

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of November 15, 2017
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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
Tom Floen Present

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager
Randy Mayes, Interim Director of Water Resources & Ops.
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Alex Handlers, Bartles Wells Associates
Gil Granito, Redwine & Sherrill
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach

GUESTS 5

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

MSC/Johnson/Unger 5/0 to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of November 15, 2017.

Floen Aye
Hund Aye
Luckman Aye
Johnson Aye
Unger Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve Draft Minutes of the November 1, 2017 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

MSC/Johnson/Hund 5/0 to approve the Consent Calendar.

Floen Aye
Hund Aye
Luckman Aye
Johnson Aye
Unger Aye

7. RATE STUDY – Alex Handlers, Bartles Wells Associates, updated the Board on the changes he made to the presentation. Q&A periods were given throughout the presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Ed Vallerand, Joshua Tree stated that he didn't see the list of assumptions, as in growth and labor rates in the packet in order to understand how the rate increases will work.

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree commented that he didn't see anything about cost-cutting measures and is concerned about the ratepayers that are on fixed incomes.

Ed Vallerand, Joshua Tree also voiced his concern over the rate increases and how it will affect the low-income ratepayers.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

8. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – None
9. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – None
10. DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Director Floen commented on the ASBCSD dinner that was hosted by MWA in Hesperia on November 13, 2017.

Director Hund stated that we need to be cognizant of fixed income ratepayers; however, we still have an incredible backlog to fix in the District.

Director Johnson asked District Counsel about Senate Bill AB401 and how it would affect the budget.

Mr. Gil Granito, District Counsel, in response to Director Johnson's inquiry as to the status of the proposed Statewide Low-income Rate Assistance Program, Mr. Granito indicated that AB 401 (10/9/15) provides that no later than January 1, 2018, the State Water Board, in collaboration with the State Board of Equalization must develop a plan for the funding and implementation of such a program for the Legislature's consideration shortly thereafter.

Director Unger agreed with the rest of the Board on being sensitive to the ratepayers that are on fixed incomes. She thanked the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on the great job they have been doing on the rate study. She also directed ratepayers to look at their Newsletters as to how much the District has saved over the past few years.

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, reported that the District will be closed November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving. Also, there are only two more Saturdays left at the Farmers Market with teaching about winterizing.

11. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

President Luckman gave a brief overview of upcoming meetings and training opportunities.

12. ADJOURNMENT –

MSC/Unger/Floen 5/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of November 15, 2017, at 8:13 p.m.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:



Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary