

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 2, 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
Mike Metts, District Engineer
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant
Deborah Bollinger, Conservation Consultant

GUESTS 10

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Long/Coate 5/0 to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of May 2, 2012.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented on a tribute to Michael Luhrs that was published in the Hi-Desert Star recently and stated that Mr. Luhrs is missed in the community.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2012 Special Board meeting and to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2012 Regular Board meeting.

7. H-1 RESERVOIR SLOPE GRADING REHABILITATION CONTRACT AWARD

District Engineer Mike Metts of Dudek & Associates Engineers reported, noting that work on the H-1 reservoir site will begin after the Recharge Site fencing project because dirt from the Recharge site will be used for the H-1 Reservoir slope rehabilitation.

MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to authorize award of contract in the amount of \$24,777 to Luna Pacific Construction for slope rehabilitation work at the H-1 Reservoir Site and authorize expenditure of \$27,254 from the unallocated reserve fund including a 10% contingency.

8. AGREEMENT BETWEEN HI DESERT MEDICAL CENTER AND JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT FOR PACKAGE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

General Manager Joe Guzzetta reported that an agreement was approved in December and some minor changes have been made to the agreement. President Reynolds recused himself and left the meeting during discussion of this item because he does plumbing work for the Hi Desert Medical Center. GM Guzzetta reviewed and explained each of the changes to the contract.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented opposing amending the agreement.

MSC Long/Coate 3/1 (1 recused) to approve a slightly revised agreement between HDMC and JBWD to provide for a package wastewater treatment plant to be paid by HDMC and constructed, owned, and operated by JBWD and to rescind the prior action taken on December 21 regarding this contract.

Coate	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Recused
Wilson	No

9. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT AND MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Executive Secretary Marie Salsberry and GM Guzzetta reported on the proposed application form and guidelines for Citizens Advisory Committee members. Following discussion, President Reynolds appointed an ad hoc committee of Director Coate and Vice President Luckman to consider the guidelines for the Citizens Advisory Committee. The item was then referred to the Citizens Advisory Committee and the CAC Ad Hoc Committee for review and recommendation to the Board.

MSC Coate/ Long 5/0 to table item 9 and refer to the Citizens Advisory Committee and Ad Hoc Board Citizens Advisory Committee for review.

10. CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MSC Coate/Long 5/0 to table Item 10 pending review by the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Ad Hoc CAC committee.

11. GOVERNOR’S PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

GM Guzzetta reported that the Governor has proposed eliminating Region 7 of the California Water Quality Control Board.

MSC Coate /Long 5/0 to adopt Resolution 12-887 Opposing the Elimination of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Colorado River Region #7.

12. UPGRADE OF INCODE FINANCIAL SOFTWARE

Assistant General Manager/Controller Susan Greer reported that the upgrade to the software will be available in 2014. The Board took the following action after discussion:

MSC Luckman/Long 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to authorize the software upgrade at a cost of \$65,000 to be scheduled and paid for in 2014.

Coate	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

13. LABOR COMPLIANCE SERVICES FOR PROP 84 GRANT

AGM/Controller Greer reported that labor compliance program is necessary in order to use the three million dollars of Proposition 84 grant funds for the Recharge project.

MSC Long/Luckman 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to approve the proposal for labor compliance services for the Recharge Project from LCP Inc. in the amount of \$32,600 including 10% contingency, to authorize General Manager to enter into contract with LCP Inc. and to allocate the amount of \$32,600 from the Proposition 84 grant funds.

Coate	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

14. POLICY ADDRESSING DISTRICT SERVICE LINES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

GM Guzzetta reported that there are several meters with extended District service lines located on private property. Staff is proposing to move these meters off of private property as they are identified. MSC Long/Coate 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to confirm the policy to address District service lines on private property.

15. CONSERVATION REPORT

District Conservation Coordinator Deb Bollinger reported on conservation efforts during the first quarter of 2012 noting that best management practices for conservation are continuing; staff has been trained to conduct water surveys; large landscape programs are continuing; Copper Mountain College is interested in removing the turf in their quad which will help with conservation efforts; the CIMIS station is operating and monthly testing required by Department of Water Resources is being done; fifth graders from local elementary schools are being taught water conservation at the District; garden docents have worked very hard on the garden and the elementary school education program. GM Guzzetta reported that without compliance with the state's conservation best management practices the District would not have been eligible for three million dollars in grant funding.

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Long; Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant reported the Public Information Committee created a video on the water district in time for the Washington DC trip; it was also used on the bus tour of Morongo Basin agencies last week; this month at the Farmers Market live tortoises are being displayed.
- B. AD HOC GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE: President Reynolds and Director Long; the committee reported they met with the General Manager and are in the process of working out details.
- C. AD HOC RECHARGE BASIN SITE VEGETATION: Vice President Luckman and Director Coate; President Reynolds officially dissolved the ad hoc Recharge Basin site Vegetation Committee.
- D. AD HOC STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE: Director Coate and Director Long; Director Coate reported that the ad hoc Strategic Plan Committee met with the district engineer and staff and is reviewing the strategic plan project list; the draft of the strategic plan from Martin Rauch is pending.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Tracy of Joshua Tree commented she would like to hear about flushing during the General Manager's report.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented that Copper Mountain College is hosting a San Bernardino County Supervisor candidate forum Friday at CMC for candidates for third district supervisor.

18. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that the Hi Desert Medical Center wastewater treatment facility is out to bid. Recharge project plans are about to go through CalTrans for final review; ESA environmental consultants will develop RFPs for archaeological consultants, biological consultants and native American consultants for the recharge project; the Fish and Game permits for the Recharge project are underway.

The draft budget will be reviewed at the next Board meeting which will be a joint meeting with the Citizens Advisory Committee. The Citizens Advisory will then review the budget at their regular meeting later this month, and the budget will come back to the Board in June for approval.

Staff is advancing with the SEMS management maintenance software for the field crew; the official launch will be July 1 after which date monthly field activity reports will be provided to the Board.

The Urban Water Management Plan was reviewed by the California Department of Water Resources and staff expects that it will be approved shortly. Well #10 is currently undergoing a 24-hour period of flushing and samples will be tested.

19. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

District Counsel Granito reported on the pending Yorba Linda litigation; the case will proceed to trial on May 14th.

He reported that the District contract with Utility Services Company was terminated last year and the General Manager has been working on unresolved financial responsibilities; Mr. Granito and the general manager suggested that an Ad Hoc Utility Services committee be appointed to consider how to resolve the financial responsibilities and move forward on a limited basis. President Reynolds appointed Director Coate and Director Long to the Ad Hoc Utility Services Contract Committee.

20. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice President Luckman requested that the District bill format be discussed; it was decided that the bill format will be referred to the Public Information Committee for review.

Director Coate requested that staff bring dates of consultant contracts and how long the contracts last.

21. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Long reported attending the Mojave Water Agency Board meeting and budget workshop; a concern is the threat of earthquake and what will MWA do for water supply, they estimate it will take up to three years to resume water service from Northern California.

Vice President Luckman reported that the trip to Washington DC was productive.

President Reynolds reported that he, Vice President Luckman and General Manager Guzzetta met with legislators in Washington D.C. and a three-minute video was shown; he thanked Kathleen Radnich for putting the video together on short notice.

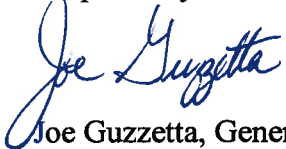
22. CLOSED SESSION

The meeting went to closed session at 9:35 pm; open session resumed at 10:50 pm. Attorney Gil Granito reported that the Board met in closed session at as identified on Agenda Item 22 pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. The Board consulted and instructed the ad hoc General Manager Negotiating Committee on its endeavor to enter into a new agreement with the general manager.

23. ADJOURNMENT 10:55 PM

to adjourn the May 2 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Guzzetta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for May 16, 2012 at 7:00 pm.