

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 18, 2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:00 PM

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** By roll-call vote:
Gary Given Present
Bill Long Present
Mickey Luckman Present
Mike Reynolds Present
Gary Wilson Present

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant GM/Controller
Terry Spurrier, HR/Administrative Services Supervisor
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

GUESTS: 7

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to approve the agenda for the March 18, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors; adding items 5 and 6 from the Special Meeting of March 18, 2009 as items 7B and 7C of the Regular Meeting agenda

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2009.

7. **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) OF THE CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER CONSERVATION COUNCIL**

General Manager Guzzetta noted that this item is one of the priorities identified by the Board at the Strategic Planning Workshop. Meeting the Best Management Practices is a requirement for grant eligibility. HR/Administrative Services Supervisor Terry Spurrier reported that the District has met many of the BMPs, and described others that will need to be met in order to qualify for grant funds. The District needs to determine by August whether or not to sign a memorandum of understanding with the California Urban Water Conservation Council regarding the Best Management Practices.

7B. AGREEMENT WITH BOLLINGER CONSULTING

GM Guzzetta reported that Deb Bollinger has been providing the District with a variety of water conservation services including assisting with development of low water use landscape templates, coordinating with other agencies to provide landscape workshops, establishing an educational water conservation program in local elementary schools, and other projects. Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented opposing continuing to use the services of Bollinger Consulting. Jay St. Gaudens of Joshua Tree spoke in support of continuing to contract for the services of Bollinger Consulting. Following Board discussion the following action was taken:

MSC Long/Reynolds 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to continue the agreement with Debra Bollinger of Bollinger Consulting, Inc. to provide conservation consulting services on an ongoing basis at a flat rate of \$2,500 per month.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

7C. CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICES

GM Guzzetta reported that the District has received the emergency generators and this contract will provide for outfitting District sites with electrical connections for the generators.

Director Wilson asked about a site behind the hospital that would be a good candidate for an emergency connection.

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to award the contract to low bidder David-Richards Electric, Inc. at a cost of \$40,419.

8. RIGHT-OF-WAY DETERMINATION FOR WATER RECHARGE PROJECT

GM Guzzetta reported that the District’s property acquisition consultant, CE Prime, estimates the cost for acquisition services related to the pipeline for the recharge project at \$44,000.

MSC Reynolds/Long 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to authorize a task order with CE Prime to provide services to acquire right-of-way along approximately four miles of Highway 62 for the pipeline alignment for the water recharge project, in an amount estimated at \$44,000, and appropriate funds in the amount of \$44,000 from current year budget net revenue.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

9. AGREEMENT WITH RED CROSS TO PARK VEHICLES

GM Guzzetta reported that the District’s legal counsel provided the agreement for the District to enter into with the Red Cross allowing the Red Cross to park vehicles on JBWD property. The Board previously approved allowing the Red Cross to park vehicles on JBWD property.

MSC Given/Long 4/1 to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the American Red Cross for use of the parking area to park up to five vehicles.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

10. PARTICIPATION WITH CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN BERNARDINO WATER RESOURCES INSTITUTE AND COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC FORUM ON WATER POLICY AND LAND USE

GM Guzzetta reported. Susan Lein Longville of California State University San Bernardino Water Resources Institute has submitted a proposal for a “Water and Land Use Workshop” whereby the Water Resources Institute would provide \$7,400 in services and San Bernardino County is expected to provide services valued at about \$10,000. Cost to JBWD is expected to be about \$10,000 to \$11,000. The forum would identify the District’s and the County’s roles and responsibilities in land use matters and explore the opportunities, constraints, and obligations of the agencies when considering land use matters. Following discussion the following action was taken:

MSC Luckman/Given 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to approve participation in a public forum on Water Policy and Land Use, and to appropriate \$11,000 for the event and authorize the General Manager to enter into any agreements required to provide the forum.

11. AGREEMENT WITH TMG COMMUNICATIONS, INC TO INFORM THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE WATER RECHARGE PROJECT

GM Guzzetta reported that the District has an opportunity to partner with Mojave Water Agency (MWA) in a public outreach effort to educate customers about the recharge project. MWA has retained TMG Communications to provide information to the public about MWA’s recharge project, and TMG has proposed to provide similar public outreach services for JBWD with no cost for consulting fees. JBWD would pay only collateral costs such as printing and mailing for brochures, etc. David Rodriguez of Joshua Tree commented in favor of the agreement.

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to authorize an agreement with TMG Communications, Inc. in partnership with Mojave Water Agency, at an estimated cost of \$8,800 to inform the public about the District Water Recharge Project; and to appropriate funds in the amount of \$8,800 from current year budget net revenue.

12. REPORT ON PLANS TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

GM Guzzetta requested that this item be continued.

13. ENDORSEMENT OF ART BISHOP, MOJAVE WATER AGENCY (MWA) BOARD MEMBER, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) REGION 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

GM Guzzetta reported. The Board took the following action:

MSC Luckman/ Given 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to support MWA Director Art Bishop’s application to fill the unexpired term on the ACWA Region 9 Board of Directors.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye

Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

14. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

GM Guzzetta reported that replacement of the accounting mainframe is completed. Assistant GM/Controller Greer was commended for her work on the project.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented he feels there is not enough discussion before approval of agenda items.

16. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that JBWD Coordinator Keith Faul had a baby.

17. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Reynolds thanked Deb Bollinger for her work in water conservation for the District; he reported that he attended the Morongo Basin Pipeline Commission meeting. He attended the MWA Board meeting where conservation and water savings was a big issue. He attended the meeting of the Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts. The Governor has declared a state of emergency in California due to the drought.

Director Luckman reported on attending the Association of San Bernardino Special Districts meeting where a vendor fair was presented. She showed a book called "Water & the Shaping of California".

Vice President Long commented that the costs involved in running the water District can be surprising for new Board members.

18. ADJOURNMENT PM

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to adjourn the March 18, 2009 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 April 1, 2009.