## JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

### Minutes of the

# SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 4, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Victoria Fuller Present
Bob Johnson Present
Mickey Luckman Present
Mike Reynolds Present

Gary Wilson

Absent

CAC MEMBERS:

Fred Klintworth Present
Karen Tracy Present
Karen Morton Present
Amy Fauls Absent
Douglas Buckley Present
Shari Long Present
Karen Sernka Absent

STAFF PRESENT:

Curt Sauer, General Manager

Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller

Randy Little, Water Production Supervisor

Jim Corbin, Distribution Supervisor

Marie Salsberry, HR Manager/Administrative Specialist

Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator Anne Roman, Accountant

**CONSULTANTS PRESENT:** 

Gil Granito, District Legal Counsel

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

#### GUESTS 3

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Luckman/Reynolds 4/0 (1 Absent) to approve the agenda for the June 4, 2014 Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Citizens Advisory Committee.

President Fuller
Director Johnson
Director Luckman

Aye Aye

Director Luckman Aye Vice President Reynolds Aye

Director Wilson

Absent

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### 6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luckman/Reynolds 4/0 (1 Absent) to approve the draft minutes of the May 21, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

President Fuller Aye
Director Johnson Aye
Director Luckman Aye
Vice President Reynolds Aye
Director Wilson Absent

### 7. APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT

Assistant General Manager/Controller Susan Greer presented the third quarter financial report, explaining cash flow, cash balances, tax and assessment collections, and water consumption statistics for the period. AGM Greer noted that overall revenues exceed the budget at this time and that the recent cash flow pressure has been relieved since the District received grant funds for the recharge project.

MSC Luckman/Reynolds 4/0 (1 Absent) to approve the Third Quarter Ending 03/31/14 Financial Report.

President Fuller Aye
Director Johnson Aye
Director Luckman Aye
Vice President Reynolds Aye
Director Wilson Absent

#### 8. RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON DRAFT 14/15 – 15-16 BUDGET

AGM/Controller Greer reported on the draft two-year budget, noting that department managers will now be responsible for their department budgets where in the past the General Manager and Finance department were responsible for all departmental budgets. The budget format has been revised, a Capital Budget replacing the past years' Supplemental Budget. All operating expenses are included within the Draft Operating Budget in the new draft budget. The Draft Capital Budget includes more projects than available funding and for that reason the staff recommendation is to focus first on adopting the Operating Budget and defer adoption of the Capital budget pending further discussion and prioritization of projects included in the Draft Capital Budget.

AGM/Controller Greer reviewed types and sources of revenues and expenses, noting trends and anomalies that have occurred over recent budget periods. An overview was given on the Operating budget and the Capital Budget. She reported that the Operating Budget is fully funded and that tonight's presentation is for information and discussion only. The Draft Operating Budget will be on the next Board meeting agenda for further discussion and possible adoption.

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AD HOC:

- A. HOSPITAL WASTEWATER PROJECT COMMITTEE: Director Luckman and President Fuller: No report.
- B. MOJAVE WATER AGENCY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE: Director Luckman and President Fuller: No report.
- C. TANK RESTORATION PROJECT COMMITTEE: Director Wilson and Director Johnson: No report.

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D. SOLAR PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Director Luckman: No report.

#### 10. STANDING:

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Director Luckman and President Fuller: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, reported a Docent meeting will be held Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> and the next Public Information Committee Meeting is June 18<sup>th</sup>. This month at the Farmers Market the District is promoting the value of tap water, and the recently-completed Consumer Confidence Report will be available at the District booth.
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Director Johnson: Director Johnson thanked staff for the educational process and stated he appreciated the readability of the draft budget. President Fuller reported that, in the interest of furthering transparency, the District is trying to make its documents easier to understand. She noted that staff has done an excellent job updating the draft budget.

#### 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Fountain of Joshua Tree commented that after attending a committee meeting recently he was told to comment during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. He read from a document stating that the right to participate in public meetings has been construed to mean that public comment may be allowed during each agenda item as well as during a separate agenda item titled "Public Comment".

## 12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Curt Sauer reported on the status of the proposed new regulation for Chromium-6. He reported that the Recharge Pond and D3 Booster Station projects are on schedule, and that negotiations with Hi-Desert Medical Center regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant may be nearing the final stages. Replacement of a meter and valve serving Hi-Desert Medical Center had been planned for this Fall, however, this project has become more urgent and is now planned for June 11.

#### 13. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

President Fuller announced the following meetings that Directors may want to attend: Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts on June 16; Local Agency Formation Commission on June 18; and Mojave Water Agency (MWA) Board of Directors Meeting on June 12.

# 14. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED None.

#### 15. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Luckman announced that the chairperson of the Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee passed away; the new chairperson is Janette Hayhurst.

#### 16. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

District General Counsel Gil Granito reported a lawsuit has been brought by the Solano Taxpayers Association against the California Department of Public Health opposing adoption of the proposed new Maximum Contaminant Level for Chromium-6. Mr. Granito also reported on two bills that could affect local groundwater control.

## 17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Johnson requested a status update on Well 11. GM Sauer suggested the report be agendized for the first meeting in July since the next meeting on June 18 will be primarily devoted to the budget.

Director Luckman suggested that a Glossary of Terms be added at the end of each agenda.

## 18. ADJOURNMENT 8:30 PM

MSC Luckman/Reynolds 4/0 (1 Absent) and MSC Tracy/Long 5/0 (2 Absent) to adjourn the June 4, 2014 Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Citizens Advisory Committee.

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President Fuller	Aye
Director Johnson	Aye
Director Luckman	Aye
Vice President Reynolds	Aye
Director Wilson	Absent

CAC Member Buckley	Aye
CAC Member Fauls	Absent
CAC Member Klintworth	Aye
CAC Member Long	Aye
CAC Member Morton	Aye
CAC Member Sernka	Absent
CAC Chair Tracy	Aye

Respectfully submitted:

Curt Sauer, General Manager/Board Secretary