

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES
WATER RESOURCES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
61750 Chollita Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vice President Doolittle called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL – Vice President Doolittle and Director Jarlsberg

STAFF PRESENT – Jeremiah Nazario, Interim Director of Operations, David Shook, Director of Administration, Sarah Johnson, General Manager, Lisa Thompson, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT – None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. DRAFT WATER RESOURCES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 11.08.23

1st – Jarlsberg

2nd – Doolittle

Motion carried to approve consent calendar.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT

Interim Director of Operations, Jeremiah Nazario provided an operational statistics report that included both November and December data. The report included information on service order totals, distribution, production, and CIRP updates. Nazario mentioned the following:

- Completed inspections required by the Lead and Copper Rule on 79 service lines.
- Updated permit for asphalt zipper which is now in compliance with the Air Quality Management.
- The district's surplus sale of 13 items earned \$149,886.99.
- Obtained 1,100 acre-feet of recharge water in December. The Mojave Water Agency contacted the district to bank 500 acre-feet of water under the current contract, which will begin on January 11th.
- The E21 booster pump failed last month. The replacement should be completed today.
- Meter testing for all five wells has been completed and will now be conducted annually instead of every two years.
- Shawn Thomas, a newly hired Water Production Operator I, is currently undergoing training.
- Saved the district \$5,000 by replacing and installing a new gate and repairing a fence in-house at the C2B reservoir site.
- Cameras and solar motion lights were added for security at the C2B site.
- Road grading and new gravel were added to improve driving access for the District tours.

- B. DESIGN RFP FOR E-2-1 RESERVOIR REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Jeremiah Nazario, Interim Director of Operations, presented the Request for Proposal for the refurbishment project of the E-2-1 reservoir to the board. The reservoir is located in the Northwest area of the district and serves 35 customers. It was constructed after the 1992 Landers earthquake and is currently facing structural integrity issues. Rehabilitation of the reservoir is overdue, and it is critical to meet modern engineering standards to ensure its longevity. Nazario stated that Ardurra Engineering firm was selected as the best candidate for the project due to their expertise in similar projects.

1st – Jarlsberg

2nd – Doolittle

Motion carried to refer to the board.

6. STAFF REPORTS – None

7. DIRECTOR COMMENTS –

- Vice President Doolittle inquired about the district's policy regarding the disposal of abandoned plastic pipes. Doolittle expressed her concern about the impact of microplastics on the environment.
- Interim Director of Operations, Jeremiah Nazario reassured Doolittle that the district does not abandon old plastic pipes.
- Doolittle expressed his satisfaction with Joey's work in fixing a leak, who is the Field Service Technician of the district.
- Doolittle asked if the district follows the SB County dark sky ordinance. Nazario confirmed yes and provided several examples.

8. ADJOURNMENT – Vice President Doolittle adjourned the meeting at 11:57 am.

1st – Jarlsberg

2nd – Doolittle

NEXT MEETING – February 14, 2024, at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah Johnson, General Manager






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Final Audit Report

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