

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
61750 CHOLLITA ROAD, JOSHUA TREE, CA 92252
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020, 9:30 AM**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER at 9:45AM

(1) In Attendance:

- 1) Physically: V.P. Rebecca Unger, GM Mark Ban, Kathleen Radnich
 - 2) Via ZOOM/teleconference: Director Tom Floen
 - 3) Via Phone/conference call: AGM Susan Greer
- (2) Public: none present (physically, teleconference, nor conference call)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- (1) Approved: Director Floen (1st) / V.P. Unger (2nd)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT —none

4. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES from February 5, 2020

- (1) Director Floen (1st) / V.P. Unger (2nd)

5. LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Vice President Unger/Director Floen

- (1) *AB 3145: This bill would prohibit a city or county from imposing a specified fee or exaction if the total dollar amount of the fees and exactions that a city or county would impose on a proposed housing development is greater than 12 percent of the city's or county's median home price unless approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development.*
- 1) VP Unger felt this bill would hurt JBWD.
 - 2) AGM Greer agreed, noting there was no provision for the fact that we have "lack of density," and that could impact us with costs.
 - 3) Director Floen saw the potential of JBWD not being able to recover costs for (i.e.) a package treatment plant due to this bill's 12% limitations.
 - 4) No action was recommended; the committee will wait and watch how this moves on.
- (2) Radnich reviewed numerous other bills that are up for consideration (per packet attachment) noting most all have an impact on water/or JBWD.
- (3) *AB2093: Public records: writing transmitted by electronic mail: retention.*
- 1) The committee discussed this bill at great length, noting the expense JBWD would incur to comply (annually) if it goes through.
 - 2) Both VP Unger and Director Floen supported it's merits for transparency, but felt the costs may not be justified. They asked GM Ban to bring this to a Board meeting for a full discussion.
- (4) *AB1588: Provides access for new jobs in water for military via on-line certification programs.* The committee felt this was promising.

6. PUBLIC INFORMATION & OUTREACH REPORT – Kathleen Radnich

- (1) Radnich reported that she will be attending an update on the State bills proposed with the Inland Empire Legislative Working Group later in the day.
- (2) COVID-19:

- 1) GM Ban shared an overview of JBWD's response to COVID-19; outlining the reorganization of staffing and social distancing precautions.
- 2) Radnich shared the changes made at the Farmers' Market, making it safe for the vendors and public. She is focussing on educating the public on the safety of the tap water (no COVID-19 in it) and exhibiting on "Water for Emergencies."
- 3) GM Ban informed the committee that HDWD was having to lay-off some workers. GM Ban reviewed what our staff has been doing (i.e., taking required on-line health and safety review classes,) during this shut-down time.

7. STAFF REPORT – GM Ban

- (1) GM Ban reported initiating a new communication venue using "Constant Contact." He felt it was very successful, and allows for close tracking of how many emails are sent, opened, and bounced. The first run involved 2,386 emails. He has access to another list, which will be added in.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- (2) Solar Project Update
- (3) Waste Water program

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – June 3, 2020.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 10:58 AM

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Ban, General Manager and Board Secretary