

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

April 5, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Mickey Luckman Present  
Bob Johnson Present  
Geary Hund Present  
Rebecca Unger Present

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Sauer, General Manager  
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager  
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator  
Randy Mayes, Director, Water Resources and Operations  
Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Gil Granito, General Counsel  
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 5

President Luckman deviated from the Agenda in order to pay homage to Victoria Fuller, who passed away last week. She was one of the most amazing women I have ever known. Her ability to work with any group on any issue was legendary. A couple of times I thought I wanted to be more like her but just assimilating the vast amount of information that would require, not to mention the number of meetings, was too overwhelming. She was, however, my go-to person when something came up that I wanted to discuss. She had the ability to take things down to the basics, which was very helpful. She also knew which was the best shredder to buy and which blood pressure monitor was easiest to use. I will miss her more than I can say. Our hearts go out to her daughters and Jack and we invite you to join us in our garden on May 17 from 4-6:30 to celebrate her amazing and wonderful life and to join with others to plan how we will continue to move her legacy forward into the future.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –  
MSC/ Johnson/Unger 4/0 to approve the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, April 5, 2017 Agenda.

Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT –  
Al Marquez, Joshua Tree gave his condolences to the family of Victoria Fuller and commented on what an amazing community activist she was. Mr. Marquez also mentioned that the BoD President deviated from the Agenda without the consent of the rest of the BoD.

Steven Whitman, Joshua Tree stated that 8-9 years ago he attended a presentation on the Brown act and offered a copy to each of the Board members.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine in nature and will be adopted in total by one action of the Board of Directors unless any Board Member or any individual or organization interested in one or more consent calendar items wishes to be heard.

A. Approve Draft Minutes of the March 15, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

MSC/ Hund/Johnson 4/0 to approve the Consent Calendar.

Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. **DISCUSSION ON TANK REHABILITATION COSTS FOR 2017-2018 – Recommend that the Board receive for information only. Staff will review tank maintenance and discuss costs associated with recoating one tank. A brief discussion with the Board followed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

8. **A REVIEW OF ESTIMATED WATER LOSS – Recommend that the Board receive for information only. A brief discussion with the Board followed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree asked if the water loss had anything to do with the Cascade Solar Project that was stealing water from the District and what if anything happened with Cascade paying the District back for the water they used.

GM Sauer replied that none of the information that was just covered had anything to do with the project. We appreciate the public informing the District about leaks and hope they continue to do so. We estimated the amount of water they took along with the amount they took from a fire hydrant and the amount of water that was lost from them not adequately shutting off their valves. Subsequently, they have reimbursed the District for all of the water that was used.

9. **A DISCUSSION ON INITIATING WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM- Recommend that the Board receive for information only. Staff will review CIP Project 2.3.1, water line replacement in the La Brisa area, projected costs and potential grant funding. A brief discussion with the Board followed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

10. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** President Luckman and Vice President Johnson. Next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
- B. **WATER RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** President Luckman and Vice President Johnson. Next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
- C. **LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE:** President Luckman and Director Unger. Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant to report. Next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2017.

Kathleen Radnich gave updates on Water Education Day and the latest District tour. The following are important meeting dates:

- May 3, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Legislative and Public Information Committee meeting.
- May 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Citizens Advisory Council meeting
- May 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. First of four parts of learning how to “Wild Craft”.
- April Farmer’s market booth theme is “Water for Emergencies”.

11. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – Mr. Granito commented on the status of the litigation (Superior Court-Sacramento) that is challenging the MCL for hexavalent chromium (Chromium 6) in drinking water. Mr. Granito reported that it appears that the extended briefing granted by the trial judge was filed last month and a tentative decision may be forthcoming soon.
12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Sauer reported to the Board on the following:
  - Water Conservation
  - Chrome 6 Update
  - Recharge
  - Water Storage

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

13. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
  - Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors Meeting – April 13, 2017 – Director Unger
  - ASBCSD – April 17, 2017 – Los Serrano’s Country Club, Chino Hills, CA
  - ACWA 2017 Spring Conference May 9-12, 2017 Monterey, California – GM Sauer and President Luckman attending.
  - Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory (TAC) Committee Meeting-April 6, 2017- President Luckman
14. DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
  - Vice President Johnson commented on the passing of Director Victoria Fuller and sent condolences to her family; she will be deeply missed.
  - Director Hund stated how impressive Director Fuller was an individual and will be deeply missed by her family and the community.
  - Director Unger commented on what a big part of the community Director Fuller was and how tirelessly she worked in all aspects of the community. Director Fuller made it a better place when she was here.
15. CLOSED SESSION –  
Immediately following item #14 of the Agenda, the BoD went into Closed Session at 7:53 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to consult with the District’s Designated Negotiators, (Curt Sauer, General Manager and Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager) and Labor Counsel, Steve Berliner regarding labor negotiations pertaining to represented employees of the District (AFSCME Local 1903). The Closed Session ended at approximately 8:15 p.m. and the BoD returned to Open Session. No reportable action was taken.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MSC/ Unger/Johnson 4/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 8:15 p.m.

Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary