

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 16, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Frank Coate	Present
Victoria Fuller	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Gary Wilson	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Marie Salsberry, HR Manager/Administrative Specialist
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Gil Granito, District Counsel
Deborah Bollinger, Conservation Coordinator
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 23

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Reynolds/Fuller 5/0 to approve the agenda for the January 16, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. JBWD 50TH ANNIVERSARY

San Bernardino County Third District Supervisor James Ramos presented a Resolution from the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors commending Joshua Basin Water District on its fiftieth anniversary. He presented a framed copy of the resolution to JBWD President Mickey Luckman. Mojave Water Agency Division 2 Director Jim Ventura presented a resolution of the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors recognizing Joshua Basin Water District on its fiftieth anniversary.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Reynolds/Coate 5/0 to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2013 Regular meeting of the Board of Directors; to approve the financial report for November 2012; to approve the financial report for December 2012; and to approve the check audit report for December 2012.

8. REQUEST OF WAIVER OF FIRE HYDRANT

Director Reynolds recused himself noting that he has a long time relationship with the party requesting the waiver. GIS Coordinator Keith Faul reported. Director Wilson suggested re-testing the existing hydrant. Mrs. Doris Bridges was present and commented that she had sprinklers installed in a newly-constructed home but would not have, if she had known that a hydrant was required. Mrs. Bridges' family was also

present and commented on the project. Vice President Coate suggested using a wharf head rather than a hydrant and stated the situation needs more review.

After discussion, the following actions were taken:

MSC Wilson/Coate 4/0 (1 Abstain) to retest the hydrant for flow and bring the results back at the next Board meeting.

MSC Coate/Fuller 4/0 (1 Abstain) to table the item and discuss again at the next Board meeting.

President Luckman requested staff develop a checklist for applicants to sign and the District to keep on file.

Vice President Coate suggested that the Ad Hoc Engineering Committee meet with the General Manager and the GIS Coordinator to discuss the issue.

9. CONSERVATION REPORT

JBWD Conservation Coordinator Deborah Bollinger reported on conservation activities including progress on the “Best Management Practices” and water audits to determine water loss. She recommended the Board adopt a rate structure that encourages water conservation as required by state law. She reported that the demonstration gardens are key to the District’s public education programs, and she would like to see interpretive signs added that will help educate visitors how this type of landscaping saves water.

10. AUTHORIZATION OF AGREEMENTS FOR BIOLOGICAL, CULTURAL, AND NATIVE AMERICAN MONITORING DURING CONSTRUCTION OF RECHARGE PIPELINE PROJECT

General Manager Joe Guzzetta presented the staff report. President Luckman and Director Fuller asked for RFPs to be posted on the District website; GM Guzzetta suggested a new tab on the website for that purpose.

MSC Coate/Fuller 3/2 to approve staff recommendation to authorize an agreement with Circle Mountain Biological Consultants to provide tortoise monitoring and other biological services during the construction of the Groundwater Recharge Pipeline and Pond project at an estimated cost of \$115,000 for the pipeline and an optional \$5,000 for the pond including a 10% contingency; and to authorize an agreement with Bonterra Consulting to provide cultural resources and Native American monitoring for the project at an estimated cost of \$69,000 for the pipeline and an optional \$21,000 for the pond including a 10% contingency.

Coate	Aye
Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	No
Wilson	No

It was noted that actual costs will depend on construction time.

11. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

GM Guzzetta reported and recommended Pat Caldwell as facilitator who has worked with the District in this capacity before.

MSC Reynolds/Coate 4/1 to set a date of March 14, 2013 for the annual strategic planning workshop and authorize staff to retain a facilitator to assist in the planning process, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.

Coate	Aye
Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

12. TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC TO SEEK FUNDS FOR GROUNDWATER PIPELINE AND RECHARGE PROJECT

GM Guzzetta reported. Vice President Coate stated he sees no benefit to attending the Washington DC ACWA Conference; however he does see a benefit in meeting with representatives in Washington DC. Director Wilson noted a couple of years ago a District consultant was sent to Washington DC. Director Reynolds stated he has made the trip to meet with representatives in Washington DC and they have been valuable.

MSC Fuller/Luckman 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to authorize Vice President Coate to accompany GM Guzzetta to go to Washington DC to seek additional funds for the Groundwater Recharge Project.

Coate	Aye
Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Director Fuller: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant reported that a new video monitor has been installed in the customer service lobby that displays informational videos. The local water agency bus tours and the *ABCs of Water* quarterly presentations have been discontinued. Planning for other events in cooperation with other local water agencies is underway.
- B. PERSONNEL AND FINANCIAL COMMITTEE: Director Wilson and Director Fuller: No report.
- C. ENGINEERING COMMITTEE: Vice President Coate and Director Fuller: No report.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

15. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that over the last weekend 28 customers' water had to be turned off due to frozen and broken water pipes; five of the District's water sampling stations broke including one at the District office. The landscaping irrigation system and backflow assembly near the District office also froze. There was a large mainline break on Park Boulevard due to a tree root. District employees Jeremiah, Dan and Jacob were on call and their hard work out in the cold over the weekend is appreciated.

16. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

President Luckman stated she planned to restructure committees and appointments that were established at the January 2nd Board meeting, and directed staff to put current committees and appointments on FPPC Form 806 for posting on the District's website. She explained that the form 806 will require updating after the committees are restructured. She stated that this process will avoid conflict of interest issues and create another layer of transparency.

Director Reynolds reported attending the Mojave Water Agency meeting where Jordan Levine of Beacon Economics gave an economic overview of the MWA area showing that home values are slowly rising. Director Reynolds thanked Deborah Bollinger for doing a great job. He stated last weekend had the coldest weather that he can remember here and reminded people to prepare their property for freezing

temperatures. He thanked Kathleen Radnich for arranging the 50th Anniversary celebration. He thanked County Supervisor James Ramos and MWA Director Jim Ventura for their presentations.

Director Fuller stated she would like the Citizens Advisory Committee to attend the strategic planning meeting. She commented the docents did a great job tonight. Director Fuller reported attending the Change of Command ceremony at the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center noting it was a great occasion.

President Luckman complimented staff members who were out in the dark and cold at all hours for water emergencies, stating they are extraordinary people. She stated she would like to discuss conservation pricing for water rates at a later date.

17. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Granito stated the District should document committee and other appointments per the FPPC's "Safe Harbor" provision that was made last year, and publicly disclose the appointments, terms of appointments, and amount of compensation. The information will be posted on the District website and will absolve any conflict of interest challenge to the person or entity making the appointments.

Mr. Granito reported that the Ellis litigation has been dismissed by the Court of Appeals.

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

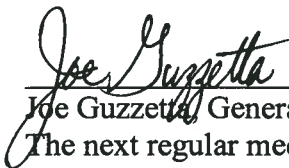
None requested.

19. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went to closed session at approximately 8:45 and the meeting resumed in open session at approximately 9:12. District General Counsel Gil Granito reported that the Board met in Closed Session as reflected in Item 19 of this meeting's agenda; the District's attorneys presented a status report of the matter and discussed all aspects of the matter. No reportable action was taken during the Closed Session.

20. ADJOURNMENT 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted:



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for February 6th, 2013 at 7:00 pm.