

**JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**October 21, 2009**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** By roll-call:  
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: 5**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 to approve the agenda for the October 21, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2009 and to approve the Financial Report for August 2009.

**7. ESCROW AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR GROUNDWATER PONDS**

General Manager Guzzetta reported on the proposed purchase agreement that allows for the drilling of a test well by USGS to confirm that the site is suitable for recharge. If it is found that the site is not suitable for recharge, the District will pay the property owners \$1,000 per month for the period of time that testing is being done, and is not obligated to purchase the property. If the land is found suitable for recharge the District will then purchase the property. Ensuing discussion raised questions about the value of the property and resulted in the following action:

MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 to table Item 7 for further discussion later in this meeting, or table until the next meeting, pending further information from the property appraisal.

**8. TEMPORARY PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICES**

President Given and Director Luckman of the Ad Hoc Public Outreach Committee reported and recommended that the District hire an individual who could set up a public outreach program on a contract basis. Discussion ensued and the following action was taken;

MSC Long/Luckman 3/2 to approve staff recommendation to authorize staff to solicit local proposals for public information services for six months at a cost estimate of \$25,000.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	No
Wilson	No

**9. CERTIFICATION OF URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN BY STATE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

GM Guzzetta reported that the District's 2005 Urban Water Management Plan had undergone a lengthy review process by the State; during that review process, the District implemented many of the conservation measures that were noted in the Plan. JBWD received a letter last week from the Department of Water Resources stating that the District's Urban Water Management Plan had been accepted as complete.

**10. REPORT ON PROPOSITION 1A BORROWING BY STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Assistant General Manager/Controller Greer reported that Proposition 1A (2004) allows the State to borrow up to 8% of the District's property tax revenues during a Governor-declared fiscal emergency. The District can choose whether or not to enroll in the Loan Securitization Program; however the cost to enroll in the program including legal and other fees would outweigh any benefit. The state will repay the borrowed tax revenues with 2% interest which at this time exceeds what the District's funds are earning in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

MSC Reynolds/Long 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to decline to participate in the Prop. 1A Loan Securitization Program.

**7. ESCROW AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR GROUNDWATER PONDS**

The Board and staff returned to discussion of the proposed land purchase. GM Guzzetta reported information from the appraisal, noting that appraisals for land purchases by public agencies such as JBWD are based on "highest and best use". Following discussion the Board took the following action:

MSC Luckman/Long 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to authorize the Board President to sign the Purchase and Sales Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions, and authorize the General Manager to execute other documents as necessary to acquire approximately 32.5 acres generally east of Sunburst and north of Highway 62 for the Groundwater Recharge Ponds at a cost not to exceed \$195,000 plus escrow expenses.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

**11. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST**

There was no discussion.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree asked why a test well is needed on the recharge pond property; he suggested using the Well 11 site. GM Guzzetta explained that the well will be used to monitor the rate of recharge, so it needs to be in the recharge area. USGS will drill the well, and will also evaluate the soil to establish permeability.

**13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

GM Guzzetta reported that currently nearly 500 customers are paying water bills online; representing about 11% of our customers.

**14. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Vice President Long reported that he and Directors Luckman and Reynolds and President Given attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts meeting hosted by Hi-Desert Water District. The speaker was Jose Angel of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board; Mr. Angel presented information on CRWQCB's intent to put in place requirements concerning recycled water, stormwater, and conservation. Directors Reynolds and Luckman reported that they will be attending the Special Districts Institute's Finance seminar in San Diego tomorrow and Friday. Director Wilson commented that stormwater could contribute to recharge if captured at several locations on Park, Sunset, and Sunnyhill using catchbasins with seepage pits at about every other block.

**15. CLOSED SESSION**

**Property Acquisition; pursuant to Government Code 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiator regarding price and terms. District negotiator: Joe Guzzetta. APN: 603-231-06**

The meeting went to closed session at 8:28 pm.

**16. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting returned to open session at 8:50 pm with the Board having taken no reportable action.

**17. ADJOURNMENT 8:50 PM**

MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 to adjourn the October 21, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Joshua Basin Water District Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;

  
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Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for November 4, 2009.