

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 2, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Frank Coate	Present
Victoria Fuller	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Gary Wilson	Present

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Marie Salsberry, HR Manager/Administrative Specialist

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Gil Granito, District Counsel
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 10

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Luckman requested that Item F of the Consent Calendar be pulled.

MSC Reynolds/Fuller 4/1 to approve the agenda for the January 2, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, pulling Item F of the Consent Calendar for Discussion.

Coate	Aye
Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay Keene of Joshua Tree commented on her request for a variance to the District's Rules and Regulations regarding remote meter requirements. President Luckman referred the subject to staff for review.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Coate/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2012 Special Joint Meeting of the Board and Citizens Advisory Committee; to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2012 Special Board Meeting; to Approve the Check Audit Report for November 2012; to approve change of time for the Regular Agenda Committee meeting to Tuesday a week prior to each Board meeting at 3:15 pm; and to affirm adoption of Resolution 12-896 Expressing the Board of Directors' appreciation for Director Bill Long.

President Luckman noted that the wording for Resolution 12-899 had changed; she read the resolution. MSC Coate/Reynolds 5/0 to adopt Resolution 12-899, recognizing Michael Luhrs for his service to the Joshua Basin Water District.

7. UPDATE OF MOJAVE WATER AGENCY ACTIVITIES BY MOJAVE WATER AGENCY

GENERAL MANAGER KIRBY BRILL, AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER YVONNE HESTER

Mojave Water Agency (MWA) General Manager Kirby Brill related information on the relationship between MWA and JBWD, and years of planning for a sustainable water supply for JBWD. He complimented JBWD's leadership, noting that he recently attended the groundbreaking ceremony for JBWD's Groundwater Recharge Project.

Mr. Brill introduced MWA Community Liaison Officer Yvonne Hester; Ms. Hester commented on attending the groundbreaking ceremony for the Groundwater Recharge Project and her interest in coordinating with JBWD in the future.

8. PURCHASE OF 3-YEAR SUPPLY OF MXU BATTERIES FOR ELECTRONIC METER READING

General Manager Joe Guzzetta presented the staff report, noting that staff may have identified an alternative source to purchase the batteries from. He recommended that the Board approve the purchase of a three-year supply of MXU batteries in case the alternative source does not work out.

MSC Fuller/Reynolds 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to authorize, as a backup situation, the purchase of approximately 2,000 batteries and appropriate up to \$50,000 from the "Opportunity Reserve", understanding that the sensus batteries are not expected to be available after one month.

Coate	Aye
Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

9. CONSIDERATION OF 2081 "INCIDENTAL TAKE" PERMIT FOR GROUND WATER RECHARGE PROJECT

GM Guzzetta reported that the District may, but is not required to, apply for an "Incidental Take Permit" from the state department of Fish and Game that would allow the construction of the recharge pipeline project to continue in the event that some tortoises are harmed. Award of the permit would require the District to give 65 acres of "mitigation land" intended to replace disturbed tortoise habitat. Alternatively, the District could proceed without a permit since construction is expected to be completed during the time when tortoises are not active and it is expected that no harm will come to any tortoises resulting during construction.

After discussion the Board took the following action:

MSC Reynolds/Fuller 5/0 to determine not to apply for an "Incidental Take" 2081 Permit from the California Department of Fish and Game for the Ground Water Recharge Project.

10. REVIEW STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

GM Guzzetta reported that USGS may have a presentation for the Board in March on preliminary findings of their most recent study. Large meter testing is well underway. Staff has determined a less costly alternative to the planned emergency water supply for the hospital. Altitude valves and earthquake valves are under construction.

There were no questions from the Board.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Director Fuller: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant reported the District is collaborating with Joshua Tree National Park on a project related to the garden. JBWD and other local agencies are re-evaluating public

education programs that they have partnered on in the past. The District will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on January 16th with an open house, light refreshments, "Bottled vs. Tap Water" taste test, and free 50th anniversary commemorative edition calendars. San Bernardino County Supervisor Ramos will attend to present a resolution to the District.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta had nothing further to report.

14. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Reynolds commented that 2013 will be a year to remember for Joshua Basin Water District; the District's fiftieth anniversary, and the completion of the recharge project.

- A. Appoint new Board Engineering and Agenda Committee members: President Luckman appointed Vice President Coate and Director Fuller to the Engineering and Operations Committee. President Luckman appointed herself and Vice President Coate to the Agenda Committee.
- B. Appoint Personnel/Finance Ad Hoc Committee: President Luckman appointed Director Fuller and Director Wilson, and noted that this will be a standing, rather than ad hoc, committee.
- C. Appoint representatives for MWA TAC, Morongo Basin Pipeline Commission, ASBCSD, and LAFCO meetings: President Luckman appointed Vice President Coate to attend the Morongo Basin Pipeline Commission; Director Reynolds to attend the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts; and herself and Director Fuller to share in attending the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission meetings.
- D. Consider applications for appointment to CAC: an application for membership on the District's Citizens Advisory Committee was received from Fred Klintworth of Joshua Tree. MSC Luckman/Reynolds 5/0 to appoint Fred Klintworth to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

15. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

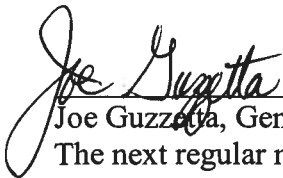
District Counsel Gil Granito reported regarding the Ellis litigation that the court of appeals has issued a final notice allowing an extension until January 3rd for Dr. Ellis to file his brief.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None requested.

17. ADJOURNMENT 8:12 PM

MSC Reynolds/Fuller 5/0 to adjourn the January 2nd, 2013 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 January 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm.