

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

March 18, 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
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

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

GUESTS 14

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Luckman/Johnson 5/0 to approve the agenda for the March 4, 2015 meeting.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luckman/Reynolds, 5/0 to approve Draft Minutes of the February 18, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of

Directors

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF WILL SERVE LETTER – ALTAMIRA PROJECT

Introduction from District Counsel, Gil Granito regarding Board’s duties and responsibilities. GM Sauer gave Staff Report regarding the project. John Criste of Terra Nova Planning gave a presentation on the Altamira Project.

Public comments from David Fick, Karen Tracy and Tom Floen of Joshua Tree with concern about having enough water for the project.

MSC Luckman/Unger, 5/0 agreed that the Altamira Project Will Serve Letter be tabled until more information is received to proceed.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

8. AN OVERVIEW OF JBWD FEES AND RATES

General Manager Sauer gave presentation and information only.

9. UPDATE ON CHROMIUM 6 PROJECT

GM Sauer gave presentation and information only.

10. STANDING:

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Kathleen Radnich gave report.
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE: No report

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Fick questioned how the District is doing with Governor Brown requests for 20% reduction of water usage. GM Sauer indicated that the District is at 3%.

12. DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT

General Counsel Granito gave report:

AB1 - A bill prohibiting fines for not watering lawns, allowing lawns to turn brown, or having a brown lawn during a declared drought.

AB149 – Changes existing law from requiring an updated Urban Water Management Plan by December 31 in years ending in five and zero, and moves that to requiring the update by December 31 in years ending in six and one, beginning January 2017.

SB7 – Requires the installation of water sub-meters in multiunit residential buildings.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Sauer gave report. Some corrections to statement he made at last meeting: Regarding 457 statement made at last meeting - Employees have the opportunity to invest in a 457, Deferred Compensation plan. The district will match 10 percent of their contributions, up to \$450. What I said was if you contribute \$4,500, the District would match up to \$450. And I also said that if the employee contributed \$450 the District would match that. That statement is incorrect. The District would only contribute \$45.

We also discussed the amount of water Cascade Solar used for the construction of the site. Technically, Cascade Solar used no water because the account name was in Rosenden Electric. Some people have maintained they used 54 AF. Our records indicate they used 38.06AF. This is for two separate accounts using two separate meters.

We stated that they were close to their actual estimated need. They were actually 28 percent over their estimated need.

End of corrections.

Revenues – was another item mentioned during last Board meeting. For Metered Water Sales, the variable water usage component shows revenues of \$66,000 MORE than last year, representing a 6.42% increase over last year. That falls right in line with the 6% rate increase. For the water revenues that we budgeted, revenues are more than \$60,000 ahead of last year as of February.

Well 15 prep is done and waiting to receive building in late March.

Susan working on CDPH grant filing.

Safety Training –

Course: Underground Utility Line Locator

Description: This workshop provides the information needed to become a Qualified Utility Locator per Cal-OSHA 1541, as well as the training and skills required by the national standards of Common Ground Alliance and National Utility Locator Contractor Association best practices for utility locators.

Training-

On Thursday March 17, 2015 our District will be hosting a training class provided free by Mueller Co. Topics covered include: Fire hydrant installation tips, component details, hydrant restraint, flow characteristics, security, repair and maintenance.

We invited the San Bernardino County Fire Department, San Bernardino County Road Department and Big Horn Desert View Water Agency. The class size is limited and therefore we could not invite HDWD or 29 palms water at this time. All attendees will receive continuing education units (CEU'S) which can go towards required State of California water certifications. This class will be beneficial not only to our staff but will be helpful in educating outside agencies on the proper use of our fire hydrants.

We have nominated Steve Corbin for California Rural Water Association for Operator of the Year.

Steve has been assigned many difficult fabrication projects such as the G-1 booster site retrofit, Hacienda pressure reducing project, Well 10 downhole treatment system, Water Wise Demonstration Station, and the reservoir skimmer system. Over the years I have been repeatedly impressed by his work, and find him an invaluable member of my team. His skills do not stop at his fabrication work. He projects a warm, inviting, and can do spirit to the job. I have witnessed his ability to resolve conflict and handle difficult situations in a remarkable manner. Furthermore, I have watched as he has taken other operators under his wing to teach the next generation of water professionals. Steve has served as an active member of the district's safety committee for seven years.

MWA Recharge AF has changed from 568 to 684. This will allow us to reach our two year goal of 1000 AF. We will work with MWA to take water either in late September or early October so that we are done by December 15.

14. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Technical Advisory Committee on April 2, 2015

15. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Vice President Luckman reported on the Morongo Basin Pipeline Commission meeting.

Director Unger reported on the Mojave Water Agency Board meeting

16. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Johnson talked about the Finance Committee meeting coming up and that there will be a FEMA Training on April 8.

Director Unger talked about concerns with Altamira Project Will Serve letter.
President Fuller congratulated Vice President Luckman on being elected for the Board of the Morongo Basin Pipeline Commission.

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

18. ADJOURNMENT

MSC Luckman/Reynolds 5/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of March 18, 2015 at 9:22 pm

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:



Curt Sauer, General Manager and Board Secretary