

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
61750 CHOLLITA ROAD, JOSHUA TREE, CA 92252
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020, 9:30 AM**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER at 9:30AM

- (1) In Attendance: Director Floen, V.P. Unger, IGM Ban, Kathleen Radnich
- (2) Public: Gayle Austin, Karen Tracy, Frank Coate

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- (1) Approved: Director Floen (1st) / V.P. Unger (2nd)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT —none

4. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES from October 2nd, 2019

- (1) Director Floen asked for the minutes to reflect a correction on item 5.3 (change reverse “indemnification” to reverse “condemnation.”)
- (2) Approved with the noted correction: Director Floen (1st) / V.P. Unger (2nd)

5. LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Vice President Unger/Director Floen

- (1) Director Floen continued an overview of the Little Hoover Commission. He pointed out from an article in the LA Times (Sat., Jan 11th, 2020) that California was amassing / collecting a “surplus” vs. indicating if, in fact, the sums being reported weren’t part of dedicated “reserves.” He feels this could be a mis direction for the public, whose concerns focus on the increasing water rates state-wide; water affordability is becoming a huge public concern.
- (2) Director Floen reminded the committee that a link to the LAFCO website needs to be on our website.
- (3) Director Floen noted that the Little Hoover Commission would credit our solar project towards its Green Initiative (for climate change.) He also noted that storm water capture will be a topic on the forefront with the new conservation mandates coming down.
- (4) Radnich asked if “Redistricting” was on the radar for 2020. GM Ban confirmed it was.
- (5) Radnich also reported that AWAC’s “reorganization” is leaning more towards legislative activism. MWA plans to provide needed updates to the members for action.
- (6) V.P. Unger brought up SB998—and when it becomes effective. GM Ban informed the committee it went into effect February 1st. A brief discussion of how the other local Districts were complying followed.
- (7) Director Floen brought up AB1668 (latest State conservation bill), and if the 55 gallons per person per day was the final decision. GM Ban said there was still discussion out as to what was being required, along with, an outside water mandate coming in October, 2020.

6. PUBLIC INFORMATION & OUTREACH REPORT – Kathleen Radnich

- (1) Water Education Day
 - 1) Radnich reviewed the line-up of exhibits and participants (she noted HDWD/TPWD & BDVWA were not participating.)
 - 2) Promotional costs (advertising) have been contracted with local media, and will come in at just below \$1500. There is no grant this year for advertising.

- 3) Radnich passed around the event flyer.
 - 4) V.P. Unger requested we loop a movie (or several) in the Board Room for public viewing during Water Education Day. Radnich shared that their were voiced concerns about having public in the Board Room with all the new technology, and the question was also who would be responsible for monitoring the running of the video.
 - I. GM Ban offered to assist with “running” the video with the new technology.
 - II. GM Ban and V.P. Unger will review several options for short movies on water.
 - III. CAC member, Gayle Austin volunteered herself, and Jane Jarlsberg to be “Board Room monitors” during the event.
- (2) Farmers’ Market
- 1) Radnich reported JBWD was on track to return to the market on March 7th
 - 2) Barring an unforeseen need to change the monthly themes, Radnich presented the following schedule of main themes for the market:
 - I. March: Water Education Day
 - II. April: Earthquake/Water for Emergencies
 - III. May: Baby Tortoises teaching water conservation
 - IV. June: New CCR and exhibit on our ground water source/aquifer
 - V. July: Hydration for Good Health
 - VI. August: Tap water’s a bargain
 - VII. September: National Emerg. Preparedness Month: Water for Emergencies
 - VIII. October: Ground water pollution
 - IX. November: Winterizing
- (3) QR Code
- 1) Radnich shared the new QR Code (graphic) for our website.
 - 2) The plan is to have this code available for all the hospitality industry (on business card sized reminders that can be taped inside rental’s for instant information access on our water safety.
 - 3) This QR code will be linked to JTNP’s website, as well.
- (4) Strategic Partners’ Grants-MWA/AWAC
- 1) The deadline for the grant is the end of this month
 - 2) AWAC has diminished grant funding (we will have to cover balances of any project submitted as they will not completely fund a project.)
- (5) Winter Water Saving Classes
- 1) 2/1—Soil Amendments (9 registrations/ participants)
 - 2) 2/8—Basic Drip Irrigation Design (12 registrations, to date)
 - 3) 2/22/AM—Irrigation Troubleshooting for the Homeowner (13 registrations, to date)
 - 4) 2/22/AP—Native Plants and Xeriscaping (25 registrations, to date)
- (6) Other Dates to Note:
- 1) April 9th, Thursday (1-4:30PM) United Way of the Desert Application Intake event
 - 2) May 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th, Fridays (varied times) Wild Crafting Course

7. STAFF REPORT – IGM Ban

- (1) Ban shared that MWA hired Tim Crider, to produce a book on *Ground Water Recharging* on behalf of MWA’s past endeavors. Crider has already contact GM Ban to obtain information.
- (2) Ban also mentioned he is in possession of more videos to review for Water Education Day.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- (1) SB988 unified message


- (2) Solar Project Update
- (3) Waste Water program

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – April 1, 2020.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 10:45AM

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mark Barr, General Manager and Board Secretary



FREE TO THE PUBLIC!
WATER EDUCATION DAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 29th, 2020 1PM-4PM

2020
**MINERVA HOYT
 NATIVE PLANT
 Seedling SALE**

- Desert Willow
- Woolly Brickellia
- Acton's Brittle bush
- Encelia/Desert Rock Pea
- Creosote & Buckwheat
- Cat Claw Acacia
- Bladderpod & Peach Thorn
- Desert senna & Cat's Tongue
- Jojoba & Paperbag bush
- Desert Mallow
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- Smoke Tree & Galleta grass
- Mojave Yucca
- Desert Sage
- Desert Needlegrass

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- FREE Water Wise Plant and Seed SWAP Booth
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- Careers in Water—check it out!
- Demonstrations and Garden Tours
- FREE FUN Hydrocaching game for all! PRIZES!
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