# JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT Minutes of the SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 2, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM Victoria Fuller BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Bob Johnson

Bob Johnson Present
Mickey Luckman Present
Mike Reynolds Absent
Gary Wilson Absent

CAC MEMBERS:

Douglas Buckley Present
Amy Fauls Absent
Frederick Klintworth Present
Shari Long Present
Penny Mason Absent

Karen Morton
Karyn Sernka
Present
Jay St. Gaudens
Karen Tracy
Steven Whitman
Present
Present
Absent
Absent

STAFF PRESENT:

Susan Greer, Acting General Manager

Marie Salsberry, HR Manager/Administrative Specialist

Present

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Alex Handlers, Bartle Wells Associates

Mike Metts, District Engineer Gil Granito, District Counsel

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 3

## 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Fuller/Johnson 3/0 (2 absent) to approve the agenda for the October 2, 2013 Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Citizens Advisory Committee.

MSC Klintworth/Buckley 6/0 (4 absent) to approve the agenda for the October 2, 2013 Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Citizens Advisory Committee.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

# 6. RATE STUDY DISCUSSION

Alex Handlers of Bartle Wells Associates was in attendance and presented updated information and recommendations based on input from the prior meeting held on September 18<sup>th</sup>. He noted that infrastructure repair and replacement, operating cost inflation and projected decline in water sales will all pose challenges in the future. He proposed overall 7% rate increases for the next four years, with an adjusted rate structure and applying the basic service fee for pulled meter accounts.

After discussion, Citizens Advisory Committee members in attendance gave the following comments:

Doug Buckley commented he likes the proposal and it could be higher for purposes of recharging the aquifer. Karen Sernka commented that the rate increase numbers are reasonable. Karen Tracy stated that water users will accept the information shown on Table 21 which describes a reasonable four-year impact of proposed rate adjustments. Shari Long noted that fixed-income or low-income users will not be affected much. Karen Morton stated that a notice should go to the ratepayers that covers all needs at one time. She stated that the Chromium-6 issue has not yet been addressed.

Vice President Fuller asked whether the proposed rates would jeopardize future grants for the District. Mr. Handlers answered that they would not. President Luckman commented that she was concerned with low income ratepayers, and that an admirable job was done with the projections.

AGM Greer stated that the District's rates are low; however the District has significant infrastructure needs, and the Chromium-6 answer is unknown at this time. Rates should be continually addressed. She stated that she will continue to work with the Finance Committee on this subject.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT 6:17 PM

MSC Johnson/Fuller 3/0 (2 Absent) and MSC Klintworth/Buckley 6/0 (4 Absent) to adjourn the October 2, 2013 Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Citizens Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Greer, Acting General Manager

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The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for October 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm.