



**JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2011 7:00 PM**

61750 CHOLLITA ROAD, JOSHUA TREE, CA 92252

**NOTE: THIS MEETING WILL ALSO BE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION
BY TELECONFERENCE:
AZUL INN OFFICE, 10740 SANTA MONICA BLVD. LOS ANGELES CA 90025**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. PUBLIC COMMENT: At this time, any member of the public may address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction that are not listed on the agenda. Please use the podium microphone. The Board may not discuss at length or take action on items not on the agenda. During either "Public Comment" Item, please use the podium microphone. State your name and have your information prepared and be ready to provide your comments to the Board. The District is interested and appreciates your comments. A 3-minute time limit may be imposed. Thank you.
6. CONSENT CALENDAR: Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine in nature and will be adopted in total by one action of the Board of Directors unless any Board Member or any individual or organization interested in one or more consent calendar items wishes to be heard.
 - A. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 21, 2011
 - B. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 5, 2011
 - C. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 19, 2011
7. PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL CONSERVATION AWARDS RECOGNIZING MR. CHAMBLESS' 5TH GRADE CLASS AT FRIENDLY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND MRS. HADLEY'S CLASS AT JOSHUA TREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Recommend that the Board recognize classes for saving over 500,000 gallons annually.

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8. CONSERVATION COORDINATOR REPORT
Information only; Deborah Bollinger, Conservation Consultant to report.
9. AGREEMENT BETWEEN HI-DESERT MEDICAL CENTER AND JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT FOR PACKAGE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT
Recommend that the Board approve an agreement between Hi-Desert Medical (HDMC) and Joshua Basin Water District (JBWD) to provide for a package wastewater treatment plant to be paid by the HDMC and constructed, owned, and operated by JBWD. Continued from October 19th meeting.
10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A: PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant
 - B: AD HOC GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE FACILITATED REVIEW PROCESS: Vice President Reynolds and Director Long: Committee to agendize approval of agreement at next meeting.
11. PUBLIC COMMENT
At this time, any member of the public may address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction that are not listed on the agenda. Please use the podium microphone. The Board may not discuss at length or take action on items not on the agenda.
12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT
13. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT
14. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS
15. CLOSED SESSION
 - A. At this time, the Board will go into Closed Session to confer with Legal Counsel on existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9. (Re Joshua Basin Water District v. Robert Ellis, San Bernardino Superior Court - Joshua Tree District, Case No. CIVMS 900168).
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16. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION
17. ADJOURNMENT

INFORMATION

The public is invited to comment on any item on the agenda during discussion of that item.

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JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 21, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Bill Long	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Michael Luhrs	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
Deborah Bollinger, Conservation Coordinator
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 20

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the Agenda for the September 21, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Victoria Fuller of Joshua Tree spoke in support of the District's water rates, plans for groundwater recharge and wastewater treatment, including the agreement with Hi-Desert Medical Center.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2011.

7. RESOLUTION HONORING STEVE SPITZ ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT

President Luckman read Resolution 11-875 that noted several of Steve Spitz's accomplishments over his 30 years of service as a District employee.

MSC Reynolds/Wilson 5/0 to Adopt Resolution 11-875 of the Board of Directors of the Joshua Basin Water District Expressing Their Appreciation for Steve Spitz.

Director Wilson commented on working with Steve for a number of years, noting that Steve has been a very reliable and devoted worker for the District; he wished Steve the best in his retirement.

Jim Corbin, Maintenance and Distribution Supervisor, commented on Steve's great work, wonderful attitude and extensive knowledge about the District. He noted Steve's love for his family, and that the nature of the job requires working in extreme temperatures and conditions which Steve has done many times.

GM Guzzetta thanked Steve and noted that he has provided thousands of GPS locations of system

components for the District's digital mapping system. He thanked Steve for all of his hard work. President Luckman congratulated Steve, stating that he will be missed at the District. Steve Spitz commented that the District's field crew can now handle anything; they go to the extra effort to make sure jobs are done excellently and show great teamwork.

8. CONSERVATION COORDINATOR REPORT

Conservation Coordinator Deborah Bollinger reported on the District's conservation program, noting the District is doing a good job at conservation. She reported the District's "gallons per capita per day" (GPCD) use is down to 151, well under the target of 211 GPCD set by the state's current "20% by 2020" guidelines. She described the many efforts supporting conservation including public outreach events and information distribution, landscape workshops, school education programs, leak detection program, toilet exchange program, and many others. Most of the conservation activities were funded by the Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation (AWAC), of which the District is a member; however AWAC's funding has been cut by 88% now. She suggested self-funding or looking for opportunities to partner with other organizations for future water conservation programs. There were no questions or discussion.

9. ASBCSD OCTOBER MEETING HOSTING

Executive Secretary Marie Salsberry reported that Joshua Basin Water District will host the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts monthly dinner meeting on October 17th. Costs related to hosting are expected to be covered by the per-person dinner charge assuming that the meeting will be well-attended. Staff requested approval of a small amount of money in case of unexpected low attendance, to cover the cost of hosting the event.

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve staff recommendation that the Board recommend and approve the District hosting the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts meeting on October 17 with approval of a nominal setup cost of between 100 to 500 dollars.

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

District Counsel Gil Granito reported that this item was continued from the September 7th Board meeting due to specific concerns expressed by Director Luhrs. He reported that Director Luhrs agreed to meet with him to discuss the item however schedules did not allow for the meeting, and he expected that Director Luhrs would request the item to be taken off the agenda for this meeting. Mr. Granito stated that he expected that Director Luhrs would make a commitment to meet with him regarding the issue so that the issue can be discussed at a future meeting.

Director Luhrs made a motion to table the item until he could meet with District Counsel to discuss his concerns; second by Director Long:

MSC Luhrs /Long 4/0 (Director Reynolds abstain) to table the item for discussion at a future meeting so that Director Luhrs can meet with District Counsel to discuss his concerns.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Public Information Committee: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant:** Ms. Radnich reported that the water wise demonstration station was being used at farmers market where attendees were given water efficient devices after seeing the demonstration. The Public Information Committee is working on updating website. The District will host "The ABCs of Water" focusing on careers in water November 9 at the Joshua Tree Community Center. She reported on the water district picnic, thanking staff who donated their time.
- B. **Ad Hoc General Manager Performance Facilitated Review Process: Vice President Reynolds and Director Long:** Vice President Reynolds reported he has sent a request for an official proposal and

expects a reply soon.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Guzzetta reported that Mojave Water Agency was notified they have received eight million dollars in grant funding, three million of which is committed to JBWD for the Groundwater Recharge Project.

14. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Wilson made no comment. Director Luhrs made no comment. Director Long made no comment. Vice President Reynolds reported that the water district picnic was fun and congratulated employee Dan Bock on winning the “backhoe rodeo”. President Luckman thanked everyone for attending and called a brief recess in order for attendees to celebrate Steve Spitz’s service to the District and upcoming retirement. GM Guzzetta stated no action was expected to be taken during the closed session. District Counsel Granito stated that Items B and C would be discussed during the closed session. The meeting recessed at 7:50 and resumed in Closed Session at 8:05.

15. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session to confer with Legal Counsel on existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9. (Re Joshua Basin Water District v. Robert Ellis, San Bernardino Superior Court - Joshua Tree District, Case No. CIVMS 900168).

B. Closed Session to confer with Legal Counsel on existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9. (Re Joshua Basin Water District v. Ironhead LLC a California Limited Liability Company, Praxedes Beard and Does 1 – 10 inclusive, San Bernardino Superior Court - Joshua Tree District, Case No. CIVMS 1100087).

C. At this time, the Board will go into Closed Session to confer with Legal Counsel on a matter of potential litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (one matter – unidentified)

16. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Following the closed session District Counsel Granito reported the following: for Closed Session item B, a status report was given and there was discussion; no reportable action was taken; for Closed Session item C, GM Guzzetta presented a status report and led a discussion and no reportable action was taken.

17. CONSIDERATION OF REINSTATING CONTRACT WITH UTILITY SERVICES COMPANY

GM Guzzetta stated he had nothing to report; the item was continued to the next meeting.

18. ADJOURNMENT 8:25 PM

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to adjourn the September 21, 2011 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 Wednesday October 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 5, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Bill Long	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Michael Luhrs	Via Teleconference
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
Deborah Bollinger, Conservation Coordinator
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 15

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the Agenda for the October 5, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Roll Call Vote

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Luhrs	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Delph of Joshua Tree commented on a candidate for Third District County Supervisor, opposing his statements regarding combining local water agencies.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Wilson requested that Item B "Agreement between Hi-Desert Medical Center and Joshua Basin Water District for package waste water treatment plant" be removed from the Consent Calendar.

MSC Reynolds/Long 5/0 to approve the Financial Report for August 2011; and to remove Item B of the Consent Calendar.

Roll Call Vote

Long	Aye
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Luckman	Aye
Luhrs	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

General Manager Joe Guzzetta requested clarification regarding the item removed from the Consent Calendar; Director Wilson agreed to discussion of the item later in the meeting.

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING STAFF TO WRITE-OFF BAD DEBT FOR FISCAL YEAR 10/11

Assistant General Manager Susan Greer reported; Board discussion ensued. Director Long asked how bad debt from one customer exceeds \$2,000; AGM Greer answered it can be a result of a leak, and usually it is the case that several bills accrue before the service is locked off. Director Long stated he was in favor of property owners being responsible for these debts. Director Luhrs commented this is an ongoing problem; he is in favor of finding solutions. Vice President Reynolds questioned whether owners have been contacted for bad debt; at this time they are not. Account holders are contacted and in these cases they have not responded, resulting in the bad debt. It was noted that there are a number of cases where certain properties have successive tenants that leave the account with bad debt at the same property.

President Luckman recommended that the item be referred to the District’s Citizens Advisory Committee; (CAC); it was noted that the CAC has discussed this issue in the past.

Gary Given of Joshua Tree commented that this has been an ongoing problem; he commented in favor of making property owners responsible.

Barbara Delph of Joshua Tree commented in favor of all property owners being held responsible for water bills.

MSC Reynolds/Long 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to approve the \$27,099.82 bad debt write off and to authorize filing of liens for unpaid owners bills over \$100; and to refer to the Citizens Advisory Committee discussion of the third staff recommendation, “authorization for staff to develop a policy for making owners responsible for accounts at addresses with multiple bad debts.”

Director Luhrs commented the CAC should develop a list of suggestions for the Board to consider regarding the matter of owner responsibility.

Roll Call Vote

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Luhrs	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

8. DONATION OF SURPLUS COMPUTER TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GM Guzzetta reported the District has surplus computers that will be disposed of soon; in the past the Board has authorized local non-profit organizations to receive the donated computers. The Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce is in need of a computer. Director Wilson commented in favor of all of the District’s surplus items being auctioned. Director Luhrs stated he was fine with staff’s recommendation. Director Long noted that the Chamber of Commerce is not a charitable organization and spoke in favor of a policy that gives all surplus computers together to one organization. Director Reynolds stated he was in favor of auctioning surplus items

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented in favor of auctioning the surplus computers.

GM Guzzetta stated staff will bring complete list of surplus equipment to at a future meeting and computers

can be included on the list. Ebay is being considered as an option. Director Wilson stated he preferred that auctions are done locally. Director Luhrs stated he is fine with either giving the computers, or auctioning them. Staff noted that the District has a policy regarding disposition of surplus property.

MSC Reynolds/Long 5/0 to table the item.

Roll Call Vote

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Luhrs	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

9. EXTENSION OF WILL-SERVE LETTER FOR ALTA MIRA PROJECT

GM Guzzetta reported that the District issued a Will Serve letter in 2007 for a proposed 276 single-family home project; the applicants have been processing this through the County since that time and are now requesting an updated will serve letter. The will serve letter states only that water is available; when plans for development are submitted, any need for system improvements to deliver the water will be addressed. John Christe, development planner from Terra Nova, was present and stated that the project has been reduced in the number of lots to be developed, and a drought tolerant plant palette will be used.

Director Luhrs stated that the applicants have violated stipulations in the original Will Serve letter and he is opposed to re issuing the letter. Director Wilson commented the Board discussed this proposed project and another during 2007 and that both were in the same pressure zone. Dudek prepared an analysis of needed system upgrades for one project but not for the other. GM Guzzetta stated that the District engineer reviews system needs when the project plans are submitted to the District.

District Counsel Granito confirmed that the will serve letter states only that water is available; and cannot be refused to the customer if there is water.

MSC Long/Reynolds 3/2 to approve staff recommendation to extend the will-serve letter issued in 2007 for a 248 unit housing development along Sunny Vista and Alta Loma in the area of Friendly Hills Elementary School.

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Luhrs	No
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

10. CONTRACT WITH UTILITY SERVICES COMPANY FOR MAINTENANCE OF WATER TANKS

GM Guzzetta reported that the contractor has been cooperative and has addressed District staff's concerns.

Staff will follow up with analysis on this service going forward and with Legal Counsel Granito.

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to give authority to the GM to negotiate a contract addendum to the original contract that takes the rescission into consideration.

Roll Call Vote

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Luhrs	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Public Information Committee: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant: Ms. Radnich reported landscape tours of the Water Wise Demonstration Garden will be given in conjunction with the Morongo Basin art tours. She noted that the District will host “The ABCs of Water” on Nov 9; the subject will be careers in water

B. Ad Hoc General Manager Performance Facilitated Review Process: Vice President Reynolds and Director Long: Director Long reported a request for proposal has was sent out and the committee is waiting for a response.

6B. AGREEMENT BETWEEN HI-DESERT MEDICAL CENTER AND JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT FOR PACKAGE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Vice President Reynolds recused himself from the discussion because he is a plumber who has done work at the hospital. GM Guzzetta stated there has not been an opportunity for Director Luhrs to meet with District counsel to discuss his concerns on the matter. Director Luhrs confirmed, and requested that District Counsel Granito call him the following day.

MSC Wilson/Long 4/0 (1 Abstain) to table the item until the October 19th regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Roll Call Vote

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Luhrs	Aye
Reynolds	Abstain
Wilson	Aye

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that staff has done an excellent job with plans for the recharge project where some potholing required and it was later found that 22 additional pothole locations were requested. District field crew did the additional potholing, which required CalTrans and other permits, saving the District over twenty two thousand dollars. At the H tank crews have replaced the visqueen in anticipation of rains. Staff expects to go out to bid for earthwork in the area soon.

14. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Luhrs made no comment. Director Long made no comment. Vice President Reynolds reported attending the Association of California Water Agencies legal conference where he learned of some practices of acquiring and recycling water. He attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts meeting where he was informed of several pending state bills.

President Luckman reported attending the legal conference noting that it was very informative.

15. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session to confer with Legal Counsel on existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9. (Re Joshua Basin Water District v. Robert Ellis, San Bernardino Superior Court - Joshua Tree District, Case No. CIVMS 900168).

B. At this time, the Board will go into Closed Session to confer with Legal Counsel on a matter of

potential litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (one matter – unidentified).

District Counsel Granito stated that there would be no closed session. He reported on AB 187 which expanded the authority of the state Controller to audit agencies such as cities, special districts and other public entities.

16. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None.

17. ADJOURNMENT 8:15 PM

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to adjourn the October 5, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Roll Call Vote

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Luhrs	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

Respectfully submitted;

Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday October 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 19, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Bill Long	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Michael Luhrs	Via Teleconference
Mike Reynolds	Present
Gary Wilson	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
Terry Spurrier, HR/Administrative Services Supervisor
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Gil Granito, District Counsel
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 13

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Luckman requested that Item C of the consent Calendar be continued. MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the Agenda for the October 19, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, with Item C, "Agreement between Hi-Desert Medical Center and Joshua Basin Water District for package waste water treatment plant" to be continued at a later meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Luhrs	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 7, 2011; to approve the Financial Report for September 2011 and to continue Item C, "Agreement between Hi-Desert Medical Center and Joshua Basin Water District for package waste water treatment plant" to a later meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Luhrs	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

7. AFTER HOURS TURN ON SERVICE

Human Resources/Administrative Services Supervisor Terry Spurrier presented the staff report. There was no discussion.

MSC Reynolds/Long 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to adopt Resolution 11-876, Amending Resolution 97-572, as Amended, Adding Article 1.7.1 and Amending Article 13.4.1 Regarding After Hours Turn On Fee.

Roll Call Vote

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Luhrs	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

8. ADOPTION OF MOJAVE WATER AGENCY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

General Manager Joe Guzzetta presented the staff report. Dir. Wilson did not comment. Vice President Reynolds noted this was discussed previously and it is important to adopt the plan. Director Long commented in favor of adopting the plan, noting that some updates are needed. GM Guzzetta stated that the updates will be made. Director Luhrs commented opposing adoption.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented he is in favor of the District receiving grant funds and in favor of the Board adopting the Resolution.

MSC Long/ Reynolds 3/2 to approve staff recommendation to adopt Resolution 11-877 adopting the Mojave Water Agency 2004 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

Roll Call Vote

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Luhrs	No
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

9. AMENDMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CODE

District Council Gil Granito reported, recommending that the Board adopt an amendment to Article 2, Section 2.02(B) of the District Administration Code, adding "Item 11. Events, seminars and/or tours which are sponsored by public agencies that are designed to inform and educate participants in water related matters that are reasonably associated with the District's functions and operations."

Director Wilson commented opposing the amendment stating it will be only a way for people to make money. Vice President Reynolds commented that education is the key to being able to do the job of a Board member; he is in favor of the change. Director Luhrs commented opposing the proposed action. Director Long commented education is essential as a Director's job is complex; making decisions that affect the community requires education. President Luckman commented in favor of the amendment stating that education is valuable for the District.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented opposing the proposed amendment to the Administration Code, noting that he is also opposed to previously adopted amendments of the Code.

MSC Reynolds/Long 3/2 to approve District Counsel recommendation to review and adopt the amendment to the District Administration Code Article 2, Section 2.02(B).

Roll Call Vote

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Luhrs	No

Reynolds Aye
Wilson No

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Public Information Committee: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant:** Ms. Radnich reported that tomorrow is the “Great California Shakeout”, reminding people to be prepared for earthquake and other disasters, especially regarding water supply. She reported that the District is working on communications through many different media and urged customers to update their contact information to the District.
- B. **Ad Hoc General Manager Performance Facilitated Review Process: Vice President Reynolds and Director Long:** Vice President Reynolds reported the response to the RFP should arrive shortly.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported the District now has a Facebook page online and hopes for it to be a useful communication tool for the public. He reported staff will give a presentation at Joshua Tree Municipal Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow evening. On Monday October 17 the District hosted the monthly Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts (ASBCSD) dinner meeting. He thanked Executive Secretary Marie Salsberry for planning the event, stating it was well attended and no District funds were spent on hosting the dinner meeting.

13. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

District Counsel Granito reported that he and Director Luhrs have met once but were unable to meet last Friday; he stated that Director Luhrs is dedicated to looking closely at the issues, and they will meet again to discuss the proposed agreement with Hi-Desert Medical Center. He reported there will be no need for a closed session this meeting.

14. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Luhrs made no comment. Director Long commented on attending the ASBCSD meeting, noting it is an opportunity to meet and compare notes with Directors of other special districts. Director Reynolds commented favorably on the District’s new Facebook page; he reported attended the ASBCSD meeting on October 17 stating he was impressed with the meeting and with the guest speaker, San Bernardino County Third District Supervisor Neil Derry. Vice President Reynolds stated that Supervisor Derry has a challenging job which he is doing well. He also attended the Mojave Water Agency Board meeting where the “R³” (R-cubed, or Regional Recharge and Recovery) project was discussed. He commented on the importance of a Director being able to do his job after being voted into the office by the residents of Joshua Tree, and stated the Board needs management training and ability. President Luckman reported attending the ASBCSD dinner and agreed that Supervisor Derry gave an informational and candid presentation. Director Wilson made no comment.

15. CLOSED SESSION

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There was no Closed Session.

16. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None.

17. ADJOURNMENT 7:32 PM

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to adjourn the October 19, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Roll Call Vote

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Luhrs	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

Respectfully submitted;

Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

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