I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the South Placer Municipal Utility District Board of Directors was called to order with President Mitchell presiding at 4:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:
Absent: None
Vacant: None
Staff: Herb Niederberger, General Manager
Adam Brown, Legal Counsel
Sam Rose, Superintendent
Eric Nielsen, District Engineer
Others: None

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
President Mitchell opened the Public comments. Hearing no comments, public comments were closed.

V. BOARD BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION & ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #18-12 AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO.4 WITH T&S CONSTRUCTION FOR THE LOOMIS DIVERSION TRUNKLINE PROJECT
GM Niederberger reported that the Loomis Diversion Trunkline Project is a high priority project identified in the 2015 SECAP. As the largest project the District has undertaken there have been some issues related to construction impacting the project progress. DE Nielsen reported that T&S Construction has requested Change Order #4 is for additional work to the contract. The changes include costs for blasting on Dias Lane and for equipment needed for boring through rock under Interstate 80. The total change order is for $1,476,013.00. He explained that staff has learned many lessons from this project. These lessons will help for future projects; including the need for preliminary work during the design phase to determine rock in the alignment of sewer lines. Costs can then be anticipated ahead of construction.

Director Williams commented that if we had known the magnitude of the changed work conditions earlier, we could have looked at other alternatives including pump stations, or additional design options. Director Markey said his concerns lie with future projects and the unknown conditions that we may encounter. Director Murdock commented that he recalls a discussion with staff and issues we have encountered with rock. He suggested that exploratory work should be done ahead of the project during the engineering phase. President Mitchell stated that the District is installing pipework in the ground and expanding opportunities for capacity in the Loomis area, who are experiencing major growth.

Director Dickinson stated that the additions to the contract impact the Budget and fees and asked how often the Nexus and SECAP study are revisited, wondering if the District should revisit the study sooner; GM Niederberger replied that the studies are revisited every five years, with the next review scheduled for 2020.
He asked if termination and rebidding of a project might be considered in situations like these when we are confronted with large change orders. GM Niederberger said that staff considers this project as “time is of the essence”, taking pressure off the Loomis Trunk that experienced large SSO’s occurring a couple of years ago. Staff determined it prudent to continue working with T&S Construction, particularly as there were only two bidders for the project. Director Dickinson questioned why the board is seeing the change order after the work has already begun. GM Niederberger stated again that staff considers this project as “time is of the essence” and that this will not happen again. He indicated that staff had reported to the Board in December that a large change order was forthcoming, however was remiss in proceeding with the work ahead of approval. Board members agreed the best cause of action was to approve the change order and learn from this project.

Director Williams made a motion to approve Resolution #18-12 authorizing the General Manager to execute Change Order No. 4 with T&S Construction for the Loomis Diversion Trunkline Project; a second was made by Director Murdock. The motion carried 5-0.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Joanna Belanger, Board Secretary