

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

January 20, 2016

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	Absent
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 9

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Fuller/Johnson, 4/0/1 to approve the agenda for the January 20, 2016 meeting, and to table agenda items 8 and 9 until the next meeting.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Absent
Unger	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. MSC Luckman/Fuller, 4/0/1 to approve Draft Minutes of the January 6, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Absent
Unger	Aye

7. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF 16-953, PLEDGED REVENUES

GM Sauer gave the report. The resolution meets the requirements of the state to apply for financial assistance and would be included in an application packet.

MSC Unger/Luckman, 4/0/1 to approve resolution authorizing General Manager to file financial application with SWRCB for Chromium 6 Remediation Plan.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Absent
Unger	Aye

8. REQUEST THAT THE BOARD TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: (1) APPROVE NEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR HR/CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR AND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, AND (2) AUTHORIZE HIRING OF SAME

Item 8 tabled.

9. FLEET VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

Item 9 tabled.

10. WET CLEANING, INSPECTION, AND SPOT REPAIR OF RESERVOIR FLOORS:

D2-1, D3-1, F-2, H-1

Seth Zielke gave the presentation. Aquatic Inspections conducted inspections and made prioritized recommendations for repair on the above mentioned reservoirs. JBWD reservoirs contain sediment and therefore Aquatic Inspections could not provide assessment of the floors. The proposal for wet cleaning, inspection and spot repair of reservoir floors is included in the agenda packet. The Board received for information only.

Public Comment:

Karen Tracy, Joshua Tree: Ms. Tracy requested information about the use of epoxy in JBWD drinking water. Seth Zielke responded with epoxy information as approved by the EPA and regulated for the repair purpose.

11. DISCUSSION ON REMODELING EXISTING OFFICE

GM Sauer presented the report. The JBWD office building is 28 years old and has several inadequacies that need to be remedied. Estimated cost of remodel is less than \$20,000. During the remodel the Board meetings will be held at another location. Board received the presentation for information only.

Public Comment:

Gary Biggs, Joshua Tree: Mr. Biggs indicated there will be several trailers being auctioned off from the old Joshua Tree Elementary School, and suggested the possibility that acquiring a trailer for office expansion may be a potentially cost effective option.

GM Sauer said JBWD had considered acquiring a trailer in the past, however, the costs of meeting the county code for siting the trailer were prohibitive and over \$20,000.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Unger: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, gave the report. There will be a docent meeting held on January 22nd at 10:00AM at the JBWD office to discuss event planning.

Water Education Day will be on Sunday, April 3rd from 1-4. JBWD is reaching out to multifamily dwellings with water conservation information. The Next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2016 at 9:30AM.

- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Director Johnson: There has not been a meeting since the last Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2016 at 4:00PM.
- C. WATER RESOURCES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Johnson: There has not been a meeting since the last Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2016 at 4:00PM.

13. DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT

No Report.

14. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Sauer gave the report. The SWRCB has published the proposed framework for extended emergency regulation. The climate reduction portion that recognizes the arid regions of the state indicates JBWD would be potentially eligible for a 4% reduction in the 28% conservation target. Regulations would go from March 1 through October 31, contingent on whether the drought conditions continue.

NextEra: The Initial Study was released by San Bernardino County, and included a proposal by NextEra to drill a water producing well if unable to obtain water from JBWD. Additionally there is a discrepancy in that NextEra described the life of the project as being 20 years, and the Initial Study provides an estimation of 30 – 40 years prior to decommission or recommission.

Well 14 rehabilitation: GM Sauer anticipates bids to be received, reviewed and plans to have recommendations for the Board at the February 3rd Board of Directors meeting.

15. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Mojave Water Agency BOD Meeting, January 28: Director Unger

Next ASBCSD meeting: January 25, Director Reynolds

16. DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Johnson attended the Mojave Water Agency meeting. Water rates were discussed and Mojave Water Agency has been attempting to keep the water rate increase at a steady 5%. However, this year they are projecting a potential 6-8% increase. No action was taken, although rates will be on an upcoming MWA agenda.

President Fuller commented that it is the time of the year for the evaluation of General Manager. She would like to arrange an ad hoc committee for this purpose.

17. ADJOURNMENT

MSC Luckman/Fuller, 4/0/1 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of January 20, 2016 at 7:52 PM.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Absent
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, General Manager and Board Secretary