The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Director Hunt who acted as chairperson.

ROLL CALL
Directors Hunt, Peterson, Evans and Weel, Grants Administrator McWilliams, Caretaker Reighart, Children’s Center Director Bryer and Admin. Assistant Mileham were present.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE
Mike Colgan, Scott Breeden, Chay Peterson

PUBLIC AND BOARD INPUT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS
President Hunt announced that an action item to endorse his appointment of former SMRPD Director Deborah Johnson to the Silverado Children’s Center Advisory Committee would be added to this Agenda if there were no objections. Hearing none, the item was added.
Silverado resident Mike Colgan thanked the Board for their cooperation in helping to answer his questions regarding the Holtz Ranch litigation. He had a few more questions for the Board, and Director Hunt said he would get these for him also.
Silverado resident Scott Breeden asked the Board if they should consider getting involved in trying to keep Silverado elementary school open. More details were discussed later in the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Correspondence
Snyder Landscaping gave Parks and Rec. a refund check because gas prices have gone down. Silverado resident Alice Phillips gave a $40 donation to the District.

1ST ACTION: Director Evans made a motion to approve and file the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 16, 2008, the Safety Committee meeting of December 16, 2008, the Open Space meeting of January 19, 2009 and Correspondence. Director Peterson seconded. Unanimously approved.
PAYMENT OF DISTRICT BILLS
2nd ACTION: Director Hunt made a motion to approve Transmittal 01-09A for Directors’ compensation for the Regular Board meeting of December 16, 2008 payable to Directors Peterson, Weel, Levy, Hunt, and Evans, $50.00 each, $250.00 total. Director Evans seconded. Unanimously approved.

3rd ACTION: Director Peterson made a motion to approve payment of Transmittal 01-09B District Bills, $2,493.48 total. Director Evans seconded. Unanimously approved.

4th ACTION: Director Peterson made a motion to approve payment of Transmittal 01-09C, Utility Bills and reimbursements, $1,712.56 total. Director Evans seconded. Unanimously approved.

CARETAKERS REPORT
Caretaker Steve Reighart reported on a problem with the sand at Modjeska Park. It has a lot of ash in it from the Santiago Fire of 2007. The Board is concerned for health and appearance reasons. Director Weel suggested exchanging the sand with some of that staged at Station 16 for sandbag filling, since a little ash is of no concern for that use. Permission must be obtained from Station 16 of course.
Caretaker Reighart is working on repairing the drinking fountain at Modjeska Park. Debris has been cleared away from Modjeska Community Center.
Discussed using water efficient ideas at Modjeska Community Center, such as xeriscaping and native plantings. Director Evans will check into this.

CHILDREN’S CENTER DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Director Bryer gave the Board the monthly financial report. The Center is still struggling financially but with a positive cash-flow in December due to fundraising events. An attractive advertising brochure was made by Laura Bennett and Chay Peterson. It will be circulated locally to promote the Center and will also be put on its website. Employees have been cut back. There are a couple of new children enrolled. After school care focus is still being considered. Silverado Elementary school may be closing which would seriously effect the role of the Children’s Center. The Board asked Director Weel to send a letter representing SMRPD to the School Board sharing their concerns about the possible loss of the school.

5th ACTION: Director Evans made a motion to confirm the appointment of Deborah Johnson to the Silverado Children’s Center Advisory Committee. Director Peterson seconded. Unanimously approved.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Phil McWilliams said the funds from the Grant that were going to be used for the Solar Project are on hold. He asked the Board what they would like to do and gave two options. One was to use Park Board funds and be reimbursed, while the other was to keep the project open but on hold until June 30, 2009 to see if the Grant funding will be restored by then.

6th ACTION: Director Weel made a motion to send out notices to all the current bidders on the Solar Panel project, to let them know that their bids will be held until June 30, 2009 due to a suspension of grant funds by the State of California. Director Peterson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Director Hunt asked if there was any public comment. Scott Breeden asked how much the project will cost and Mr. Williams replied that it would be about $30,000, less rebates.
OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS
Director Hunt acknowledged and expressed the Board’s gratitude to 3rd District County Supervisor Bill Campbell for the Proclamation issued by his office to commend outgoing Director Debbie Johnson for her seven years of service on the SMRPD Board.

Roger Rohm and Sally Murphy will be given plaques for their service on the SMRPD Board. They will be invited to a Board meeting for the delayed (from 2002) presentation.

There is a large pine tree in a bad location near the front junction of the two Silverado Community Center buildings. The shade from it will hinder the effectiveness of future planned Solar Panels. The sidewalks around it are buckling, it grows directly over septic line/tank and the main electrical input, plus it’s a severe fire hazard because the highly flammable branches are directly above the wood superstructure. Discussed removal and replacing it with a smaller tree. Bev Mileham was asked to contact ICL about a grant that might pay for the removal and the issue will be revisited at the new Regular Board Meeting.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Evans: The Spring Recreation Brochure is out. The new dance class is a success with 18 children. Guitar instruction has 9 students. Would like to get hikes going again.

Director Weel: The Technology club is going well.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be at the Silverado Community Center, 27641 Silverado Canyon Road at 7:00PM on Tuesday February 24, 2009.