

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 3, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: By roll-call:
Gary Given Present
Bill Long Present
Mickey Luckman Present
Mike Reynolds Present
Gary Wilson Present

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer Assistant GM/Controller
Terry Spurrier, HR/Administrative Services Supervisor

CONSULTANTS: Kathleen Radnich, Public Information and Outreach

GUESTS: 6

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the agenda for the March 3, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Wilson requested clarification of item D; after discussion the Board took the following action: MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 to approve the minutes of the Special and Regular Meeting of February 17, 2010; to Approve the minutes of the Water and Land Use Forum February 18-19 2010; to approve the financial report for January 2010, and to waive current and future late fees for Copper Mountain College.

7. REPORT ON 2009 WORK-RELATED INJURIES AND ILLNESSES - NONE

Assistant GM/Controller Susan Greer gave the staff report noting that the District had no reportable work-related injuries in 2009. This is the second year of no injuries. She emphasized the safety programs underway. Board Members commended and congratulated all district staff on its conscientiousness for safety.

8. LETTER TO 3RD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR NEIL DERRY

Vice President Luckman requested that the Board send a letter to 3rd District County Supervisor Neil Derry advising him that the zoning of Section 33 is of considerable concern to the community, an issue that was raised at the recent Forum on Land Use and Water Policy sponsored by JBWD and the County of San Bernardino. She emphasized that the District is not suggesting an appropriate density since land use and density are within the authority of the County.

Director Reynolds expressed concern that just the fact of formally writing a letter could be understood as supporting a down-zoning.

Steve Whitman noted that the Joshua Tree Municipal Advisory Committee will consider Section 33 at a special meeting on Thursday, March 4 and that Supervisor Derry will attend; that ownership will likely be retained by the lender of Section 33 after foreclosure sale; and that the Board should

avoid giving the appearance of support of down-zoning of Section 33. Al Marquez spoke in opposition to sending the letter. Following discussion no action was taken.

9. USGS WELL DRILLING

General Manager Joe Guzzetta gave the staff report advising that the Board had previously approved a budget containing \$360,000 for a well at the proposed site of the ground water recharge project, and had also approved a contract with USGS providing for drilling of the well.

MSC Long/Luckman 4/1 to reaffirm authorization to spend \$350,000 for the United States Geological Survey to drill the monitoring well at the Ground Water Recharge Pond Site.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree referred to a newspaper article reporting that a homeowner in Orange, California, was prosecuted for having less than 40% of his front yard covered with landscaping although he stated he was attempting to save water.

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Guzzetta advised the Board that the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has conducted a Municipal Service Review of Hi Desert Water District and identified 640 acres in the Homestead Valley area that are in no water district sphere of influence. They have proposed placing 75% of the area in the Hi Desert Water District Sphere of Influence and 25% in the Joshua Basin Water District Sphere of Influence. The 25% should be addressed formally when LAFCO conducts the Joshua Basin Water District Municipal Service Review

He reported that he, Director Luckman, and other staff were at the Mojave Water Agency (MWA) Technical Advisory Committee today where the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan was discussed extensively. GM Guzzetta has asked Kennedy-Jenks, consultant for MWA, to submit a proposal to Joshua Basin Water District to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan “piggy-backing” on MWA’s plan.

12. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Long reported that he attended the MWA Board meeting last Thursday where there was extensive discussion about the amount of State Water Project water that will be available this year, and the cost for the water. Director Luckman reported that she attended the MWA Technical Advisory Committee meeting earlier today as reported by the General Manager. Director Reynolds noted that water usage in Joshua Basin Water District was 9% lower than last year for the month of January.

13. ADJOURNMENT 7:40 PM

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to adjourn the March 3, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for March 3, 2010.