, have been filed with the County Assessor and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. This information can be found at [www.colorado.gov/pacific/dola](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dola) under local government.

**W-4. Notice to Electors – Transparency Notice - Informational Item (Medina)**

The notice containing contact information for the district, along with the times and locations designated for regularly scheduled meetings, has been submitted to the SDA and are posted on the District Website.

**W-5. Confirmation of Services for 2023 Audit -Action Item (Medina)**

The Hoelting & Company provided a letter of engagement to the district to confirm the services to be provided to conduct the 2023 audit for the Water District. The fee for their services will be \$12,300.

Suggested motion "... to authorize Hoelting & Company to perform the 2023 Audit as described in the engagement letter provided to the Stratmoor Hills Water District."

**W-6. Colorado Springs Utilities Agreement to Provide Standby Regional Water Service - Action Item (Medina)**

The Colorado Springs Utilities agreement to provide standby regional water service has been finalized and will be considered by the Board for approval. The District Manager has reviewed the agreement, and recommends approval. The district's legal counsel has reviewed the agreement and has no concern regarding the contract language.

Suggested motion "... to approve the agreement between the Stratmoor Hills Water District and Colorado Springs Utilities for standby regional water service through an interconnect as described in the agreement. "

**W-7. USAF Environmental Services Agreement (ESA) Termination / Renewal – (Possible Action Item) Medina**

The Air Force is requesting that the district terminate the existing ESA that is scheduled to expire on August 15, 2024, and establish a new ESA that, once approved, would be retroactive to January 1, 2024. The District Manager has negotiated changes to the agreement for consideration by the Board.

Suggested motion "... Authorize the Board President to terminate the existing Environmental Services Agreement with the U.S. Air Force Civil Engineer Center scheduled to expire on August 15, 2024, and approve the new Environmental Service Agreement between the Stratmoor Hills Water District and the Air Force Civil Engineer Center that will expire on December 31, 2025. "

**VI. Manager's Report**

**VII. Safety Committee Report**

**VIII. Financial Reports**

**IX. Other Business**

**X. Adjournment**