

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT  
Minutes of the  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 3, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Frank Coate	Present
Bill Long	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Gary Wilson	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Joe Guzzetta, General Manager  
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller  
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator  
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Gil Granito, District Counsel  
Eli Underwood, Redwine and Sherrill  
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 4

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to approve the agenda for the October 3, 2012 Regular Board Meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 to approve the Minutes of the September 19, 2012 Regular Board Meeting; to approve the Financial Report for July 2012 and to adopt Resolution #12-892 Adopting the District's Cafeteria Plan.

7. APPEAL OF REMOTE METER POLICY BY MS. KAY KEANE FOR PROPERTY AT 61276 LA BRISA DR.

GIS Coordinator Keith Faul presented the staff report, explaining the request for a variance to the remote meter policy and noting that the Ad Hoc Engineering Committee had met and discussed the request, and the Committee recommended that the Board uphold the District policy concerning remote meters and related policies. Ms. Keane was present and gave a statement to the Board.

MSC Coate/Long 3/2 to uphold the District policy concerning remote meters and related policies.

Coate	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	No
Wilson	No

**AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND**

**8. SCHEDULING A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

General Manager Joe Guzzetta reported that the Association of California Water Agencies fall conference will take place during the first week of December and three Directors will be attending. The first Regular Board meeting in December is also scheduled for the first week of December.

MSC Luckman/Coate 4/1 to cancel the December 5, 2012 Regular Board Meeting and schedule a Special Board Meeting for December 12, 2012.

Coate	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

**9. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO TURTLE ISLAND MOU WITH JOSHUA TREE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ELIMINATING REQUIREMENT FOR DEMONSTRATING TWO CLIMATIC AND ECO-SYSTEMS FOR THE JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK.**

GM Guzzetta stated he would not take part in discussion of this item because he represents the District with the Chamber of Commerce; he left the meeting during discussion of this item to avoid the appearance of any potential conflict.

Assistant General Manager/Controller Greer presented the staff report. The president of the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce was not available to attend the meeting.

MSC Luckman/Long 4/1 to reaffirm approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce for a demonstration garden at Turtle Island with the understanding that Recital B of the MOU will not be complied with.

Coate	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Long; Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant reported the Water Wise Demonstration Station has been in use at the Farmers Market. The Great Shakeout is October 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm. A landscape workshop will be presented October 13<sup>th</sup>. This month's outreach theme is the value of tap water over bottled water.
- B. AD HOC GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE: President Reynolds and Director Long; President Reynolds stated there will not be a closed session tonight.
- C. AD HOC UTILITY SERVICES CONTRACT COMMITTEE: Director Coate and Director Long; Director Coate reported the committee met with the General Manager and GIS Coordinator to discuss the contract for reservoir maintenance.
- D. AD HOC RECHARGE COMMITTEE: Director Long and Director Coate; Director Coate reported that the Committee met with the General Manager and GIS Coordinator to discuss the project.
- E. AD HOC ENGINEERING COMMITTEE: Director Coate and Director Long; Director Coate reported that the committee met with the General Manager and GIS coordinator and discussed the H-1 Reservoir Slope Remediation Project and the remote meter request.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Whitman of Joshua Tree asked if the District has received funds from the hospital; staff answered that the District had received the funds.

12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that surplus District vehicles that went to auction and netted about \$30,000. The District received a letter from California Department of Public Health stating that the pipeline portion of the Recharge project has been approved for funding. The contract for construction of the Hi-Desert Medical Center (HDMC) wastewater treatment plant was awarded after funds were received from HDMC.

13. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

- A. "Insight into the Underside" – (JBWD's Groundwater Management Plan
- B. General Report on legislation and/or matters of relevance to JBWD.

District General Counsel Gil Granito introduced Eli Underwood of Redwine and Sherrill, who gave a presentation on groundwater management authority and the District's Groundwater Management Plan. Mr. Underwood took questions from the Board. GM Guzzetta noted that the District's Groundwater Management Plan is a strategic planning item identified by the Board and he will do preliminary work to establish a budget for updating the Groundwater Management Plan.

Richard Fountain of Joshua Tree asked about a proposed Indian Casino and if as a sovereign nation a tribe could import water into the area.

Gil Granito stated that in his experience agreements are often negotiated with tribes whereby the tribe agrees to abide by the Groundwater Management Plan.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice President Luckman requested the letter regarding the Cadiz project be included on the next agenda.

15. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Wilson commented that he didn't turn in a reimbursement form for the last meeting he attended but he was paid anyway.

Director Luckman stated the Open Space Group has published its report.

President Reynolds reported on attending the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Special Meeting on Monday where many people spoke against the Cadiz project.

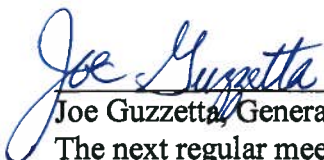
16. CLOSED SESSION: At this time the Board will go into closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 in order for the Board to consult with and instruct the Board's Ad Hoc Negotiation Committee (Mike Reynolds and Bill Long), which is acting as the Board's designated representative and is charged with the responsibility of negotiating a new Employment Agreement with the District's General Manager.

There was no closed session.

17. ADJOURNMENT 8:35 PM

MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 to adjourn the October 3, 2012 Regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted:



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for October 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm.