

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 1, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Frank Coate	Present
Bill Long	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Gary Wilson	Present

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Gil Granito, District Counsel
Deborah Bollinger, Conservation Coordinator

GUESTS 4

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice President Luckman requested that item 15A be pulled from the agenda.
MSC Long/Coate 5/0 to approve the agenda for the February 1, 2012 Regular meeting of the Board of Directors, with the exception of item 15a which will be pulled from the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2011 Regular Board Meeting; to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2012 regular Board Meeting; and to approve the Financial Report for December 2011.

7. POLICY REGARDING APPLICATION OF WATER AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT (STANDBY CHARGE) TO PROPERTIES ACQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Assistant General Manager/Controller Susan Greer reported.
MSC Coate/Long 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to adopt Resolution 12-884 to apply the standby charge to properties acquired by governmental agencies after 1996, which were previously privately owned, as required by state law.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Information Committee: Vice President Luckman reported that the Public Information Committee is working on a strategic plan and goal-setting.

B. Ad Hoc General Manager Performance Facilitated Review Process Committee: President Reynolds reported the committee has met several times, the interview process was completed, and he has called for a special meeting on Tuesday February 7 at 3:30 pm in order to have a Closed Session for the General Manager's performance review; he distributed a notice for the Special Meeting.

C. Ad Hoc Recharge Basin Site Vegetation Committee: General Manager Guzzetta reported that the District has until mid-February to remove hundreds of cacti at the Recharge Basin site. Deborah Bollinger, Conservation Coordinator reported on options for use or disposal of the cacti to be removed. Discussion ensued.

MSC Long/Luckman 4/1 to transplant 31 beavertail cacti, 22 pencil cholla, 2 hedgehog cacti and 70 silver cholla onsite and donate the balance of cacti to be removed from the site to the conservancy.

Coate	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

D. Ad Hoc Board Committee to Consider Board Compensation: GM Guzzetta reported on the history of Board compensation adjustments, noting that the Board's policy is to increase by 5% per year. An ad hoc committee of President Reynolds and Vice President Luckman recommended to the Board not to consider an increase.

MSC Coate/Luckman 5/0 to approve the committee recommendation that the Board not consider increasing Board compensation, continue status quo, and not set a public hearing on the matter.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Fountain of Joshua Tree commented on a proposed solar project that the District considered several years ago; that the intent was not to use the solar to run the pumps but was to generate electricity credit to use for operating pumps at night.

10. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

GM Guzzetta reported; there was no discussion. At the next regular meeting the General Manager will briefly report on each item on the list.

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta responded to Director Wilson's question raised at the last board meeting regarding the Public Outreach Consultant signing a form for the use of the Community center. The General Manager stated that she did so with the authorization of the General Manager. He reported that at the next meeting staff will agendize the will serve letter for the Joshua Tree Elementary School project and that the regional board approved the wastewater plant design for the Hi-Desert Medical Center and staff is preparing to go to bid on that project.

12. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

District Counsel Gil Granito reported on the Yorba Linda Fire Litigation and a recent Attorney General opinion. He stated there would be no closed session during tonight's meeting.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

14. APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

Vice President Luckman reported. Discussion ensued.

Barbara Delph of Joshua Tree and a CAC member, commented there was not a quorum at the last CAC

meeting and low attendance makes it difficult for a quorum to be present; she suggested guidelines be established for attendance by committee members.

President Reynolds suggested a report to the Board after each CAC meeting.

MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 that the Board approve new members to CAC rather than just the President and consider the application process and guidelines for removal and that the CAC report to the Board after each meeting.

Staff will bring back information on requirements for appointment to the Committee at the next meeting.

15. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

It was noted that Item 15A, "Trip to Washington DC to Seek Funds for Groundwater Pipeline and Recharge Project" was pulled from the meeting agenda.

Director Wilson asked about the ground clearing work being done at the new school site; he stressed the importance of District supervision for pipe installation on the project site.

Director Coate reported attended Mojave Water Agency Board meeting where the Bay-Delta conservation project was discussed.

Vice President Luckman stated all meetings of Mojave Water Agency are now on the mojavewater.org website.

President Reynolds reported attending the Mojave Water Agency Board meeting where he spoke on proposed redistricting.

GM Guzzetta commented on the permitting process for cactus removal at the recharge basin site; the plan was approved over the phone and County personnel stated that Ed LaRue and Deb Bollinger who worked on the project were highly regarded in their fields.

16. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session to confer with Legal Counsel on existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9. (Re Joshua Basin Water District v. Robert Ellis, San Bernardino Superior Court - Joshua Tree District, Case No. CIVMS 900168).

B. Closed Session to confer with Legal Counsel on existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9. (Re Joshua Basin Water District v. Ironhead LLC a California Limited Liability Company, Praxedes Beard and Does 1 – 10 inclusive, San Bernardino Superior Court - Joshua Tree District, Case No. CIVMS 1100087).

There was no Closed Session.

17. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT 8:30 PM

MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 to adjourn the February 1, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Joshua Basin Water District Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday February 15, 2012 at 7:00 pm.