

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

September 2, 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
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
Seth Zielke, Director of Water Resources and Operations
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

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

GUESTS 7

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Luckman/Reynolds, 5/0 to approve the agenda for the September 2, 2015 meeting.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luckman/Reynolds, 5/0 to approve Draft Minutes of the August 19, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

6. 4TH QUARTER ENDING 6/30/15 FINANCIAL REPORT

Susan Greer gave the report. The Board accepted the report for information only.

7. 2015/2016 MID-BUDGET REVIEW (CAPITAL)

Susan Greer gave the report.

MSC Johnson/Fuller, 5/0 to approve amendments to the 15/16 Capital Budget.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

8. CAPACITY FEE REPORTS

Susan Greer gave the report. The Board accepted the report for information only.

9. APPOINTMENT OF JBWD DIRECTORS TO ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) COMMITTEES

MSC Reynolds/Johnson, 5/0 to approve the appointment of Director Luckman to the ACWA Groundwater Committee and Director Fuller to the Local Government Committee.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

10. UPDATE ON CONSERVATION EFFORTS / SUPPLEMENTAL CHARGES

GM Sauer gave the report. The Board accepted the report for information only.

Director Reynolds pointed out that some of institutions, such as Hi Desert Medical Center, spent a lot of money to save water, and suggested rewards, incentives and recognition for conservers. GM Sauer indicated a press release commending Tier 4 conservers was already in process. All Directors commented with compliments for conservers.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Unger: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, gave the report. Summer Splash was a success. Website will be updated for better access to drought information and conservation tips at the end of September. Fall Native Plant Sale will be November 14th at the Mojave Desert Land Trust. Next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 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: There was not a meeting last month. The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2015.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Sunfair Area, Joshua Tree: Mr. Marquez commented regarding the public comment periods within the Board Meetings. Mr. Marquez had concerns that President Fuller indicated on August 5th that the Public Comment periods during the Board meetings would be reduced from two to one. Mr. Marquez provided government codes regarding public comment and opined that the public comment time should be provided twice during the meetings.

President Fuller commented that it had been brought to her attention that JBWD was the only Board that had two public comment periods for the same thing, and it made sense to change it to one, but always open to change.

13. DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT

Counselor Granito gave the report. Granito complimented staff on their attention to detail in analyses for conservation efforts. The Supreme Court rejected the petition of the Attorney General to have the City of San Juan Capistrano case decertified. The appellate decision for San Juan Capistrano did not say that Tiered rates were illegal, only that a good administrative record is necessary.

(Agenda had a numbering error with #14 left off).

15. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Curt Sauer gave the report. GM Sauer clarified that currently there are no fines in place to JBWD customers if 28% conservation is not achieved. There are penalties if Conservation Ordinances are being violated. Water from the state for Groundwater recharge will begin arriving on September 15th (684 AF).

Seth Zielke, Director of Water Resources and Operations presented a report regarding the requirement for a Tier 2 Notification to JBWD customers for coliform found in a water sample. Repeat samples taken immediately as required and those samples were absent of coliform. Sampling methods were evaluated and it was found that the bag containing the water samples had torn, and thus the water melting from a bag of ice had potentially contaminated the water sample bottles. Consequently JBWD has revised procedures for sampling, packaging and transport. GM Sauer complimented and commended Zielke and the field crew for their efficient and professional response.

The Board received the reports for information only.

16. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Mojave Water Agency Board Meeting September 10th – Director Luckman
ASBCSD Meeting September 28th – Director Reynolds

17. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Directors Luckman, Fuller, and Johnson attended the San Bernardino County 9th Annual Water Conference.

18. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Johnson encouraged the public to attend finance committee meetings. Director Reynolds congratulated everyone for conservation efforts. Reynolds looked into water use of his swamp cooler and pointed out that swamp coolers can use 5 gallons of water per hour. President Fuller ran a similar experiment and her swamp cooler used 21 gallons of water in 9 hours. Director Luckman complimented staff on the insert enclosed with the water bill. BC Water News had an interesting story about drought. President Fuller complimented Susan Greer and Staff on their accounting work.

19. ADJOURNMENT

MSC Luckman/Unger, 5/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of September 2, 2015 at 8:51 PM.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:



Curt Sauer, General Manager and Board Secretary