

# BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY

Our Mission - "To provide a high quality supply of water and reliable service to all customers at a fair and reasonable rate."

# Planning/Legislative/Engineering Grant & Security Standing Committee Meeting Agenda

**Committee Members: President Burkhart & Director Close-Dees** 

BOARD MEETING OFFICE 1720 N. CHEROKEE TR. LANDERS, CALIFORNIA 92285 August 17, 2021 Time – 9:15 A.M.

PUBLIC AND BOARD WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY

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OR

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Please note that all requirements of the Brown Act requiring the physical presence of the board or staff have been waived per Executive Order N-29-20

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Burkhart called the meeting to order at 9:17 am

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chairman Burkhart

**ROLL CALL** 

Directors:

John Burkhart

Megan Close-Dees

Staff:

Marina West

James Owens, PE, NV5 Project Manager

Public present via teleconference - 0. There were 0 members of the public present in the Boardroom.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### **Discussion and Action Items**

1. Conference Call with Mojave Water Agency's Legal/Legislative and Public Information Committee

Committee participated via teleconference for an update by the State Advocate of Issues at the State Level, as well as an update by the Federal Advocate of Issues at the Federal Level.

No public comments.

2. Community Water Systems Alliance Update and SB 427, Eggman. Water Theft: enhanced penalties.

GM West provided an update on activities of the CWSA since the Committee last met. Of particular interest is the Hwy 62-247 Initiative against illegal Cannabis cultivation which has met one time and scheduled to meet again on August 19, 2021. Related to the Cannabis issue is the passage of SB 427 by Senator Eggman which addresses water theft which could assist the Agency as currently law enforcement is not interested in tampering or theft when the value does not exceed \$900 making such activities a felony.

Lastly, she discussed the status of SB222, Dodd, Water Rate Assistance Program.

3. Status Update Proposition 1 Planning Grant

GM West introduced James Owens, PE, NV5 Project Manager for the Propositions 1 Planning grant work. He reported on finalizing the CEQA, BLM Right of Way and request for assistance from CA Rural Water Association on the construction grant application has been approved. Funds remaining are approximately \$18,000.

- 4. We will make application to the State Water Resources Control Board who will evaluate its funding options to assist us in finding the funding. He indicated the timing for such application and funding is approximately 12 to 18 months (early 2023 for funding issuance).
- 5. Status Update Goat Mountain Replacement Well, Destruction of GM Well 2 and Up to Three Additional Borings/Monitoring Wells

GM West introduced James Owens, PE, NV5, to provide the update. He noted the CEQA Categorical Exemptions for the monitoring wells have been drafted. Design is being finalized focused on power design for the pumping plant. He reviewed the draft schedule with Notice Inviting Bids going to the Board of Directors on November 9, 2021.

- 6. Consent Items
  - a. PLEGS Committee Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2021

Recommended Action:
Approve as presented (Item a):

7. Public Comment Period None.

- 8. Verbal Reports Including Reports on Courses/Conferences/Meetings
  - 1. Committee Members' Comments/Reports None.
  - 2. General Manager's Report Attended HVCC meeting August 16, 2021 to hear the latest CoSB Report from Sup. Rowe.
- 9. Adjournment at 11:48 a.m.

Approved by:

John R. Burkhart, Committee Chair

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