



**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Saturday, October 9, 2021 – 8:00AM**  
District Board Room, Community Services Building  
33540 Loop Road, Kirkwood, CA 95646

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

Eric Richert, President

Robert Epstein, Vice President/Treasurer  
John Schroeder, Director

Peter Dornbrook, Secretary  
Bertrand Perroud, Assistant Secretary

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19 AND TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS:**

Based on mandates by the Governor and the Alpine and Amador County Health Officers to shelter in place and the guidance from the CDC, to minimize the spread of coronavirus, please note the following changes to the District's ordinary meeting procedures:

- The meeting will be conducted via teleconference using Zoom.
- All members of the public seeking to observe and/or to address the Board may participate in the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically in the manner described below.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE / OBSERVE THE MEETING:**

All participants will be automatically muted upon entering the meeting.

**Telephone:** Listen to the meeting live by calling Zoom at (669) 900-6833 and enter the Meeting ID# **832 4927 1829** followed by the pound (#) key. Raise your hand to talk by pressing \*9.

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**AGENDA**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** *President Richert*
- 2) **ROLL CALL** *Secretary Dornbrook*
- 3) **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *General Manager Christeson*
- 4) **REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS** Consider finding by a majority vote under Gov. Code § 54953(e)(3) that as a result of the of the continuing COVID-19 emergency: (i) the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; (ii) renew prior findings that meeting in person would continue to present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and (iii) the authorization for meetings to be held by teleconference pursuant to Government Code § 54953, subd.(e)(1)(C) in renewed. Discussion and possible action. *GM Christeson*
- 5) **CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR** (For purposes of the Brown Act, all Action and Consent items listed give a brief description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed. Recommendations of the staff, as shown, do not prevent the Board from taking other action.)
- 6) **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE** (This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on any short non-agenda items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the District. No discussion or action can be taken on matters not listed on the agenda, per the Brown Act.)
- 7) **WRITTEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** (This is an opportunity for Directors and Staff to share written comments received from the public. No discussion or action can be taken on matters not listed on the agenda, per the Brown Act.)
- 8) **ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (Any item can be removed to be discussed and considered separately upon request. Comments and questions from members of the public, staff or Board can be taken when the comment does not necessitate separate action.)
  - a) Approve July 10, 2021 Regular Minutes
  - b) Approve September 11, 2021 Regular Minutes
  - c) Approve September 30, 2021 Special Minutes
  - d) Approve Current Consent for Claims
  - e) Review Receivables/Shut Offs Report
  - f) Approve Howard Hoffman as a community member of the Planning Committee
- 9) **CONSENT ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION/ACTION**
- 10) **ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**
  - a) **Finances.** Discussion and possible action regarding the District's financials. *AM McBride*
    - i) July & August Financials
    - ii) September Preliminaries
    - iii) Cash Flow
    - iv) Budget Variance Tracking
  - b) **Performance Reporting & Aquifer Levels.** Update. *OM Benson*

- c) **Ordinance No. 21-01 Propane and Electric Meter Protection.** Discussion & possible action. *OM Benson*
  - d) **OGALS Park Improvement Project** – Notice of District’s intent to file Notice of Exemption and other associated environmental documents necessary in association with this project. *GM Christeson*
  - e) **District Meetings.** Discussion & possible action.
  - f) **WWTP Financing.** Update. *GM Christeson*
  - g) **KMPUD Report Server.** Discussion. *GM Christeson*
  - h) **Ordinance No. 21-02 Revising Electric Rates and Rate Structure.** Discussion. **Pgs. 4-5**
  - i) **KCA Community Roadmap.** Discussion. *President Richert*
- 11) **GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT** (Discussion may take place; however, no action will be taken.)
- 12) **OPERATIONS REPORT** (Discussion may take place; however, no action will be taken.)
- 13) **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 14) **TEMPORARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 15) **GENERAL DISCUSSION** Opportunity for Board Members to ask questions for clarification, provide information to Staff, Committee updates, request Staff to report back on a matter, or to direct Staff to place a matter on a subsequent agenda.
- 16) **ADJOURNMENT**  
The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 8:00AM

The Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District Board of Directors regularly meets the second Saturday of each month. A complete Agenda packet is available for review at the meeting and at the District office during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. This meeting is recorded and broadcast over Volcano Community Channel 19 and on the internet at [www.kmpud.com](http://www.kmpud.com). Items on the Agenda are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in the order in which they appear. Designated times are for particular items only. Public Hearings will not be called to order prior to the time specified but may occur slightly later than the specified time.

Public participation is encouraged. Public comments on items appearing on the Agenda will be taken at the same time the Agenda items are heard; comments should be brief and directed to the specifics of the item being considered. Please provide the Clerk of the Board with a copy of all written materials presented at the meeting. Comments on items not on the Agenda can be heard during “Comments from the Audience”; however, action cannot be taken on items not on the Agenda.

Backup materials relating to an open session item on this Agenda, which are not included with the Board packet, will be made available for public inspection at the same time they are distributed or made available to the Board, and can be viewed at the District office, at the Board meeting and upon request to the Clerk of the Board.

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## Continuation of Electric Rate Improvements Director Epstein

The electric rate design as unanimously approved by the KMPUD Board in July handled most of the Board's objectives including:

1. Aligns fixed costs more closely with fixed income
2. Funds 100% renewable electricity and a Public Goods Charge for improvements in energy efficiency
3. Removes the economic barrier to productively using increased electricity for customers whose average annual usage between April 2017 - March 2020 is reflective of their future usage
4. Creates opportunity to replace propane and wood fuel with electricity for heating for majority KMPUD customers.
5. Creates opportunities for EV home charging for KMPUD customers.
6. The rate design should not affect the annual costs to the majority of KMPUD customers.
7. An overall increase of 6-7% income required independent of the rate design change. This was the first material rate increase since the rates were established in 2014.

### Summary of rate changes

Base rates were increased from \$14.93/EDU to \$119/EDU and usage rates were reduced from \$0.656/kWh to \$0.22/kWh. The change in design related to how an EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit) is calculated. Previous an EDU was the average monthly kWh usage across all residential and commercial customers and most recently was 726 kWh/month. The new design defines as EDU as the average residential usage which is 230 kWh/month.

While the EDU is originally calculated based on usage (in order to accomplish objective 6 above), it is based on average monthly usage (AMU) for the period of April 2017 - March 2020. The AMU remains fixed unless the property is sold to a new customer or is a new property that did not exist at the time of adoption of the rates.

Known Issues the Board may wish to consider:

Because the AMU is fixed by using an average of three years that start on April 1 but exclude the Covid year (April 2020 - March 2021), this prevents some activities which KMPUD would otherwise want to encourage. There are 4 categories of current and future customers which were discussed during the rate for which further amendments to the rates should be considered. The categories are:

1. **Customers with less than three full AMU years of usage who want to switch from propane/wood to electricity.** With the current rate design, those customers would logically wait until they have three years AMU before increasing their electricity usage. That delay does not benefit the customer, KMPUD, nor KMPUD's other customers.
2. **Customers who significantly reduce their days in residence.** An example would be someone who changed from full-time to part-time residence. Because many KMPUD customers have second homes, there is a significant difference in AMU if there is a major and long-term change in use of the home.

3. **Transition period from previous to new owners where new owners have significant change in usage.** A new owner starts with the EDU of the previous owner until they have a full 12 months of usage ending March 31. Because the rate design does not include April 2020 - March 2021 someone who purchased in May of 2019, will not see an AMU based on their own usage until after March 2022. If the customer has a significantly different usage than the previous owner, this is a long time to wait for the adjustment. However, the adjustment could be an increase, decrease, or relatively the same.
4. **New Construction with electric heating.** New construction that starts with electric heating would receive no benefits from the new rate design unless the base rate did not include most or all of the electricity used for heating.