

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

December 16, 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	Present
Rebecca Unger	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Curt Sauer, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
Seth Zielke, Director of Water Resources and Operations
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Anne Roman, Accountant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant
Gil Granito, District Counsel, Redwine & Sherrill

GUESTS 4

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Luckman/Johnson, 5/0 to approve the agenda for the December 16, 2015 meeting.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Sunfair area, Joshua Tree: Mr. Marquez stated his comment is with regards to Item #15 on the agenda, the closed session corresponding with negotiation regarding two properties. Mr. Marquez questioned why the JBWD needs the 5 acre parcel east of Sunfair Road, since the JBWD already has 5 acres adjoining that property, stating he feels the purchase of that parcel to be unnecessary. In addition the property adjacent to the District office, which is approximately 1.5 acres, has been considered previously for the expansion of the District office, and purchasing that parcel was previously repealed by a previous Board.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luckman/Johnson, 5/0 to approve Draft Minutes of the November 18, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. 14/15 AUDIT PRESENTATION FROM FEDAK & BROWN, CPA'S

Chris Brown, auditor, gave the presentation. Mr. Brown described the process and results of the recent JBWD audit.

MSC Johnson/Luckman, 5/0 to accept and file the 14/15 audit presentation from Fedak & Brown, CPA's as presented.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

8. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION STUDY

Georg Krammer presented the compensation study.

MSC Luckman/Johnson, 5/0 to accept and file the Compensation Study as presented.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

9. NEXTERA SOLAR PROJECT

GM Sauer gave the presentation. Discussion ensued regarding Nextera's proposal to obtain a permit through San Bernardino County to drill a well.

Public Comment: Al Marquez, Sunfair Area, Joshua Tree: Mr. Marquez states he and approximately 90% of the residents in the Sunfair area are against the Nextera Solar project.

Vic Fuller expressed that it is important that the District have all of the information to make an informed decision on potential action to be taken.

MSC Luckman/Johnson, 5/0 to authorize the General Manager and Counsel to research this further to obtain facts.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

10. WELL 14 REHABILITATION

Seth Zielke, Director of Water Resources and Operations gave the presentation. Board received for information only.

Public Comment:

Richard Fountain, Previous JBWD Director, Joshua Tree: Mr. Fountain suggested JBWD consider rehabilitating Well 11 before Well 14 to ensure sufficient water if problems occur during Well 14 rehabilitation.

11. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS – PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

MSC Luckman/Johnson, 5/0 to recommend that the Board elect a President and Vice President for the calendar year 2016:

Victoria Fuller was nominated for President.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

Mickey Luckman was nominated for Vice President.

MSC Johnson/Fuller, 5/0

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Unger: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, gave the report. JBWD will be at the Farmers Market on Saturdays in November and off from the Farmers Market in December, January, and February. The vacation home owners have formed a group and JBWD is invited to discuss conservation planning this spring. Next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2016.
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Director Johnson: There was detailed discussion of the audit report at the last finance meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for December 28, 2015.
- C. WATER RESOURCES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Johnson: There was not a meeting in November. The next meeting is scheduled for December 29, 2015.

13. DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT

Counselor Granito reported on the 2014 Groundwater Sustainability Act, noting that GM Sauer and he are working on Groundwater Management for the District, and on a bill that initiates sustainable conservation rates, filed on December 14th.

14. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Curt Sauer stated we are on target with the Urban Water Management Plan.

15. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Mojave Water Agency BOD Meeting: January 14

Next ASBCSD meeting: December 21

16. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

ACWA 2015 Fall Conference: December 1-4: Information will be posted at a later date.

Mickey Luckman attended the MWA meeting where rising rates were discussed, as well as the MWA audit.

Victoria Fuller indicated she would like to see Director Reports on meetings attended and director comments/future agenda items combined as one item on future agendas.

17. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Unger stated a client complimented Deb Bollinger on a water audit that was conducted.

Directors complimented everyone on conservation efforts, public participation, and wished everyone a

18. happy holiday season.

CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH DISTRICT’S REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

OPEN SESSION REPORT- District Counsel, Mr. Granito, stated that the Record should reflect that at approximately 9:00 PM, the Board went into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 as reflected in Item 15 of tonight’s agenda to consult with the District’s designated negotiator (Curt Sauer, General Manager) regarding the terms and conditions associated with the potential acquisition of the real property identified in the agenda. The Closed Session ended at approximately 9:26PM and no further reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Fuller/Reynolds, 5/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of December 16, 2015 at 9:32 PM.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, General Manager and Board Secretary