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**CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021, AT 6:00 PM
61750 CHOLLITA ROAD, JOSHUA TREE, CA 92252**

AMENDED AGENDA ON 07/08/2021

1. CALL TO ORDER -
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -
3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM -
4. ELECTION OF SECRETARY – CAC to elect a new secretary.
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-
6. PUBLIC COMMENT-
7. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING
 - Draft Minutes – May 18, 2021
8. OPERATIONS UPDATE– Staff to provide updates on current and upcoming District projects and equipment purchases based on the approved 2021/22 fiscal budget.
9. WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN/PRELIMINARY DESIGN - Discuss next steps and expectations for consultant procurement and document completion.
10. ROUNDTABLE COMMENTS -
11. NEXT MEETING DATE – September 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
12. ADJOURNMENT -

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairperson Delph called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. via Zoom.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – GM Mark Ban determined there is a quorum.

IN ATTENDANCE – Barbara Delph, David Carrillo, Hannah Campbell, Kathy Carrillo, Frank Coate, Shari Long, Karen Morton, Karen Tracy

STAFF PRESENT – Mark Ban, General Manager

GUESTS – 3

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motioned to approve the Agenda. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING – Motioned to approve the minutes of March 9, 2021. Minutes approved.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT STRATEGY (WTS) – GM Ban agreed to leave topic open a few more minutes while awaiting call-in from Mike Metz of Dudek.

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTS –

Chairperson Delph mentioned it was a general consensus of the CAC members that report was basically a duplicate of the last report. Still a lot of contradictions and info that was requested at the CAC meeting months ago was never provided.

CAC members discussed their disappointment with the “updated” Wastewater Treatment Strategy Report from Dudek and that Mike Metz was a no show for the meeting.

RETURN TO PUBLIC COMMENT – Guest Ms. Murphy inquired if meeting could go back to Public Comment which she missed. GM Ban agreed it could be reopened.

Guest Mr. Henry brought up his concern regarding the \$16,000 cost of a new meter hook-up to property. His mother-in law had signed the opt-out paperwork for a pre-existing meter years ago to avoid the monthly meter fee on vacant property. Now they are wanting to build a home on the property and would like to discuss any possible options to lessen the meter hook-up cost. He stated that he would not hesitate to pursue media coverage and legal action.

Guest Ms. Murphy requested a breakdown of the fees, and GM Ban explained the breakdown.

Guest Mr. Henry reiterated his concerns. GM Ban informed Mr. Henry that there will be a Board Meeting on May 19, and he will send Mr. Henry the agenda link.

RETURN TO ROUNDTABLE COMMENTS – Chairperson Delph brought meeting back to the Roundtable Comments.

GM Ban mentioned there are some WTS items important to address. More information and details are needed before moving forward, especially with Wastewater Capacity Fee and LAFCO designation.

GM Ban stated he would like to move past this report and get moving onto something more robust next year.

GM Ban and Chairperson Delph asked if it is the CAC's wish to bring Mr. Metz back to present what is in the WTS or to just move on. Shari Long responded she thinks it would be best to move on. Too many questions, things left out, including issues of who benefits and pays. Chairperson Delph agreed that the Committee should move on from said report and look forward to a better one in the future.

GM Ban asked if anybody had an opinion on the capacity fees for the wastewater or the LAFCO Designation.

CAC members discussed Groundwater Protection Charge and Wastewater Capacity Fee and what options going forward would be more financially beneficial to the District. GM Ban explained the GPC in greater detail and shared that he believes the removal of Wastewater Capacity fees would be in the best interest for both the District and the ratepayers, who would be paying an Assessment District Fee.

GM Ban commented that it would be good for the District to have a plan and preliminary designs in place for potential federal and state infrastructure project funding. Karen Tracy agreed the District should take advantage of any possible infrastructure funding; however, having a document in place is not where the District is.

Chairperson Delph asked if the District is in any position to take advantage of any state or federal infrastructure funding. GM Ban responded that the District is in good shape to receive some funding for a planning effort, but certainly not to construct anything.

CAC discussed LAFCO designations and what was needed to meet those requirements.

NEXT MEETING DATE – July 13, 2021

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Ban, General Manager