

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

July 19, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Mickey Luckman Present
Bob Johnson Absent
Geary Hund Present
Rebecca Unger Present
Tom Floen Present

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Sauer, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager
Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 8

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

MSC/Unger/Hund 4/0 to approve the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, July 19, 2017 Agenda.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Absent
Unger	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

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, individual or organization interested in one or more consent calendar items wishes to be heard.

A. Approve Draft Minutes of the July 5, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

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

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Absent
Unger	Aye

7. APPROVE INVESTMENT POLICY – Recommend that the Board approve the Investment Policy. AGM Susan Greer gave a brief overview of the investment policy and a discussion with the Board followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Steven Whitman, Joshua Tree asked AGM Greer what the rate of return on investment was?
Susan Greer, AGM replied .73.

David Ficke, Joshua Tree explained that Orange County Garbage cut their fees in half in order to recoup revenue.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

MSC/ Unger/Hund 4/0 to approve the Investment Policy.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Absent
Unger	Aye

8. APPROVAL OF UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR REGULATORY COMPLIANCE ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST – Recommend that the Board approve the updated job description for this position (reviewed by Finance Committee on May 26, 2017). GM Sauer gave a brief overview and a short discussion with the Board followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Steven Whitman, Joshua Tree asked if the physical requirements of the job mean that a disabled person, in a wheelchair or has other disabilities, is disqualified from working for this District?

GM Sauer replied that it doesn't mean that anyone that is disabled is disqualified; it means that reasonable accommodation will be made because it is a State law.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

MSC/ Floen/Unger 4/0 to approve the updated job description for the Regulatory Compliance Administrative Analyst.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Absent
Unger	Aye

9. APPROVAL OF UPDATED WATER FLOW MODEL FOR DISTRICT OPERATIONS – Recommend that the Board approve the General Manager to complete the Water Flow Model at a cost not to exceed \$26,500. A brief discussion with the Board followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

MSC/ Hund/Unger 4/0 to approve the updated Water Flow Model for District Operations.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Absent
Unger	Aye

10. DISCUSSION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1000, AMENDING WATER CODE – Recommend that the Board receive for information and provide further guidance to the General Manager on actions to be taken, if any.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Frazier Haney, Joshua Tree, MDLT stated that they are concerned over the Cadiz's Project possible effect on the natural resources East of the Mojave, specifically the Springs and what I view as some unsound science that backs the Project. USGS and the National Park Services have expressed their concerns about the impacts to resources in the desert and about the science.

Chris Clark, Joshua Tree, National Parks Conservation Association and newly appointed California Desert Program Director reaffirmed that the NPCA was involved with creating the current AB 1000 and the intention is not to interfere with local water agencies in the Morongo Basin. Assemblywoman Friedman and her staff are actively working on adjusting the language that the Mojave Water Agency had concerns with.

Ida Foreman, Joshua Tree read from a letter she wrote to the Board that will be attached to the minutes at the District.

David Ficke, Joshua Tree, read from a letter he wrote to the Board, which will be attached to the minutes at the District.

Tom O'Key, Joshua Tree has been involved with the Cadiz issue from the beginning since it became an issue 6 or 7 years ago. They are looking to off the National Monument, National Park and Aquifers that are ancient, which are clearly public interest properties. They are looking to put in Orange County homes with pools so for our aquifers to supply water for this is a sin.

Leslie Thornburg, Cadiz explained that the issue at hand is AB1000 not Cadiz. This bill is a bad idea for everyone because of the precedent it sets.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

11. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – None
12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT –

GM Sauer discussed Well 14 rehab and that a second treatment of 20,000 gallons of disinfectant was added to the gravel pack on July 10th and 11th. Friday, July 14th five tests were conducted and four out of the five tests were absent for total coliform. Well 14 was run for 18 hours on Saturday, July 15th and Sunday, July 16th to continue flushing it. GM Sauer thanked the staff for saving the District 20K by treating 20,000 gallons of water with chlorine ourselves instead of using an outside company, which is 12K, and we have done this twice.

President Luckman reiterated that when flushing the well the water goes directly back into the aquifer. She also thanked the staff for their hard work in trying to get well 14 back online. This has been a problem with each Board kicking it down the road and not maintaining the system.

GM Sauer reported that conservation was 14% for June 2017 versus June 2013. He also had a conversation with Mojave Water Agency about water storage.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

13. DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – (All comments should pertain to current Agenda items only)

- Citizens Advisory Committee- July 12, 2017 – Karen Tracy reported that the CAC had 5 out of 6 members attend and the discussion centered on water costs. CAC also discussed the study that was done by UCLA for making drinking water affordable for everyone.
- Mojave Water Agency – July 13, 2017- Vice President Johnson – President Luckman (filling in for VP Johnson) reported that the MWA is tracking AB1000 and that the Board appeared to be split on Cadiz.
- Public Outreach Consultant– Kathleen Radnich reported that the seed harvesting overview is Thursday, July 27 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at JBWD. The Joshua Tree National Park graduate Student Conservation Associate for restoration, Elizabeth Byrne will be leading this class.

14. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES –

- Finance Committee Meeting – July 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.- Vice President Johnson and Director Floen - Cancelled
- Water Resources and Operations Committee Meeting – July 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. President Luckman and Vice President Johnson - Cancelled
- Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors Meeting – July 27, 2017 – Director Floen
- Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – August 3, 2017 at 10 a.m. - President Luckman

15. ADJOURNMENT

MSC/ Unger/Johnson 4/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 8:38 p.m.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Absent
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary