

# JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016 6:30 PM 61750 CHOLLITA ROAD, JOSHUA TREE, CALIFORNIA 92252

## **AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. **DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
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- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board at this time with regard to matters within the Board's jurisdiction that are not listed on the agenda. State law prohibits the Board of Directors from discussing or taking action on items not included on the agenda. Members of the public will have the opportunity for public comment on any item listed on the agenda when it is addressed on the agenda. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes or less.

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#### 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 August 10, 2016 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

# 7. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL COUNSEL ON POTENTIAL LITIGATION

At this time the Board will go into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to consult with legal counsel on a matter of potential/anticipated litigation – (one matter)

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# 8. UPDATE ON NEXTERA SOLAR PROJECT, PROPOSED WILL SERVE LETTER, WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT AND THE INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

**Recommendation:** Contingent upon final approval of the Project by the County, recommend that the Board authorizes the General Manager to execute the Will Serve Letter, Water Supply Agreement and the Indemnification Agreement, substantially in the form and content as presented tonight.

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#### 9. VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION TARGET

Recommend that the Board determine a voluntary water conservation target for the period from June 2016 to January 2017.

#### 10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**: President Fuller and Director Johnson. Next meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
- B. WATER RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Johnson. Next meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
- C. **LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE**: Vice President Luckman and Director Unger. Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant to report. Next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
- 11. **DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT**
- 12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT
- 13. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
  - ASBCSD (Reminder) No Meeting for August
  - Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors August 25, 2016- Bob Johnson
- 14. DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- 15. ADJOURNMENT

#### **INFORMATION**

The public is invited to comment on any item on the agenda during discussion of that item.

Any person with a disability who requires accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should telephone Joshua Basin Water District at (760) 366-8438, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting in order to make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation.

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Board of Directors after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the District's office located at 61750 Chollita Road, Joshua Tree, California 92252 during normal business hours.

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

August 10, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER:

6:30 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. **DETERMINATION OF** 

**QUORUM**:

Victoria Fuller Present
Bob Johnson Present

Mike Reynolds Present
Rebecca Unger Present

**STAFF PRESENT:** 

Curt Sauer, General Manager

Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller

Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

Seth Zielke, Director, Water Resources and Operations

**CONSULTANTS PRESENT:** 

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant Gil Granito, District Counsel, Redwine & Sherrill

**GUESTS** 

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4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Remove Item #8-Update on NextEra Solar Project, Proposed Will Serve Letter and Water Supply Agreement. Add Item #10B – GM Report.

MSC/ Reynolds/Luckman 5/0 to approve the Agenda.

Fuller Aye Luckman Aye Johnson Aye Reynolds Aye

Reynolds Aye Unger Aye

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree commented on the high rates and fees that the Joshua Basin Water District is charging customers.

Steve Whitman, Joshua Tree commented that he was pleased that Item #8 (NextEra) had been postponed and he congratulated the BoD and Staff on the July 20, 2016 BoD meeting, adding that it was the best BoD meeting he has heard in a long time. He was pleased that it was finally disclosed that the JBWD is not dealing with NextEra but a shell company. Mr. Whitman also stated that since there are three corporations listed, he wondered who JBWD is actually dealing with.

Tom O'Key, Joshua Tree stated that the Joshua Tree community has raised the money for the appeal process and have spent 100's of hours on this one issue. However, not once has the owner of record, of this land, been before the BoD. He also told the BoD that he feels they have opened themselves up to liability with NextEra.

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

- A. Approve Draft Minutes of the July 20, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- B. Approve Draft Minutes of the July 26, 2016 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- C. Approve Investment Policy Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager

MSC/ Luckman/Johnson 5/0 to approve the July, 20, 2016 Minutes of the Regular Meeting Board of Directors, July 26, 2016 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Investment Policy submitted by Susan Greer.

Fuller Aye
Luckman Aye
Johnson Aye
Reynolds Aye
Unger Aye

7. PRESENTATION FROM MORONGO BASIN CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION- DESERT WISE LANDSCAPING TOUR, SPRING 2016- Claudia Saul of the MBCA presented to the BoD. The MBCA will be holding a Water Energy Nexus meeting on September 24, 2016 at Yucca Valley Community Center from 1-4 p.m.

President Fuller thanked Claudia Saul for her wonderful presentation and how much the tour fits in with the conservation efforts. Each year the MBCA Tour is amazing and each home is different.

Marina West, General Manager, Big Horn Desert View Water District and the Secretary of the Morongo Basin Conservation Association commented that because of budget constraints they learn how to conduct their individual outreach which is why you don't see BHDVW at all of the events. This tour creates a unified message that we are all on the same page as it pertains to water conservation. She also brought up the Water Education Festival Event that the JBWD participated in. This was their first event in which they educated over 300 eighth graders in May and plan to do the same again in 2017.

- 8. UPDATE ON NEXTERA SOLAR PROJECT, PROPOSED WILL SERVE LETTER AND WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT- Item was removed at the beginning of the BoD meeting and tabled until the next Regular BoD meeting.
- 9. **A. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**: President Fuller and Director Johnson. Next Meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2016 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

**B. WATER RESOURCES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**: Vice President Luckman and Director Johnson. Next Meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2016 10 a.m. to

THE LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE was inadvertently left off of the Agenda and the next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

- 10. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT None
- 10b. ADDED AGENDA ITEM GM REPORT (attached) GM Sauer reported on conservation figures, office space, Chromium 6, Annual Audit and the BLM Lease. GM Sauer also praised Anne Roman, Accountant for her countless hours that she donates to the District each year for the Annual Audit.

## 11. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- ASBCSD (Reminder) No Meeting for August
- Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors August 11, 2016- Victoria Fuller
- San Bernardino County Water Conference August 12, 2016

President Fuller stated that Vice President Luckman will be attending the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meeting on August 11, 2016

# 12. **DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA** ITEMS:

**Director Unger** reported that the Legislative and Public Information Committee held a meeting at 9:30 a.m. on August 10, 2016 and they had discussed establishing a voluntary conservation target. **Director Johnson** had nothing to report.

Vice President Luckman had nothing to report.

**Director Reynolds** had nothing to report but thanked everyone for attending the BoD meeting. **President Fuller** attended the Mojave Water Agency meeting and that they are working with the Rural Funding Agency to receive grant funding for disadvantaged water agency's (i.e. small water agency's) of \$200k plus other grant monies. When it comes to financed we are waiting to do a lot of things until Chromium VI rolls out. We have to be in the best financial position to deal with it when we get the final numbers which will be in the millions not in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. We also have pipe replacement coming up. President Fuller thanked everyone for attending the BoD meeting.

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

MSC Unger/Reynolds, 5/0 to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of August 10, 2016 at 7:05 p.m.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:

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Curt Sauer,	GM and Board Secre	etary

# JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA REPORT

Meeting of the Board of Directors

August 17, 2016

Report to:

President and Members of the Board

Prepared by: Curt Sauer US

TOPIC: Update on NextEra / J T Solar Project, Proposed Will Serve Letter, Water Supply Agreement and Indemnification Agreement

RECOMMENDATION: Contingent upon final approval of the Project by the County, the Board authorizes the General Manager to execute the Will Serve Letter, Water Supply Agreement and Indemnification Agreement, substantially in the form and content as presented tonight.

#### ANALYSIS:

After considerable discussions on this topic we are currently at a place where:

- The County has issued a well permit to the current land owner which transfers with ownership of the land
- The County Planning commission approved the project, 4 to 1
- Project Appeals were heard by the Board of Supervisors on August 9, with a final decision from the Board of Supervisors scheduled for August 16
- If the project is denied, the proposed Will Serve Letter and Water Supply Agreement would not be needed
- If the project is approved, water could be supplied by the District OR a production well will be drilled by NextEra.

My recommendation is that the Board approves the issuance of the Will Serve Letter, the Water Supply Agreement, and the Indemnification Agreement, upon approval of the project by the County. This would be the best way to protect the aquifer(s) while generating revenue for the District.

These documents would commit the District to supplying water to the project only if the Project is approved by the County.

These documents would commit the District to supplying water to the project only if the Project lands are owned by NextEra.

In response to potential litigation, we have worked with NextEra / J T Solar to put in place the indemnification agreement included in this board packet, whereby NextEra will cover all legal costs, as well as certain other costs, expenses and liabilities of the District should such a law suit be brought.

By approving the proposed Will Serve, Water Supply Agreement and Indemnification Agreement, if the project is approved by the County, NextEra/ JT Solar would pay for water service at the prevailing rates. In addition, the WSA provides that NextEra would agree to provide the funds

necessary to replenish the groundwater basin in order to fully offset the impact to the aquifer from the Project.

Finally, NextEra/ JT Solar would be precluded from using water from a well on the Project site or on any adjacent property for the Project except in those instances when the District may be unable to provide the water as set forth in the WSA.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$70,000 estimated in revenue for the construction phase. Approximately \$46,000 estimated revenue to be used to buy SWP water, to be recharged to the Joshua Tree subbasin.



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August 17, 2016

Joshua Tree Solar Farm, LLC c/o NextEra Energy Resources, Inc. Attn: Jess Melin, Project Developer, Business Development 700 Universe Blvd. Juno Beach, Florida 33408

Re: Will Serve Commitment

APN: 060723119 and 607-364-06 (collectively, "Property")

Dear Mr. Melin:

JT Solar Farm, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("JT Solar") proposes to construct and operate a twenty (20) megawatt alternating current solar photovoltal generation facility on the Property ("Project"). JT Solar anticipates that the Project will require: (1) approximately thirty-four (34) acre feet of water during construction of the Project; (2) approximately two (2) acre feet of water per year for the first twenty (20) year period to operate the Project; and (3) approximately twelve (12) acre feet of water to decommission the Project.

NextEra Energy Resources, Inc. ("NextEra"), an affiliate of JT Solar previously requested a will serve letter for the Project. On or about October 23, 2015 Joshua Basin Water District ("District") issued a conditional will serve letter to NextEra for the Project ("Conditional Will Serve Letter"). Since that time, JT Solar has sought to establish more certainty regarding the service of water to the Project, and as such, JT Solar has requested that District issue this will serve letter in the place and stead of the Conditional Will Serve Letter.

This letter constitutes a will serve commitment ("Commitment") by District to provide potable water necessary for the Project. The terms and conditions of the Commitment are as follows:

(1) The Commitment shall become effective upon the issuance by the County of San Bernardino ("County") of its final discretionary approval for the Project ("Project Approval), notwithstanding any litigation that may occur concerning the Project Approval. In the event the County does not issue the Project Approval within nine (9) months from the date of this letter the Commitment shall expire. Upon expiration of the Commitment JT Solar must submit a new application for a new Commitment to the District for review and approval.

- (2) The Commitment shall expire sixty (60) days after the Project Approval unless JT Solar executes the Water Supply Agreement in the same form and content as attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference incorporated herein. In connection therewith, JT Solar must be the sole owner of the Property at the time the Water Supply Agreement is executed. JT Solar shall provide District with such proof of ownership as District shall reasonably require.
- (3) JT Solar shall, at its sole cost and expense, apply for and obtain all necessary consents, approvals, permits and authority as shall be required for the construction, installation and operation of the Project.
- (4) Concurrently with the execution of this Commitment by JT Solar, JT Solar shall execute the indemnification agreement in the same form and content as attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and by this reference incorporated herein.

All rights, privileges, and conditions of this Commitment are made to JT Solar and are not assignable or transferable to another owner or property, provided that JT Solar may assign this Commitment with the prior written consent of the District, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The District reserves the right to impose further requirements, which it deems appropriate. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned. Upon the execution of this letter by JT Solar the Conditional Will Serve Letter will be null and void and of no further force and effect.

Dated:

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

RECORDING REQUESTED BY WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT P.O. BOX 675 JOSHUA TREE, CA 92252 ATTN: Curt Sauer

NO FEE GOVT. CODE § 27383

(Space above this line for Recorder's use only)

#### Assessor's Parcel Numbers 607-231-19 and 607-364-06

#### WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT

THIS WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 ("Effective Date"), by and between the JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT, a public agency of the State of California ("District") and JOSHUA TREE SOLAR FARM, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("JT Solar"). District and JT Solar are referred to in this Agreement collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party."

#### RECITALS

- A. JT Solar is the owner of certain real property located in County of San Bernardino, State of California and legally described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein ("Property").
- B. JT Solar proposes to construct and operate a twenty (20) megawatt alternating current solar photovoltaic generation facility on the Property ("Project").
- C. JT Solar anticipates that the Project will require: (1) approximately thirty-four (34) acre feet of water for construction of the Project; (2) approximately two (2) acre feet of water per year for the first twenty (20) year period to operate the Project; and (3) approximately twelve (12) acre feet of water to decommission the Project at the end of the term.
- D. On or about October 23, 2015 District issued a conditional will serve letter for the Project ("Will Serve Letter"). JT Solar desires more certainty with respect to the service of water to the Project than set forth in the Will Serve Letter. JT Solar shall deposit money with the District to purchase eight-six (86) acre feet of water ("Wholesale Water") from such sources as are available to District, including, but not limited to, Mojave Water Agency. After purchase of the Wholesale Water, it is the intent of District to recharge the Wholesale Water in one or more basins within the District's service area.
- E. JT Solar is desirous of having District provide domestic water to the Project and District is willing to provide such water on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

#### NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Recitals listed above are incorporated into this Agreement as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and end forty (40) years thereafter ("Expiration Date").
- Within ten (10) business days of the Effective Date, JT Solar shall deliver to District the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$45,924.00) ("Wholesale Water Purchase Payment") in immediately available funds (86 acre feet x \$534.00 per acre foot) to purchase the Wholesale Water, provided however, if the Mojave Water Agency water rate is less or more than Five Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$534.00) on the Effective Date, the Wholesale Water purchase amount shall be eighty-six (86) acre feet times the amount Mojave Water Agency charges for Wholesale Water on the Effective Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the determination of when to purchase Wholesale Water and how, when and where the Wholesale Water shall be recharged shall be in District's sole and absolute discretion. After the deposit of the Wholesale Water Purchase Payment with the District as provided herein, JT Solar shall not be entitled to a refund of such amount or any portion thereof.
- 4. The physical point of delivery of domestic water service shall be at the interconnection approximately shown on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and by this reference set forth herein ("Interconnection"). The Interconnection shall be the point of delivery of water supplies provided under this Agreement. The District may make modifications to the Interconnection as it deems necessary to the prudent operation of the Interconnection and the District water system. The District previously installed a pipeline and appurtenant facilities from a main to the Interconnection. On or after the Effective Date, JT Solar shall execute the District's standard form application for water service ("Application") and shall pay such amounts as shall be required by the Regulations (as that term is defined herein). Within a reasonable time after the completion of the Application and payment of funds required by the Regulations, if any, District may install at the Interconnection a meter (the size of which shall be determined by the District) and such hydrants and appurtenances thereto as shall be required by the Regulations ("Facilities"), which Facilities shall be owned by the District. District shall invoice JT Solar for the Facilities along with the labor to install the same. JT Solar shall pay to District the sums shown on the invoice within ten (10) business days after the receipt thereof.
- 5. JT Solar shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of all on-site water facilities on the JT Solar side of the meter. In addition thereto, JT Solar shall be responsible for the cost of operation, maintenance, modification, repair and/or replacement of the Interconnection and Facilities in accordance with the Regulations.
- 6. JT Solar shall, at JT Solar's sole cost and expense, be responsible for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and all other applicable state and federal environmental laws and all federal and state requirements arising out of or in connection with the Project, including, without limitation, construction of on-site water facilities to be constructed hereunder and for compliance with all conditions and mitigation measures which must be

satisfied in connection with the same. As part of its obligation to fund the CEQA process, JT Solar shall prepare or cause to be prepared all instruments, documents, reports and other like or kind writings required to be prepared and/or filed by CEQA, provided, however, that the Parties acknowledge that the County of San Bernardino has conducted CEQA analysis of the Project in which the supply of water for the Project by the JBWD has been analyzed, and that the Parties further intend to rely upon such analysis to satisfy the requirements of CEQA as they might apply to this Agreement.

- 7. District shall deliver up to eighty-six (86) acre feet of domestic water ("Minimum Quantity") to the Property. During the months of July, August and September during the Construction Period ("Construction Months"), District has certain "Time of Use" restrictions from Southern California Edison ("SCE"). Should the demand for water from the Project require District to operate electrical pumping equipment during the Construction Months within a Time of Use period, JT Solar is willing and hereby agrees to pay any and all costs of SCE arising out of or in connection with District pumping equipment being operated in the Time of Use restricted period. District shall add such amount to a payment invoice after such amount has been reasonably determined by the The Parties agree that JT Solar shall be required to pay for additional Wholesale Water in ten (10) acre feet increments ("Ten Acre Feet Increment(s)") after the District has delivered the Minimum Quantity or a Ten Acre Feet Increment to the Property. At or after the District has delivered the Minimum Quantity or a Ten Acre Feet Increment to the Property, District shall send written notice to JT Solar ("Deposit Notice"). The Deposit Notice shall provide that (i) District has delivered the Minimum Quantity or a Ten Acre Feet Increment to the Property, and (ii) JT Solar is required to pay to District an amount equal to ten (10) acre feet times the amount charged by Mojave Water Agency for wholesale water at the time of the Deposit Notice ("Additional Payment"). JT Solar shall, within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Deposit Notice, pay the Additional Payment to District. The District shall use such Additional Payments. when received, to purchase wholesale water. As set forth in Section 3 of this Agreement, the determination of when to purchase wholesale water with the Additional Payment and how, when and where such water shall be recharged shall be in District's sole and absolute discretion.
  - (b) If by reason of Acts of God, earthquakes, droughts, floods, storms, explosions, fires, labor disputes, strikes, insurrection, war, riots, acts of the public enemy, or federal or state or local order, rule, or regulation, or any other cause outside of District's control, District is prevented, in whole or in part, from the delivery of water to the Property, as provided herein, and provided that District has taken commercially reasonable, good faith efforts to deliver water to the Property notwithstanding any such event, then District may reduce delivery of water accordingly. If the force majeure event is system wide District may reduce delivery of water up to the same percentage the District reduces water delivery to its retail customers.
  - (c) The delivery of water may be suspended or curtailed in accordance with applicable law during any period of public emergency that is declared by District, provided that any such suspension or curtailment is reasonably related to such public emergency, and that the suspension or curtailment of water service is not disproportionate

to the suspension or curtailment of other water customers of the District during such public emergency.

- (d) JT Solar shall not market, sell or make available the water provided hereunder to any person or entity within or without District's service area or sphere of influence, as amended from time to time, without first receiving the written approval of District, which approval may be withheld in District's sole and absolute discretion.
- 8. District will provide water to JT Solar at the Interconnection. The price for the water delivered by District shall be the same price charged by the District to its retail customers at the time water is delivered to the Property. If JT Solar uses water during the "Construction Period," JT Solar will pay the temporary water meter rate for such water. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Construction Period" shall mean the period prior to the date all regulatory agencies permit the Project to be operated for the purpose set forth in Recital B above. JT Solar understands, acknowledges and agrees that District may, from time to time, increase its water rates and charges to its retail customers in accordance with California law. District will give JT Solar at least thirty (30) days notice prior to any increase of water rates. From time to time, District shall invoice JT Solar for water delivered to the Property and JT Solar shall pay to the District the sum shown in the invoice within ten (10) days after receipt thereof.
- 9. Except as otherwise provided herein, JT Solar shall comply with all District rules, regulations, ordinances, procedures and any like kind directives ("Regulations") with respect to water service, including, but not limited to, payment of applicable fees and charges in connection therewith. The provisions of the Regulations are incorporated herein by reference. Conversely, District will only provide service to the Project in accordance with the Regulations, as well as federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and like directives, including restrictions related to the drought. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and the Regulations, the Regulations shall control.
- 10. JT Solar shall, at its sole cost and expense, apply for and obtain all necessary consents, approvals, permits and authority as shall be required for the construction and installation of the Project and any on-site improvements described herein. JT Solar shall directly pay all costs associated with the construction of the on-site improvements (and any of them), including, but not limited to, furnishing of materials, and JT Solar shall keep District free and harmless from such costs.
- 11. District shall not be liable for the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal or distribution of water supplied or furnished under this Agreement past the Interconnection. District will not be liable for claims or damage of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, property damage or personal injury, arising out of or connected with the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal or distribution of water supplied or furnished to JT Solar under this Agreement and JT Solar will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the District and its directors, officers, employees and agents from any such damage or claim of damages.
- 12. JT Solar hereby grants a perpetual non-exclusive easement to District in, on, over, under, upon, along and through the Property as may reasonably be required to construct, own, operate, maintain, replace, repair, enlarge, reconstruct, remove and improve the Facilities along with a

right of reasonable access to and from such easement for the purpose of exercising the rights granted herein.

- 13. (a) District makes the following representations, warranties and covenants to JT Solar:
  - (i) District has the power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations and all necessary approvals and authorizations have been obtained that District must obtain to provide water to the Property.
  - (ii) This Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the District and is enforceable against the District in accordance with its terms.
  - (iii) Subject to the provisions set forth in this Agreement, after the Wholesale Water Purchase Payment as set for in paragraph 3 above, District shall provide up to eighty-six (86) acre feet of water required for Project construction, operation and decommissioning as detailed herein.
  - (b) JT Solar makes the following representations, warranties and covenants to District:
    - (i) JT Solar has the power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations and all necessary approvals and authorizations have been obtained that JT Solar must obtain to enter into this Agreement.
    - (ii) This Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of JT Solar and is enforceable against JT Solar in accordance with its terms.
- 14. This Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force and effect as of the Expiration Date.
- 15. The rights granted to JT Solar hereunder constitute the right to take domestic water only and shall not be interpreted as a sale, transfer or assignment of any of District's water rights.
- 16. JT Solar may, during the term of this Agreement, drill and outfit one (1) or more wells on the Property ("Wells"). JT Solar covenants and agrees that JT Solar will not construct any Wells on the Property, or the real property adjacent to the Property, inclusive of assessor parcel number 0607-364-06 ("Adjacent Property"), for purpose of providing water for the Project from the Wells on the Property or Adjacent Property for use on the Property, except for those instances where District cannot provide the water set forth in this Agreement. Nothing herein shall waive or release District's right to challenge the use of water for other purposes or for transport of water off the Property and/or Adjacent Property or for compliance with the Regulations and/or the District's groundwater management plan with respect to the drilling of the Wells and the Parties toll any statute of limitations or equitable claims, including laches in connection with the equitable claims.

- 17. Concurrently with the execution of this Agreement by JT Solar, JT Solar shall deliver to District a current preliminary report ("PR") affecting the Property dated within thirty (30) days of the delivery thereof to District. The District will notify JT Solar of any title exceptions within the PR which must be subordinated to the lien of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any monetary liens or liens of any covenants, conditions and restrictions must be subordinated to the lien of this Agreement. JT Solar shall have a period of thirty (30) days after the receipt of written notice to cause the subordination of the items listed in District's notice, as well as any monetary liens or liens of any covenants, conditions and restrictions.
- 18. (a) The following events shall be deemed to be acts of default ("Acts of Default") by either Party under this Agreement regardless of the pendency of any bankruptcy, reorganization, receivership, insolvency, or other proceeding which has or might have the effect of preventing such Party from complying with the terms of this Agreement:
  - (i) Failure to pay any sums to be paid hereunder within ten (10) days after written notice of such failure has been given to the defaulting Party;
  - (ii) Failure to comply in any material respect with any material term of this Agreement, other than the payment of sums to be paid hereunder, without curing such failure within ten (10) business days after written notice thereof if such failure can reasonably be cured within said ten (10) business day period; or if such failure cannot reasonably be cured within the ten (10) business day period, and such Party shall not have commenced to cure such failure within said period and shall not thereafter with reasonable diligence and good faith proceed to cure such failure;
  - (iii) Filing, or consent to the filing of, a petition for relief or reorganization or arrangement or any other petition in bankruptcy by a Party, for liquidation or to take advantage of any bankruptcy or insolvency law of any jurisdiction; or a Party shall make an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or a Party shall consent to the appointment of a custodian, receiver, trustee, or other officer with similar powers, for substantially all of a Party's property, or be adjudicated insolvent; or an order for relief shall be entered against a Party in any case or proceeding for liquidation or reorganization or otherwise to take advantage of any bankruptcy or insolvency law of any jurisdiction, or ordering the dissolution, winding up or liquidation of all or any part of a Party's property; or any petition for any such relief shall be filed against a Party and shall not be dismissed within forty-five (45) days.
  - (b) Upon the occurrence of any Act of Default, the non-defaulting Party may, at its option, and in addition to any other rights the non-defaulting Party may have at law or in equity, enforce, by all proper and legal suits and other means, its rights hereunder, including, without limitation, the collection of sums due hereunder, and should it be necessary for such Party to take any legal action in connection with such enforcement, the defaulting Party shall pay such Party all costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees so incurred, all without prejudice to any remedies that might otherwise be used by either

Party for recovery of arrearage of sums due hereunder, damages as herein provided, or breach of covenant.

- (c) Upon the occurrence of any Act of Default by JT Solar which results in a material failure by JT Solar to meet its payment obligations set forth in this Agreement, District may, at its election, within ten (10) business days after written notice of such Act of Default has been given to JT Solar, cease delivery of water service to the Property until such Act of Default is cured.
- 19. (a) All notices provided for hereunder shall be in writing and mailed (registered or certified, postage prepaid, return receipt requested), or by express carrier (return receipt requested) or hand delivered to the Parties at the addresses set forth below or at such other addresses as shall be designated by such Party and a written notice to the other Party in accordance with the provisions of this Section. All such notices shall, if hand delivered, or delivered by express carrier, be deemed received upon delivery and, if mailed, be deemed received three (3) business days after such mailing.

#### **DISTRICT:**

Joshua Basin Water District Attention: General Manager Post Office Box 675 Joshua Tree California 92252

#### JT Solar:

Joshua Tree Solar Farm, LLC c/o NextEra Energy Resources, LLC Attn: Joshua Tree Solar Business Manager 700 Universe Blvd. Juno Beach, FL 33408

- (b) This instrument, together with the exhibits attached hereto and other writings referenced herein, contains the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all prior agreements between the Parties, oral or written, and any and all amendments thereto. Any oral representations or modifications concerning this instrument shall be of no force and effect, excepting a subsequent modification in writing, signed by the Parties to be charged.
- (c) In the event of any litigation or other action between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach thereof, the prevailing Party shall be entitled, in addition to such other relief as may be granted, to its reasonable costs and attorneys' fees.
- (d) If any provision of this Agreement shall be ruled invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the Parties shall: (i) promptly negotiate a substitute for the provision which shall, to the

greatest extent legally permissible, effect the intent of the Parties in the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision, and (ii) negotiate such changes in, substitutions for or additions to the remaining provisions of this Agreement as may be necessary in addition to and in conjunction with subsection (i) above to give effect to the intent of the Parties without the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision. To the extent the Parties are unable to negotiate such changes, substitutions or additions as set forth in the preceding sentence, and the intent of the Parties with respect to the essential terms of the Agreement may be carried out without the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision, the balance of this Agreement shall not be affected, and this Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision did not exist.

- (e) Each Party hereto agrees to execute and deliver such other documents and perform such other acts as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement.
- (f) This Agreement is entered into within the State of California, and all questions concerning the validity, interpretation and performance of any of its terms or provisions or any of the rights or obligations of the Parties hereto shall be governed by and resolved in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
- (g) The terms and provisions set forth in this Agreement shall be deemed provisions, terms and/or covenants running with the Property in accordance with applicable law and shall pass to and be binding upon the successor owners of the Property. This Agreement shall burden the Property and is binding upon the Parties and their successors, assigns and all persons acquiring ownership of any interest in, or any portion of the Property. This Agreement shall benefit the Property and inure to the benefit of the owners of the Property. As such, all successor owners of the Property will have any of the rights, responsibilities and liabilities of JT Solar, as if such person or entity originally executed this Agreement in place and stead of JT Solar. Each and every contract, deed or other instrument hereafter executed covering or conveying the Property, or any portion thereof, shall conclusively be held to have been executed, delivered and accepted subject to such terms and conditions regardless of whether such terms and conditions are set forth in such contract, deed or other instrument. No transfer of the Property shall relieve JT Solar of any responsibility or liability under this Agreement.
- (h) The provisions of the Agreement shall be construed as to their fair meaning, and not for or against any Party based upon any attribution to such Party as the source of the language in question.
- (i) Time is of the essence of this Agreement and each and every term and provision thereof.
- (j) This Agreement shall be construed as if prepared by all of the Parties hereto. Accordingly, any rule of law (including California Civil Code Section 1654) or legal decision that would require interpretation of any ambiguities in this Agreement against the Party that has drafted it is not applicable and is waived.

- (k) No delay on the part of any Party hereto in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any waiver on the part of any Party hereto of any right, power or privilege hereunder operate as a waiver of any other right, power or privilege hereunder, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder, preclude any other or further exercise of any other right, power or privilege hereunder.
- (1) Each individual executing this Agreement hereby represents and warrants that he or she has the full power and authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the named Parties.
- (m) This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute but one instrument.
- (n) If any amount due District hereunder is not paid when due, JT Solar shall pay to District an additional ten percent (10%) for each payment due as an administrative process charge. The Parties agree that this late charge represents a fair and reasonable estimate of the costs that District will incur by reason of late payment by JT Solar. Acceptance of any late charge shall not constitute a waiver of JT Solar's default with respect to the overdue amount or prevent District from exercising any of the other rights and remedies available to District. Any payment not paid when due shall bear simple interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum (provided such amount shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed under California law) from the date due until paid in full.
- (o) The Parties agree that any action or proceeding to enforce or relating to this Agreement shall be brought exclusively in the State courts located in San Bernardino County, California, or the Federal court located in Riverside County, California and the Parties hereto consent to the exercise of personal jurisdiction over them by any such courts for purposes of any such action or proceeding.
- (p) Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to create an association, company, joint venture, trust or partnership, or to impose a trust or partnership covenant, obligation or liability.
- (q) This Agreement will not be construed to create any third party beneficiaries. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties and their respective successor, transferees and assignees and no other person or entity will be entitled to rely on or receive any benefit from this Agreement or any of its terms.
- (r) Each Party to this Agreement will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party and its respective directors, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all liability, losses, claims, damages, expenses, demands, settlements and costs including, but not limited to, interest, penalties, attorneys' and expert witness fees, consulting fees and litigation costs of any nature arising out of the Party's performance under this Agreement and caused by any negligent act or omission, willful misconduct or

violation of law of or by the Party, or the Party's employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first set forth above.

JT SOLAR:

JOSHUA TREE SOLAR FARM, LLC a Delaware limited liability company
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Ву:
Name:
Its:
DISTRICT:  JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT, a public agency of the State of California
By:
Curt Sauer, General Manager

1 **INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT** 2 THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into this day of 3 August, 2016, by and between the JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT, a public 4 agency of the State of California, (hereinafter, "JBWD") and JOSHUA TREE SOLAR 5 FARM, LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of 6 Delaware ("JT Solar"). JBWD and JT Solar are referred to in this Agreement 7 collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party." 8 WITNESSETH: 9 10 WHEREAS, JT Solar proposes to construct a twenty (20) megawatt 11 photovoltaic solar energy generating facility on approximately one hundred fifteen (115) acres at the former Hi Desert (Roy Williams) Airport in the community of Joshua 12 13 Tree, San Bernardino County, California ("Project"); and 14 WHEREAS, JT Solar (or affiliate thereof) applied to the County of San 15 Bernardino ("County") for a Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") to design, install and construct the Project; and 16 17 WHEREAS, on or about April 21, 2016, the County Planning 18 Commission approved (1) the Project, (2) the CUP, (3) the conditions of approval for 19 the Project, (4) the initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and (5) all other related 20 Project approvals (collectively, "County Approvals"); and 21 WHEREAS, JT Solar applied to JBWD for water service for the Project: 22 and 23 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of JBWD ("Board") shall consider the issuance of a will serve letter ("Will Serve Letter") and the execution of a water supply 24 25 agreement ("WSA") on such terms and conditions as shall be acceptable to the Board; 26 and 27

WHEREAS, litigation challenging the granting or issuance of land use approvals by governmental bodies is proliferating, and such litigation exposes JBWD to potential liability for damages, costs, and attorney's fees; and

WHEREAS, in such litigation, the person or entity receiving land use approvals is designated as a real party in interest and is the party that primarily and directly benefits from the granting or issuance of the land use approvals; and

WHEREAS, JBWD could incur great expense in the active defense of such litigation and, if unsuccessful, may also be required to pay certain fees and costs including, the prevailing party's attorney's fees and costs; and

WHEREAS, JT Solar and JBWD mutually desire to enter into this Agreement, by which JT Solar shall indemnify, (at JBWD's request) defend, save and hold JBWD harmless, in order that JBWD shall bear no fiscal or financial burden whatsoever resulting from any person or entity challenging the grant or issuance of land use approvals to JT Solar (or an affiliate thereof) relating to or affecting the Project or from such other matters described below.

# 1. HOLD HARMLESS.

JT Solar hereby agrees to save, indemnify, hold harmless and, at JBWD's request, defend JBWD, its directors, officers, agents, representatives and employees (collectively, "JBWD Indemnitees"), from and against all expenses, demands, liabilities, claims, costs (including, but not limited to, court costs and attorney's fees), suits, actions, causes of action, proceedings, obligations or damages of any nature whatsoever (collectively "Costs") occurring or resulting to JBWD, including, but not limited to, an award of attorney's fees and costs to the person, organization or entity bringing an action against a JBWD Indemnitee arising out of, resulting from, or in connection with (a) any JBWD action in granting, issuing or approving the Will Serve Letter, or WSA for the Project, (b) failure by JBWD to prepare or adequately prepare any document or instrument or to take or fail to take action or

adequate action which may be required by the California Environmental Quality Act or any other state or federal law related to the Will Serve Letter, WSA or the Project; (c) any action challenging the approvals of the Project, including, without limitation, the County Approvals, by any governmental body, including the County, (d) any action to challenge, set aside, void or annul the Will Serve Letter, WSA, any approval of a governmental agency, including the County Approvals, (e) any matter arising out of; relating to or in connection with items (a) through (d) above, and (f) any enforcement by JBWD of any provision of this Agreement.

When defending JBWD, JT Solar shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs related to the defense in any action brought against JBWD, except for any fees and costs incurred by JBWD in defense of any action, as provided in Section 3 of this Agreement. JT Solar shall defend JBWD through counsel selected by JT Solar and shall keep JBWD fully informed as to the progress of such defense. JBWD shall reasonably cooperate with JT Solar in the defense of the claim. Notwithstanding the foregoing, JBWD shall reasonably make all decisions with respect to strategy (positions to assert, defense, etc.) in any legal proceeding concerning this Section. If JT Solar falls to defend JBWD after notice to JT Solar as required by Section 2, JBWD shall have the right, but not the obligation, to defend the same and charge all of the direct or incidental Costs of such defense, including fees and costs, to JT Solar and to recover the same from JT Solar. In connection therewith, JBWD shall have the right, at JT Solar's expense, to appear in, or defend any action or proceeding arising out of the indemnity.

# 2. NOTIFICATIONS AND COOPERATION BY JBWD.

JBWD shall notify JT Solar within a reasonable amount of time of its receipt of any demand, claim, action, proceeding, or litigation in which JBWD is to be indemnified and held harmless by JT Solar. If JBWD requests that JT Solar defend JBWD, it shall notify JT Solar in writing within a reasonable amount of time of its

reasonably cooperate in such defense.

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#### 3. JBWD PARTICIPATION IN DEFENSE.

receipt of any such demand, claim, action, proceeding, or litigation.

Nothing contained herein shall prohibit JBWD, in its sole discretion, from participating in the defense of any demand, claim, action, proceeding, or litigation over and above representation by counsel paid for by JT Solar, or from participating in the defense of any demand, claim, action, proceeding, or litigation. If JBWD elects to also defend, it shall do so in good faith and JBWD shall bear its attorney's fees and costs. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, in no event shall JBWD's participation in the defense of any demand, claim, action, proceeding, or litigation affect the obligations imposed upon JT Solar in Section 1 of this Agreement.

# 4. REIMBURSEMENT OF JBWD'S COSTS RE: ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD.

If JBWD prepares the administrative record for any litigation challenging a land use approval for the Project and/or in connection with the Will Serve Letter or WSA. JBWD acknowledges that it will request, in writing, that such petitioner bringing such action to pay the costs associated with preparation of an administrative record as provided by law. JT Solar shall pay or reimburse JBWD for such efforts. However, if the petitioner does not pay JBWD within ninety (90) days, JT Solar agrees to reimburse JBWD for its actual costs incurred, including, but not limited to, JBWD staff and attorney time expended, for certifying and/or preparing the administrative record in connection with any litigation/proceedings related to the subject matter of this Agreement. To the extent administrative record reimbursement and related costs are recovered by the JBWD in any litigation, JT Solar shall be reimbursed to the extent of any such recovery.

If the petitioner or plaintiff challenging the Will Serve Letter and/or WSA for the Project is permitted by law to prepare the administrative record, and elects to do so,

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and is later determined to be the prevailing party in litigation against JBWD, JT Solar shall bear the petitioner's or plaintiff's costs of preparing the administrative record, as determined by the court with jurisdiction over the litigation, in addition to any other Costs pursuant to Section 1 of this Agreement.

#### 5. COVENANT NOT TO SUE.

- JT Solar on behalf of itself, and its successors, and assigns, hereby fully releases the JBWD Indemnitees, its successors, and all other persons and associations, known or unknown, from all claims and causes of action, as a result of the matters set forth subsections 1 (a) through (f) or any matters arising out of or in connection therewith and covenants not to sue relating to such claims. JT Solar acknowledges that it has been advised by legal counsel and is familiar with the provisions of California Civil Code Section 1542. JT Solar expressly waives any right it may have under Civil Code Section 1542, as well as under any other statute or common law principle of similar effect.
- JT Solar acknowledges and agrees that this release applies to all (b) claims that JT Solar may have against JBWD arising out of or in connection with the foregoing for injuries, damages, or losses to JT Solar's person and property, real or personal, whether those injuries, damages, or losses are known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, or patent or latent.
- (c) JT Solar acknowledges and warrants that JT Solar's execution of this release is free and voluntary.
- (d) This release pertains to a disputed claim and does not constitute an admission of liability by JBWD for the above-described matters.
- (e) The provisions of paragraph 6 herein below, shall not apply to this covenant not to sue.

#### 6. SEVERABILITY.

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If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be illegal, invalid, void, or unenforceable in a final judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction, each and every other provision hereof shall remain in full force and effect, unless this severability provision would deny one or more of the Parties to the Agreement of the material benefits of the Agreement, in which case the entire Agreement shall have no force and effect.

# 7. APPLICABLE LAW.

This Agreement is made and entered into in the State of California and shall be deemed to have been executed and delivered within the State of California, and the rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall be governed by, and construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

# 8. <u>CONSTRUCTION OF CONTRACT.</u>

The Parties hereby acknowledge that they and their respective counsel have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement, for which reason this Agreement shall not be construed against any Party as the drafter thereof.

# 9. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

JT Solar makes the following representations, warranties and covenants to JBWD:

- (a) JT Solar has the power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations and all necessary approvals and authorizations have been obtained that JT Solar must obtain to enter into this Agreement.
- (b) This Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of JT Solar and is enforceable against JT Solar in accordance with its terms.

## 10. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) This instrument and other writings referenced herein, contain the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all prior agreements between the Parties, oral or written, and any

and all amendments thereto. Any oral representations or modifications concerning this instrument shall be of no force and effect, excepting a subsequent modification in writing, signed by the Parties to be charged.

- (b) In the event of any litigation or other action between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach thereof, the prevailing Party shall be entitled, in addition to such other relief as may be granted, to its reasonable costs and attorneys' fees.
- (c) Each Party hereto agrees to execute and deliver such other documents and perform such other acts as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement.
- (d) No delay on the part of any Party hereto in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any waiver on the part of any Party hereto of any right, power or privilege hereunder operate as a waiver of any other right, power or privilege hereunder, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder, preclude any other or further exercise of any other right, power or privilege hereunder.
- (e) The Parties agree that any action or proceeding to enforce or relating to this Agreement shall be brought exclusively in the State courts located in San Bernardino County, California, or the Federal court located in Riverside County, California and the Parties hereto consent to the exercise of personal jurisdiction over them by any such courts for purposes of any such action or proceeding.
- (f) This Agreement will not be construed to create any third party beneficiaries. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties and their respective successor, transferees and assignees and no other person or entity will be entitled to rely on or receive any benefit from this Agreement or any of its terms.

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# JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA REPORT

Meeting of the Board of Directors

August 17, 2016

Report to:

President and Members of the Board

Prepared by: Curt Sauer

**TOPIC: Voluntary Conservation Target** 

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board determine a voluntary water conservation target for the period from June, 2016, to January, 2017.

ANALYSIS: The District has already complied with the Self Certification process required by SWRCB, with an approved mandatory conservation target of zero for the period June 2016 to January, 2017. This target does not mean there is no restriction to water production. Even with a mandatory conservation target of zero, we are still required to not produce more water than was produced in 2013.

The Board will remember that the Governor's Executive Order, and SWRCB guidelines, indicated a State preference that Conservation be incorporated as a way of life in California, now and into the future.

Our Customers continue to demonstrate a willingness to conserve, as indicated by a cumulative saving for June and July of 14 percent.

Consider that less water produced means less water consumed. While that translates to less overdraft of the aquifer, it also translates into reduced revenues from sales. Reduced revenues affect dollars available to operate the District.