

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 16, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Victoria Fuller	Absent
Bob Johnson	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Gary Wilson	Present

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Sauer, General Manager
Marie Salsberry, Human Resources Manager/Administrative Specialist

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

GUESTS 11

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Reynolds/Luckman 4/0 (1 Absent) to approve the agenda for the July 2, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Absent
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Floen of Joshua Tree described how District staff recently handled a routine item well, complimenting Lead Customer Service Representative Peggy Jimenez and Jeremiah Nazario, Construction & Maintenance II on their response when Mr. Floen called the District office about a water leak in his neighborhood.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luckman/Johnson 4/0 (1 Absent) to approve the Check Audit Report for March 2014; to approve the Check Audit Report for April 2014; to approve the Check Audit Report for May 2014; to Adopt Resolution #14-920 Establishing the Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2014/2015; and to approve the Investment Policy.

Fuller	Absent
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

7. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE WATER AVAILABILITY (STANDBY) CHARGES FOR

FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015

General Manager Curt Sauer presented the staff report, noting that the proposed rates have not changed since 1996, and no change is proposed at this time. Vice President Reynolds opened the public hearing and asked if there were any questions from the Board; there were none. Vice President Reynolds asked for public comment and there were no public comments. Vice President Reynolds closed the public hearing and the following action was taken:

MSC Luckman/Johnson 4/0 (1 Absent) to adopt Resolution 14-919, establishing a water availability charge for fiscal 2014-2015 and authorizing the collection thereof by the County of San Bernardino.

8. **CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL 2014 MOJAVE REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

GM Sauer presented the staff report, describing the purpose of the Plan and how it was developed. Director Luckman commented that there has been a lot of community input for the plan and she recommended its adoption. Director Johnson asked about projects included in the plan; Director Luckman named the two projects that Prop 84 drought funding is being sought for.

MSC Luckman/Johnson 3/1 (1 Absent) to adopt Resolution 14-921, adopting the Mojave Integrated Regional Water Management Plan pursuant to the Safe Drinking water, Water quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

Fuller	Absent
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS: AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

- A. ADMINISTRATION CODE UPDATE PROJECT: President Fuller and Director Luckman: No report.
- B. HOSPITAL WASTEWATER PROJECT: Director Luckman and President Fuller: No report.
- C. MOJAVE WATER AGENCY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE: Director Luckman and President Fuller: No report.
- D. RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Vice President Reynolds: No report.
- E. TANK RESTORATION PROJECT: Director Wilson and Director Johnson: No report.
- F. SOLAR PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Director Luckman: No report.

10. **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Director Luckman and President Fuller. Public Outreach Consultant Kathleen Radnich reported that on July 29th volunteers will meet for native seed collection; seed cleaning will take place on August 22nd.
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Director Johnson: Director Johnson reported the committee continues to meet with staff and appreciates their input and guidance through the process.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

12. **DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT**

District Counsel Gil Granito reported on groundwater legislation, AB 1739 and SB 1168, noting both are support by the Association of California Water Agencies. He also reported on a lawsuit filed in Sacramento Superior Court alleging that the State's new Chromium-6 standard is baseless, and he

reported on the recent regulations restricting water use due to the drought.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Sauer reported on plans to schedule a Strategic Planning Meeting; noise complaints received due to Well 15. He reported an emergency purchase of booster pumps which had to be replaced after being affected by lightning strikes, at a cost of about \$15,000. Director Wilson asked if the District still has a diesel water pump purchased in 1971 and used in the past for emergencies. GM Sauer reported an expenditure of over \$10,000 needed to repair a service line.

He reported on progress of the D3 Booster and the Recharge Pond Project, noting he expects the District will receive water starting around October 1st. He suggested that an additional monitoring well be used to determine nitrate depths near the apartment complex neighboring the Recharge Pond site.

GM Sauer reported on emergency regulations passed yesterday by the state water board.

Richard Fountain of Joshua Tree commented that in the past, a poly service line would be scheduled for replacement after one leak; he asked if water quality monitoring is planned in Well 11, for the recharge ponds; he stated that the county building department office would have information regarding the apartment complex septage system.

14. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Vice President Reynolds reported the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts meeting will be held next Monday.

15. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Luckman reported attending the Morongo Basin Pipeline Commission meeting where Kirby Brill of Mojave Water Agency presented information on the state water project and the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Director Johnson reported on participating in a field tour of the District with the General Manager and District staff, noting he was impressed. Vice President Reynolds reported he also went on the field tour and was impressed watching District staff's teamwork on the emergency pump replacement.

16. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Vice President Reynolds commented on the power of lobbyists and stated the District will one day need a lobbyist.

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Luckman asked that the Board consider a state, rather than federal lobbyist.

18. ADJOURNMENT 8:03 PM

MSC Luckman/Johnson 4/0 (1 Absent) to adjourn the July 16, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Absent
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, General Manager and Board Secretary