

Bighorn Desert View Water Agency Newsletter



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Summer 2011

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency is hosting the upcoming ABC's Of Water. This lecture is an update on local water supply projects utilizing the State Water Project thru the Morongo Basin Pipeline in order to maximize water supply reliability and to optimize the water demand/supply balance using artificial recharge. Please join us July 21st at 5:30 PM at the High Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley. Call our office at (760)364-2315 for additional information. Refreshments will be served.

In a change from prior years, in 2008 the Agency employed a full-time General Manager and this allowed some efficiency measures to be implemented such as the elimination of one full-time Operations Manager position. In

needed for planned capital projects such as pump replacements but also for unplanned "emergencies". The Agency reserve balance is approximately \$780,000 an increase of approximately \$400,000 since 2008.

Board meetings are generally held on the 4th Tuesday of the month. There are several active Committees of the Board as well. Agenda's are available for viewing at the business office, bdvwa.org or join our email list! Also, please take a moment to "meet your directors" on the 2nd page of this newsletter.



addition, a Field Supervisor position has been kept vacant

since July 2010. Today the overall payroll is lower than it was under the 2008 staffing arrangements when the Agency employed a part-time General Manager.

There have been many notable accomplishments during these past 3 years but one significant item is our progress on the Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Project. The Board supports this project because it completes a decade's old promise to bring the Morongo Basin Pipeline into existence and to utilize it as a supplemental source of supply to their customers. Furthermore, entities that percolate water through this facility will be transferring 5% of their stored water to the Agency. Nearly 100% of the funding for this project has come from grants provided by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Mojave Water Agency.

One other notable accomplishment is a continued balanced budget and increase in reserve funds. Reserve funds are



Kids Corner Did You Know?

*You can live without food for more than two months, but you can't survive much more than a few days without water.

*An elephant is 70% water.

* Your body is 65% water-that's more than half!

* About 71% of the earth's surface is covered by water. That's almost three-quarters! If you saw Earth from outer space, it would look blue because of all the water.

* If you covered a football field with one foot of water, it would be about 325,851 gallons. This volume of water is also referred to as one acre-foot.



President Director Terry Burkhart

My husband, John and I purchased our home in Johnson Valley in 1991, and were weekenders until 2000, when I retired from 34 years in the insurance industry.

Living here full time is wonderful. I love the blue skies, the sunsets, breathing air you can't see.

Our kids live in San Diego, Seattle, and Laguna Niguel with their kids and grandkids. I enjoy traveling to visit them, and just to see more of our world. But Max and Poppy, our black labs, are getting to an age where they would rather stay home, so I garden

instead, focused on landscaping on our 2.5 acres with drought and wind tolerant native plants.

Becoming a Director for Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency has been a learning experience - a good one. Who would have thought water could be so complicated? Since first elected, I have been to a lot of classes and workshops, learning the ins and outs of public office, along with water rules and regulations. Most of us take water for granted until it doesn't come out when the tap is turned on. Until something happens, like a broken pipe, or an earthquake. How does the water get to the tap? It takes a lot of planning and effort from a lot of people to move water from under the ground to your kitchen. And the methods used are all overseen by State and Federal rules and regulations. For me, learning is fun and I plan to keep doing so. I am keenly aware thousands of people depend on Bighorn for water, the most basic necessity of life, and give my best effort to be sure it will be there - now and in the future.

Director Michael McBride



Who would have guessed that one of our Board members loves to surf the waves and won best actor for his role as Lenny in "Of Mice and Men" at the Big Bear Summer Theater Festival. That would be our own Director Michael McBride. Director McBride was born and raised in Lynwood California. He was married to Christine for 42 years until widowed. They adopted 2 wonderful boys which gave Director McBride 4 very active grandsons. Director McBride has had an interesting career. He was an electrical contractor while serving as president of the Lynwood Chamber of Commerce, was a plant manager at a wastewater plant and became a grade 5 operator during that time, earned his Management degree at Fresno Pacific University, and eventually after 12 years of teaching, he is now retired. However, you would not think of Director McBride as retired. Not only is he a member of our Board of Directors, he also serves on the Board of Directors of the Morongo Humane Society and donates his time working in their thrift shop. He is also an active member of the Wastewater Advisory Committee at Hi-Desert Water District.

Director David Larson



Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Director David Larson recently married his long time girlfriend of 8 years. David and Brandi are raising 8 yr. old daughter Hayley, who is in the 3rd grade and a member of Girl Scout Troop #808. Director Larson works in Joshua Tree National Park as an "Information Specialist" and is tasked with helping visitors to the park enjoy this national treasure. Mr. Larson is also a Microsoft A+ Certified Windows/DOS Technician, and a FCC licensed Amateur Radio operator, call-sign KI6JJN. Mr. Larson has lobbied for increased transparency and accountability in government, intelligence reform and limits on Executive Authority. Dave, Brandi and Hayley enjoy the outdoors, camping and hiking. Director Larson is proud to have earned the trust of the community, and for the opportunity to serve the district as an elected Director of the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency.

Photo Of Director Judy Corl-Lorono compliments of Rebecca Unger.

Director Judy Corl- Lorono



Born in Red Bluff, CA, Judy is mom to three wonderful children where she lived with them in Hawaii from 1979 to 1981. She is "Grammy" to seven grandchildren and currently raising a 15 year old granddaughter. She and her family love to travel, go camping and fishing, and her adventures have also taken her to Israel and Jordan. Service to her community has been a major part of her life. After moving here in 2001, she worked for the Salvation Army running the thrift store in Yucca Valley putting her previous skills to use, having worked in the hotel industry and running a free food distribution in Palm Desert. Being a good neighbor and voter led her to be involved with her community. She began going to local functions and BDVWA meetings. As a Director at BDVWA she focuses on learning about water issues in our state and community "We are Blessed to have something many communities don't have .. good clean ground water. It is our duty to preserve and protect our water for today and in the future for our children and grandchildren".