

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 7, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: By roll-call vote:
Bill Long Present
Gary Given Present
Gary Lovelace Present
Gary Wilson Present
Karl Wyne Present

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant GM/Controller
Joe Bocanegra, Interim Chief of Operations
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

GUESTS: 3

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MSC Given/Long 5/0 to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 7, 2008.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR
MSC Lovelace/Wyne 5/0 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the April 2, 2008; to approve the financial report for March 2008; and to adopt Resolution 08-829, authorizing signers at Pomona First Federal Bank & Trust.

7. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR LANDSCAPE TEMPLATES AND DEMONSTRATION GARDEN IN COOPERATION WITH THE ALLIANCE FOR WATER AWARENESS AND CONSERVATION (AWAC)
General Manager Guzzetta reported that five bids were received for the landscape design project which includes design of water efficient landscape templates for single family homes and design of a low water use demonstration garden. Discussion ensued. Director Wilson said "Well I've been against this project ever since its conception and I'm still against it."

MSC Given/Lovelace 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with RGA Landscape Architects, Inc., at a cost of \$35,000.

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| Given | Aye |
| Long | Aye |
| Lovelace | Aye |
| Wilson | No |
| Wyne | Aye |

8. PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD SHIFT \$200,000-\$400,000 ANNUALLY IN PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FROM THE DISTRICT TO MEET THE STATE FISCAL DEFICIT

GM Guzzetta reported that changes may be taking place at the state level which would enable the county to shift water districts' property tax funds to the county. This would represent a loss of \$200,000 for JBWD. As a precautionary measure, staff is requesting that the Board take a position opposing these measures that would shift funds from the district. Director Wilson commented, "Well for many years I've been opposed to many boards wasting money here, including this one, and I definitely don't want to see the state or the county taking any of the ratepayers' money."

MSC Given/Lovelace 5/0 to adopt a policy of opposing measures under consideration by the state that would shift funds away from special districts.

9. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported on the District's conservation programs; the District, along with the Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation and Hi-Desert Water District, is sponsoring a landscape workshop on May 17th at the Joshua Tree Community Center. The District's conservation consultant, Deborah Bollinger, will have a conservation education program at the Kids Club this summer. The District is offering Community Emergency Response Team Training in July.

10. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Wilson said: "Mister President, can I ask the manager a question? On the schedule of demands for March, check number 41185 to Jones Brothers for fourteen inch pipeline abandonment, fifty thousand dollars. The board has never discussed that or authorized it. Fourteen inch line is back here behind the office; that's the only fourteen inch line in the District. Unless it's a typo. Check number 41185, fifty thousand sixty one dollars and eighty two cents." GM Guzzetta stated that he would check into it.

Director Wyne requested that staff update the board regarding purchase of an emergency generator. GM Guzzetta stated that staff is determining whether or not there is a need to go out to bid for an emergency generator. Interim Chief of Operations Bocanegra reported that he has contacted Homeland Security regarding the possibility of government funding for the generator.

Director Wilson asked, "Do you still have the emergency water pump, the large one that runs on diesel, that's on a trailer?"

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT 7:37 PM

MSC Given/Lovelace 5/0 to adjourn the May 7, 2008 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 May 21, 2008.