

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 3, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Victoria Fuller	Present
Bob Johnson	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Absent
Rebecca Unger	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Curt Sauer, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Gil Granito, District Counsel, Redwine & Sherrill
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant
Deb Bollinger, Water Conservation Consultant

GUESTS 7

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Luckman/Johnson 4/0/1 to approve the agenda for the June 3, 2015 meeting; (with change to #11 to "Standing Committee Reports").

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Unger	Aye
Reynolds	Absent

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Thomas Fauls, Joshua Tree: With regards to Altamira decision at the 5/20/15 meeting, Fauls strongly urged that the Board communicate with the business community regarding limiting the issuance of water meters.

Gary Biggs, Joshua Tree: Wanted to compliment the Board for their decision regarding Altamira at the 5/20/15 meeting.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luckman/Johnson, 4/0/1 to approve Draft Minutes of the April 15, 2015 and May 20, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Unger	Aye
Reynolds	Absent

7. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE WATER AVAILABILITY (STANDBY) CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016

Susan Greer gave the report. Standby charges represent a large amount of income to the District and have not changed in many years. Recommendation is to continue with current standby charges.

Public Comment by Thomas Fauls, Joshua Tree: Does not favor additional or higher property taxes to Joshua Tree property owners.

MSC Luckman/Johnson, 4/0/1 to adopt Resolution 15-949, establishing water availability charges for 15/16 and authorizing collection by San Bernardino County.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Unger	Aye
Reynolds	Absent

8. JOINING EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK OF THE INLAND EMPIRE (ERNIE)

General Manager Curt Sauer gave the report.

MSC Johnson/Luckman, 4/0/1 to join ERNIE

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Unger	Aye
Reynolds	Absent

9. ADOPTION OF WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE 15-9

General Manager Curt Sauer gave the report. Proposed ordinance updates conservation ordinance passed in August 2014 (14-8), and is to bring JBWD into compliance with the new State Water Quality Control Board regulations established in May 2015. The new ordinance adds prohibitions and changes the penalty structure for violations of the ordinance.

MSC Luckman/Unger, 4/0/1 to adopt Ordinance 15-9. (with correction to a typo in section 1b “measurable”)

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Unger	Aye
Reynolds	Absent

10. ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR WATER CONSERVATION

General Manager Curt Sauer gave the report. The District will be looking into leak detection for water loss in the system. Additional options for water conservation were put forth for discussion.

Public Comment from Tim Pinar, Joshua Tree: Asked what the consequence is of not reducing to 28%, and suggested that penalizing high users may cause a reduction of revenue to the JBWD as high users may then drill wells for their water.

GM Sauer and Counselor Granito responded to Pinar's question regarding potential penalties that could be incurred by the District if water conservation mandates are not met. The general consensus was that the State Water Resources Control Board will use reasonable discretion as long as JBWD is showing diligent efforts towards reaching the conservation goal of 28%.

Jeff Demaro, Joshua Tree, Groundskeeper of Copper Mountain College: Supports and is implementing conservation efforts at the college, although he expressed concern over the considerable expense of tearing out the lawns, and over reducing water usage given number of students using the facility.

Deb Bollinger, Joshua Tree: Identify sufficient watering versus over watering of landscape. Bollinger also suggested water allocations per property size and household size.

Board received the overview of the Urban Water Management Plan's Water Shortage Contingency Plan and creation of administrative penalties to encourage water conservation.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, gave the report. Campaign is targeting both locals and visitors to conserve water. MARS: Motivation, Association, Reinforcement, Sensory – applying these to encourage change in water use habits. Radnich described specific ways that will be implemented to encourage water conservation. The next Legal and Public Information Committee meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2015.
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Director Johnson: Director Luckman sat in as and alternate. Committee is continuing to review the inactive meter charge and will bring something to the Board in the near future.
- C. WATER RESOURCES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Johnson: There was not a meeting, although a meeting will be scheduled and posted on the web page in the near future.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT

No report. Comment: Statewide litigation regarding Chromium 6 is scheduled for a hearing on June 12, 2015.

14. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Curt Sauer gave the report, and the Board received for information only.

15. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Mojave Water Agency Board Meeting: June 11 - Reynolds (4:30-5:30)

Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts: June 15, 2015

TAC of Mojave Water Agency: June 4, 2015 at 10AM

Pipeline Commission Meeting : June 10, 2015 at 2PM

16. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Unger attended the Mojave Water Agency regular Board meeting, and provided general comments about the meeting.

17. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS:

Director Luckman and Fuller commented on the water usage of evaporative coolers, with suggestions for savings.

Director Johnson and Fuller expressed comments of appreciation for JBWD staff and consultants.

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

19. ADJOURNMENT

MSC Luckman/Johnson, 4/0/1 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of June 3, 2015 at 8:40 pm

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Unger	Aye
Reynolds	Absent

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, General Manager and Board Secretary