

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 6, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Victoria Fuller Present
Bob Johnson Present
Mickey Luckman Present
Mike Reynolds Present
Rebecca Unger Present

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Sauer, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant
Gil Granito, District Counsel, Redwine & Sherrill

GUESTS 4

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Luckman/Reynolds, 5/0 to approve the agenda for the January 6, 2016 meeting.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Sunfair area, Joshua Tree: Mr. Marquez commented that he believes the action taken by the Board of Directors in January 2014 with regards to basic rate increases for active meters (Article 14-914) was handled improperly and not according to parliamentary procedures, and thus the motion to increase rates should be null and void. Marquez specified he believes there was a mistake made on the motion when District Counsel for the Board of Directors made a comment and clarified that the motion did not include inactive meters. Mr. Marquez added that he provided a letter to each of the JBWD Board of Directors containing more detailed information supporting his premise.

District Counsel Gil Granito stated that the comment he made in January 2014 was made to establish clarity, particularly since significant deliberation had taken place as to whether or not to charge the basic fee for inactive meters. Counselor Granito believed he was duty bound and thus it was appropriate to provide the legal clarity so that the record would accurately reflect the Board's decision.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luckman/Reynolds, 5/0 to approve Draft Minutes of the December 16, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. ADOPT PAID SICK LEAVE POLICY TO COMPLY WITH CALIFORNIA'S NEW PAID SICK LEAVE LAW

Susan Greer gave the presentation. AB 1522 became effective January 1, 2015 and provides the right to accrue and use sick leave for all employees as of July 1, 2015. This new law essentially only impacts one part time employee with the JBWD, since benefits of full time employees already exceed the standard required by AB 1522.

MSC Luckman/Unger, 5/0 to adopt paid sick leave policy as required by law.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

8. 1ST QUARTER ENDING 9/30/15 FINANCIAL REPORT

Susan Greer presented the report. Board received for information only.

9. CONSERVATION UPDATE: REVIEW OF DRAFT 2016 REGULATIONS AND TARGETS, DISCUSSION ON CURRENT TARGET.

GM Sauer gave the presentation. Board received for information only.

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Unger: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, gave the report. JBWD has added public information messages to the phone system while clients are on hold. Water Education Day will be on April 3rd from 1-4. There will be a JBWD docent meeting on January 22nd at 10:00AM to discuss event planning. The Next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2016.
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Director Johnson: At the last Finance Committee Meeting on December 28th Susan gave the financial report and check registers for the last quarter were reviewed. Next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2016.
- C. WATER RESOURCES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Johnson: The Capital Improvement Program was discussed at the prior Water Resources and Operations Committee on December 29th, and other items discussed are in GM Sauer's report at the current Board meeting. The Next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2016.

11. DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT

Counselor Granito commented on the Groundwater Sustainability Act, noting that JBWD efforts and responsibilities for Groundwater Management for the District will need to be intensified.

12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

BLM Lease Expenses: Assistant General Manager Susan Greer reported on BLM right of way lease expenses, noting a 300+% increase on JBWD right of ways. JBWD is appealing methodology for deriving these increased figures.

Chromium 6 Treatment and Compliance: GM Curt Sauer reported on Chromium 6 treatment and compliance. Miguel from Bureau of Reclamation was here before the holidays. Adjustments to the pilot study at well 16 for strong based anion exchange have been made on two of the three columns. Final results on the volume of water that can be treated before we would need to clean the filter medium are expected to be completed by mid-March. An initial draft report will be available by late January. Brine is the end product of cleaning the filter medium. Miguel's new treatment methodologies will be used on brine from both wells. It is hopeful the new methodology will reduce the amount of brine that needs to be disposed of by 80 to 90 percent of current industry standards. We continue to work on the financial assistance application with SWRCB. And have found that there is a possibility that monies may also be available for new technology development / studies through DWR / Prop50 monies.

NextEra: GM Sauer will be in contact with San Bernardino County on Thursday January 14th.

Urban Water Management Plan: Chapter 3, Water Supply is almost in final draft form. This chapter covers supply reliability (200 AF), return flow estimates (650 AF), and basin recharge estimates (1,175 AF). GM Sauer has concerns with these numbers is that they may be incorrect, based on analysis of the 2004 USGS Hydrologic Report, and review of the 2015 USGS Izbicki et al. study on mobilization of septic leachate through the unsaturated zone. The 2004 report indicates that as much water from underflow and infiltration leaves the basins as enters the basins. Both reports indicate that return flow from house hold use does not travel quickly though the unsaturated zone. In fact, it may take from 45 to 100 years depending on the density of septic fields. These are important numbers to have correct because they represent the offset of the amount of water being pumped from the aquifers. Higher numbers equate to less overdraft. GM Sauer is working with David O'Leary of USGS and Dudek to review the calculations made for the 2010 plan, as well as the estimates from the 2006 Dudek report on Groundwater availability.

13. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Mojave Water Agency BOD Meeting, January 14: Director Johnson

Next ASBCSD meeting: January 25, Director Reynolds

14. DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS/FUTRUE AGENDA ITEMS

Reynolds reminded everyone to inspect property for leaks, particularly due to freezing weather.

Director Luckman attended the TAC meeting of Mojave Water Agency and Pipeline Commission meeting. Director Luckman has been reappointed to the Groundwater Committee for ACWA.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MSC Reynolds/Luckman, 5/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of January 6, 2016 at 8:22 PM.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:



Curt Sauer, General Manager and Board Secretary