

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

August 19, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Victoria Fuller	Present
Bob Johnson	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Rebecca Unger	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Curt Sauer, General Manager
Seth Zielke, Director of Water Resources and Operations
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 2

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Reynolds/Luckman, 5/0 to approve the agenda for the August 19, 2015 meeting with the following changes: item #8 Meeting dates: Finance Committee will meet on August 25, 2015, and Water Resources & Operations committee will next meet on September 22, 2015. Also, add Item #8a Public Comment.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Johnson/Fuller, 5/0 to approve Draft Minutes of the August 5, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

6. UPDATE ON CHROMIUM 6 EFFORTS

GM Sauer gave the report, and briefed the Board and public on report findings from BESST Technologies. Chromium 6 is present throughout the column in Well 14. Results provided for hydroprofiling of wells. Well 16 appears to have Chromium 6 that exceeds the 10ppb level. Chromium 6 appears to decrease to the south and west of

Wells 14 through 17. JBWD will look at options of treatment versus drilling a well(s) in other areas with lower levels of Chromium 6. The Board received the report for information only.

Director Reynolds brought up discussion of potentially diluting the aquifer, suggesting we research amount of water needed to dilute the Chromium 6 to acceptable levels as another potential option.

Public Comment:

Tom Floen, Joshua Tree: Mr. Floen suggested the idea of, instead of diluting the entire aquifer, to dilute the water as it leaves the well.

Director Reynolds also brought up the fact that the new regulation for the 10ppb Chromium level has been challenged and is in litigation, and suggested that the judgment from the litigation can change everything.

7. CONSERVATION UPDATE, REPORT ON THE SWRCB DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT MEETING

Curt Sauer gave the report. Meeting was on August 6th attended by GM Sauer, President Fuller and Vice President Luckman. With the addition of July conservation level numbers, JBWD has a water use reduction of 27.6% for June and July. The SWRCB staff at the meeting recommended that Tier 3 and Tier 4 users be encouraged towards higher conservation levels and suggested the Board implement a conservation surcharge. DWR has information about a toilet rebate program at <http://ca.gov/drought/>. The Board received the report for information only.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Unger: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, gave the report. The Wild Crafting workshop: the second part of a two part workshop with JBWD, the Joshua Tree National Park, and Mojave Desert Land Trust on August 14th had 40 participants. Fall Native Plant Sale will be November 14th at the Mojave Desert Land Trust. Summer Splash will be held on August 22nd at the Joshua Tree Community Center. Bookmarks with a water conservation message were distributed to the two elementary schools in Joshua Tree, table tents were distributed to Joshua Tree restaurants. Online Water Education School is currently on hold. Next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2015.
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Director Johnson: Items discussed at the last Finance Committee meeting were discussed at the current Board meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2015.
- C. WATER RESOURCES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Johnson: Next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2015.

8a. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9. DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT

None. General Counsel is not present.

10. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Curt Sauer gave the report. GM Sauer complimented staff regarding following safety protocols in the field. Chromium 6 Compliance Plan is due to the SWRCB by September 30th. JBWD is working with Mark Lundquist of the Municipal Advisory Committee and the Mojave Water Agency, and we will be doing a presentation on Chromium 6 on October 14th. Seth Zielke, Director of Water Resources and Operations presented a report for July on completed and ongoing operations and infrastructure projects. GM Sauer discussed the Capital Improvement

Program, groundwater recharge (receiving 684 acre feet beginning in September). The Board received the report for information only.

- 11. **FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**
Directors Fuller, Luckman and Johnson will be attending the San Bernardino County 2015 Water Conference on August 21st.
Director Luckman mentioned an upcoming professional development seminar on the Brown Act being held in September.
- 12. **INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**
Director Unger reported on the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors Meeting.
- 13. **DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
Direction was given by the Board for GM Sauer to provide information on a potential conservation surcharge. Director Unger expressed concern over a regulation passed through the California legislature that provides the SWRCB the opportunity to mandate consolidations of water districts. Information can be found in the ACWA newsletter.
- 14. **CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH DISTRICT’S REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**
- 15. **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**
Closed Session Report By General Manager – At approximately 8:10 PM, the Board went into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 as reflected in item 14 of tonight’s agenda to consult with the District’s designated negotiator (Curt Sauer, General Manager) regarding the terms and conditions concerning the potential acquisition of the real property identified in the agenda. The District’s General Counsel, Gil Granito participated telephonically in the closed session. The closed session ended at approximately 8:25 PM and no further reportable action was taken.
- 16. **ADJOURNMENT**
MSC Luckman/Unger, 5/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of August 19, 2015 at 8:30 PM.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, General Manager and Board Secretary

